Cubillos: Good evening everybody. Are you guys ready? I would like to go ahead and call our September council meeting to order. Today is Tuesday September 25th and it is 7:00 PM. We have already had a moment of silent meditation, followed by pledge of allegiance. May I please have roll call for this meeting.

Speaker 1: Yes. Council person in Roman.

Roman: Here.

Speaker 1: Council person in Dreher.

Dreher: Here.

Speaker 1: Council person in Mathis is absent. Vice Mayor Nickerson.

Nickerson: Here.

Speaker 1: Mayor Cubillos.

Cubillos: Here.

Speaker 1: Mayor you have a quorum.

Cubillos: Great.

Speaker 1: Madam Mayor.

Cubillos: Okay great thank you.

Speaker 1: I'm sorry, also present I didn't read that in, is Christia Alou village manager, Norman Powell interim village attorney, interim chief of police Ronnie Hufnagel and CFO Irwin Williams.

Cubillos: All right, there are no minutes to approve at this time. Okay, at this time we are going to be swearing in a new El Portal police officer. His name is officer Alejandro Martinez, if you can join us at the podium and we will read you your rights.

Speaker 1: Give me your left palm and raise your right hand.
Speaker 1 & Alejandro: I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support, protect and defend the constitution and government of the United States and of the State of Florida, that I [unintelligible 00:01:45].

[applause]

Cubillos: Thank you. At this time I'm free to welcome anybody who would like to come up and ask Jose anything for three minutes, okay. Hearing none, we are going to go right into the first agenda item. The first agenda item has come from the Administration and Finance committee which is an amendment to the current manager's contract, from 90 days to six months for evaluation, our extra committee chair or the attorney to open and tell us what we have in front of us today.

Norman: Just had the committee meeting or the finance committee meeting with the community to discuss amending the village manager's contract in two ways. The first would be, to provide for the first review to take place six months from the initial date of execution instead of the three months that's provided for in the agreement. Second, to permit the village manager to have a payout every September 30th for any personal time off that she has not taken. What you have here is the amendments and the resolution approving the amendment and one tweak, because the manager had indicated at the committee meeting that she may have to take some personal time this year. The effective date of the payout will begin March 27, 2019 instead of immediately.

Cubillos: I just have one question for you or for the chair of the committee, so you've combined H1 and H2 on this resolution? H1 was from 90 days to six months and then H2 is for PTO role.

Norman: Right. That's right.

Cubillos: Addressing two items with this?

Norman: Right, thank you.

Cubillos: Any questions to the Attorney or the Admin and Finance Chair? Now I know we've just received the resolution, does the council want to take a minute to review it before adopting it. I would encourage just to try to pass it this evening if possible, if not we would have to move to the next council meeting, but I would really encourage since they're two simple things that we are changing. Not simple but sort of straightforward, that's the word I meant, yes.
Norman: I'm making the minor tweak too to make sure the first one has clause, is amended properly. I'm sending that to the manager now.

Cubillos: Be a resolve by the council of-

Norman: Right.

Cubillos: Okay. Any questions. Hearing none, is there a motion to adopt resolution number 2018. I believe 25 would be the number.

Roman: A motion to adopt.

Cubillos: Okay, motion has been adopted by council person Roman. Second by council person Dreher. I now close the council meeting and open up for any public comments on this resolution. Which just for the record again it is extending the manager's PTO or just personal time off as well as rolling it over for the new fiscal year as well as extending her evaluation from 90 days to six months and this came from the Admin and Finance committee. If you have a question please come to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Speaker 1: Madam Mayor, I just want to acknowledge that councilperson Mathis has joined us today and he's now present.

Cubillos: Excellent thank you.

Dreher: I don't think it's resolution 25.

Nickerson: It's different one.

Dreher: It's a different number.

Cubillos: Perfect, okay thank you. Got it. Go ahead please.

Dr. Ward: Thank you for bringing this over to this side. We're supposed to take it in at last. I'm now going to have a beautiful sleep, thank you. My concern is going on leave for three months is a long time for a person who first is a new city manager. Secondly, [inaudible 00:07:50]. Thirdly, I am not in favor of the manager, though I'm a professional city manager, I have not been associated with anything that she has done. [inaudible 00:08:14] I think putting her or anyone through whatever for 90 days which makes six months is a little bit more.
Her presence is important to us all, her presence or returning phone calls, stopping her work and all other things.

If you raised the personal concerns of residents and her constant attendance in almost every single meeting requires a whole lot. We can't do the same as Christia Alou has done on these reports. I have a concern about that because I was sitting there for 25 years. [inaudible 00:09:24] I know what you're going through and you have your reasons and as far as I'm concerned she has demonstrated professionalism and highest display of courtesy beyond what I can explain at every meeting for this village. Let me say for the record, yes I'm aware, Ms. Alou lives in our village, our neighboring village. I'm not even sure I'm aware of that. She has not engaged in anything that I'm aware of disparagingly in her home neighborhood as it relates to us. I think six months is a long time. According to this resolution, I don't know if you are talking about three more months, or if you're whether you start to talk again in six months.

Christia: Neither.

Dr. Ward: Just stop this. Do you want to evaluate the manager? The pins and needles that she has probably lived on, the city manager's life has been unbeknownst to you all. Jason stayed a long time. I liked the man. It was five years. We've got to move on. We're shaking your head but you know. We've got to move on. Don't miss this opportunity because as soon as we pass it through. Do you remember the ITM Mayor?

Cubillos: No I'm not.

Dr. Ward: as soon as she gets found out she has one thing that would be hindering her. Now we're talking variably until six months and yet [unintelligible 00:11:33].

Cubillos: Thank you. Any other comments from the public or concerns? Okay, hearing none, I'm going to close public comments and open it up back to the council. There is a motion to adopt 2018/27 as is. Any discussion? Any amendment? I need roll call please.

Speaker 1: Councilperson Dreher?

Dreher: Yes

Speaker 1: Councilperson Roman?

Roman: Yes
Speaker 1: Councilperson Mathis?

Mathis: No

Speaker 1: Vice Mayor Nickerson?

Vice Cubillos: Yes

Speaker 1: Mayor Cubillos?

Cubillos: Pass, yes.

Speaker 1: The motion passes 4 to 1.

Cubillos: For point of clarity, there is one question or statement or concern that Anna Ward made. To be clear, because that wasn't read on the record. Dr. Ward or Mayor Ward, can we just for the record be a little more clear as far as the evaluation was scheduled to happen 90 days after her employment as a full-time, permanent.

Dreher: Permanent, correct.

Cubillos: Therefore, now it's not going to be three, it's going to be six. When was it three months?

Dreher: The contract was signed on the 27th of March, so three months from then would be June 27.

Roman: She's at the six months now.

Cubillos: Okay, so she's at the six months right now, so the evaluations are due when?

Roman: Now.

Dreher: Now.

Cubillos: Do we have a date?

Roman: Before October, the next council meeting. That's why we needed to pass this today so that we can go ahead and send everybody the evaluation forms so they can complete it.
Cubillos: To be clear, to Dr. Ward, her sixth month is actually the 27th of this month which is in two days. We're already here, so her evaluation, from what I understood at the admin and finance, don't we have to have it by Friday the 28th?

Roman: Yes

Cubillos: Okay. So we'll have it to the clerk by Friday the 28th.

Roman: I don't have a calendar in front of me.

Cubillos: Yes, Friday the 28th. Today is the 25th, because the 27th would be Thursday.

Roman: What you're going to have is, the clerk is going to send it out, the evaluation, to everybody so that you can complete it. We're going to review it at the October meeting, so the date is not going to be Friday the 28th. That's something else that is due on the 28th.

Cubillos: Okay.

Roman: She'll put it in. It needs to be in at least two weeks before the meeting so that the manager has the opportunity to review it and meet with any council that have any questions.

Cubillos: Okay. My recommendation, and anybody else can make it, I wouldn't do it at a council meeting. Maybe first let's have a special council meeting or a special admin which is what we have done for the managers in the past and then we need to be real-- but you can think about it and let us know if it will occur depending on how long the council meeting lasts.

Roman: Okay.

Cubillos: Okay, perfect. The clerk is going to send it to all of us and basically we are at the six months already.

Roman: Yes.

Cubillos: That took care of agenda item one and two. Yes, go ahead.

Dreher: Since we are evaluating as well. We are not part of the finance committee--

Cubillos: It's not going to admin and finance.
Dreher: Yes, but the statement was said, "Let's have a special finance and admin meeting to review the evaluations" so Mathis and myself, we are going to be evaluating. We're not part of that committee.

Roman: The admin and finance committee did talk and pass a performance evaluation procedure for both the clerk and the manager that will be sent out to the full council so that the full council can review it and approve it for October. That was what we were going to follow for this six months review process.

Cubillos: For point of clarity, I said "special council meeting", then I said "special admin finance" but this will be special council meeting. It won't be admin and finance. Councilperson Mathis?

Mathis: See what I mean?

Dreher: We haven't approved the evaluation format yet.

Roman: The format has been approved by admin and finance.

Dreher: Okay, but administration and finance have to bring it to the--

Roman: It's the same format we have used in the past.

Dreher: So it's the same evaluation form?

Roman: Correct.

Dreher: Okay

Roman: Yes. It's the same format we used for the previous manager.

Cubillos: That took care of agenda item one and two. H3 is the clerk hourly rate, is another discussion that happens at the admin and finance committee. We did not make any type of recommendation. We had a full discussion and then it was asked to bring to the full council for a full discussion. I'll ask the chair of admin and finance and/or the attorney to--

Roman: I'll go over what we are recommending. The admin and finance committee it was discussed that the village clerk had not received a raise since she started. I believe it's going to be three years since she has been employed with the village. We discussed that possibly 9%,
which would be 3% for each of the years, would be a recommendation of the committee. I spoke with Irwin, our financial accountant, and what he's suggesting and my recommendation to the council today is that we go ahead and do the 9%, start paying that in October, and then mid year, do an amendment to the budget. That amount is going to equal about $5,000 including the FRS and FICA. That's the difference that we're looking at for the 9%.

Cubillos: I have a question. If we did 9%, it's going to increase her $2.25 per hour. Is your recommendation to make that effective October 1st but then in six months, at mid year review, do an amendment to make it retroactive? Is that what you are saying?

Roman: No, what I discussed with the accountant was that we would start paying October 1st at the fiscal year so that she is already getting it, and we we would do the amendment to the budget mid year so that it reflects the $5,000 in her line item.

Cubillos: Because we just passed the budget.

Roman: Correct.

Dreher: How does that work out? Because there's been various discussions on making her full time.

Cubillos: That's a separate issue.

Dreher: But how does that work out as far as her salary would be? Because I think there was a discussion of capping the salary at a number.

Cubillos: We didn't talk about capping at admin and finance.

Roman: No, I think at the budget where it was discussed. I think what we have budgeted is $50,000 for that position, and that's all that has been discussed.

Dreher: Okay. That's $50,000 for the next fiscal year which we're coming into.

Roman: Correct. Right now, year-to-date, she's hourly. Her hourly rate is $25.00 I believe. Is that correct?

Cubillos: Yes.
Roman: It's $25.00. We're looking at giving her a 9% increase, which would be the 3% per year for the three years that she's been here. That totals $4,664.09 including FICA and FRS. The additional $400 that we're putting in, the $5,000 total, we're estimating her overtime pay, which currently she's at 42 year to date, we still have about two more payrolls. We're estimating that she's going to end up at about 44 or 45k this year with her overtime.

Dreher: I'm trying to do the math and trying to make this work, but if she's at $25 an hour now and we've kept it or we've budgeted 50,000, where's the other 2,000 coming from? She's at 25 now. 25 times 40 times--

Roman: Go ahead.

Irwin: She works 30 hours a day, not 40.

Dreher: She works more than that, but I'm just--

Irwin: Her contract is for 30-hours or 25-an-hour contract.

Dreher: Okay.

Irwin: Anything over 40 hours will mandate to pay overtime over 40, but I'm going to have that as a 25-an-hour contract. If we recalculated thus the difference, it comes to a 1,000 change. There wasn't overtime this year, so I filled that in. We had about $45,000 added in this for overtime so the total it came to about 5,000.

Roman: The amendment at midyear, that's when the additional will be added there.

Irwin: We would just change that line item 45,000 this year.

Roman: Correct. Got it. Did you get that.

Dreher: Yes I did.

Roman: At midyear, that line item would be changed from three to 55.

Dreher: Okay. It does make sense.

Cubillos: Vice mayor Nickerson, you have a question?
Nickerson: Yes. When we had the administration and finance meeting, this was just my suggestion, because she's been waiting for so long, my suggestion was to give her a higher percentage, but not to let it-- keep it the same for now, give her a higher percentage, but not to let it kick in until we do the midyear. For example, keep her at what she is now, but then give her 12 or 15%.

Roman: She did not want to wait any longer.

Nickerson: I understand what she wants, but I'm saying that that's what my recommendation would be was to make her or keep her the same now because you've already done the budget and then to give her a higher percentage later midyear once we see how everything is and then we give her a higher percentage to make up for the last three years and for this waiting period of time, which 15% would be $3.25, 12% would be $3 at the end.

Dreher: Yes, which will put it at $28 an hour.

Nickerson: It will $300. That's what my recommendation would be. It would be, "Wait, we've done a budget, let's not take any more money out, let's not try to pay anymore money out right now. Wait and to show her that we didn't forget about her and we do the midyear to make it 15% just raised her to $3.25."

Cubillos: Councilperson Dreher, would you like to say something?

Dreher: Sure.

Cubillos: Okay. I thought you raised your hand.

Dreher: No. Definitely I brought this point during the last workshop. I appreciate the finance and admin for looking into this. I see there's commitment that, at least from the council I've already recognized that she deserves that increase due to the three years. I'm for it. One of the reasons why I did bring it out in the budget because I did want to make sure that we make it effective as soon as possible to reverse, which I agree with that, I do feel there's a recognition that due to that over-extended time that she waited, she's been very patient, I think we need to at least bring up for her that percent increase to maybe look into 12%.

Make it 12% effective October 1st due to her patience and willingness to put that extra time with the village or residents. That's my proposal. Make it effective October 1st, 12% increase
and as the councilwoman might have said that in midyear, then the budget would need to be adjusted, but my recommendation is make it effective every at 12%.

**Cubillos:** Okay. There's been a recommendation from the chair, recommendation from Vice Mayor Nickerson and recommendation from councilperson Dreher. Any discussion? Hearing none, there needs to be a motion to adopt one of them, so the floor is open.

**Roman:** A motion to drop the 9%.

**Cubillos:** There's a motion made by councilperson Roman to adopt the 9% increase effective October 1st. 9% is $2.25 an hour. I hope I'm correct. Thank you. There is a motion. Is there a second.

**Nickerson:** I second.

**Cubillos:** It's been second by Vice Mayor Nickerson. Thank you. Any discussion from the council? I'll close the council meeting. Any comments from the audience?

**Dr. Ward:** Talking about the board. Really, we appreciate your opinions over this woman [unintelligible 00:25:56] She at the [unintelligible 00:26:01] None certified further makes $17 before and having $17.46 that comes to $36,317 a year. She's been here three years. It takes about three years for a certified clerk to really have a handle on what's really going on in the city and uncertified clerk is paid less.

Your recommendations given her patience and maybe time, given her patience is more than sufficient. I appreciate the 12%, but it's only more right now. The 9% is just about where we are. I'm not really crazy about anybody putting in so much overtime. Like I just said city manager that we've got to stop this. We don't need too much. I used to work from 10 from the time the city halls would close and I worked the whole city. I was still there, but they paid me well because it was a larger city, much larger than this. They were larger cities, much larger than this.

The overtime? Come on guys. Let's see what we can do about not too much overtime. These people have families and lives. They should not be expected to be here than we should be. Ms. Nickel and Danny, thank you for not agreeing with that, to exceed her 9% all that she's been growing more but I still won't know what an hourly wage would be, so she makes $25-

**Cubillos:** It would be $27.25. She's at 25 right now, so 9% is $2.25, it would take it to $27.25.
Roman: Currently she is a part-time employee.

Dr. Ward: That's not something that I would argue about. I'm talking about a part-time recording that.

Speaker 2: [crosstalk]

Dr. Ward: I got you. That's okay. That's how [inaudible 00:28:26] 45,000 is what she's going to get this year, 40 to 45,000. 45 grand, you're balancing there at well. Come on guys. This is part-time. It was four to 10, 44,000 is more people. We should at the same time amend this portion to put this woman full time. Now we're only talking about this. It won't be 30 anymore. We won't have to worry about the 12%.

We would be right back at it because she's already working 40 hours or more. It's not paying her bills. It's not right. Would you like to have been her for three years and 30 hours? Let's do what's right. Amend the motion, place the woman on full time and you won't have to worry about all these margins works. She will be paid as she should be paid in her case. She has been established as part time. Come on guys. Would you like to be treated like that having worked three years and survived this council?

Cubillos: State your name and address for the record please.

Garcia: Nada Garcia, 500 Northwest 87th Street. I think I agree with councilperson Roman's suggestion of the 9%. Cost of living on average is 2 to 3% a year and that would be on par and average. From what Dr. Ward just stated, if she's above average on her pay as is, I think a raise of 9% is now suitable and above what she would normally be making as a non-certified representative of the manager's office. She will above-

Cubillos: Council.

Garcia: - council. [laughs] Council's village manager. I think that 9% is adequate specifically if she hasn't had even a cost of living increase in the last three years, and the cost of living has not stayed at a lower point. I think Councilperson Roman's suggestion is pretty on point.

Cubillos: Excellent. Thank you. Any other public comments? Before I move on, a point of clarity. She's been part-time because it's what she wants. It's not because it's not been discussed. I think most of us up here want her full-time or want that position full time. I do believe most likely that during the amendment which will probably be in March that that would definitely
be a conversation that needs to be solidified, but it has not been because it is what the council wants.

With that said, there is a motion made by Councilperson Roman for a 333 that would reflect 15, 16, 17 and 18. It was seconded by-

**Roman:** Nickerson.

**Cubillos:** - Vice Mayor Nickerson. There's a motion, any discussion before I ask for a roll call?

**Nickerson:** Let me just say real quick, madam mayor, if I may. I don't disagree with anybody who got up to speak. What I'm trying to do is be fair to everybody, find a middle ground. The 999, I don't necessarily support. I don't think it's a terrible idea but I love the idea. I just know that the 333 which will be nine, the 333 is what she would have gotten anyway. That would have been the year of the raise, adjust it to the cost of living anyway.

Since she hasn't been able to have any of that all this time, I think that we should show her that we appreciate that she's been 6% down all of this time. She hasn't got one raise. I think that it should be more than 9 because for three years, for two years, she's been still getting her first year pay. That's the only reason why I think it should be more than nine because she has been working with us as far as keeping it low. We now should show her the respect of giving her a little bit more than nine. That's the reason why I want more than nine.

Secondly, the reason why I said to wait until-- which I don't necessarily disagree with you Councilperson Dreher, but I do because the reason why I said wait until the mid-year review is because we went through a lot of discussion with this budget with salaries, with not raising salaries with people, and things like that. I'm saying, "We've been saying this all this time. Let's keep that consistent. Let's not put any more extra money out there. Let's not raise anything." We've been saying that since the summer.

Let's keep this consistent, keep her at the same level she's been for the past three years but we do the mid-year review. We were honest to ourselves. We kept it consistent, but at the mid-year review we also show her respect of her being patient with us, and therefore we should take it to I believe 12 to 15. That's the reason why I was trying to as I always do, try to find that middle sweet spot with being respectful to everybody, the council, and the budget and her and her patience. That's why I was for the motion.
Cubillos: Councilperson Mathis go ahead.

Mathis: I was going to make that point as well. There's a difference between a raise and a cost of living. I agree more with Councilperson Dreher than I do with Vice Mayor Nickerson. I think there were issues discussed about salaries and so forth during the budget process. Because we failed and now we are here trying to rectify for her, I think she should get it now and I think the 3% is the cost of living.

We can look at it like that but I think she does need something to show her that you know what? We failed you as a body and we need to make sure we make you whole as we did with other people. I think 12 would be right. I think that would in more fairness just in my opinion.

Cubillos: Any other comment? You were going to say something.

Roman: I was going to say that the clerk expressed during our discussion at the admin and finance that she does not want to wait until mid-year. She felt very strongly about that which is why this item was brought to this council meeting today.

Mathis: I agree. I don't think she should wait.

Cubillos: There is a motion. I'm just going to make one point. We all are talking $0.75. 9% is $2.25 an hour, 12% is $3 an hour. We can discuss that after but there is a motion by Councilperson Roman and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Nickerson. Any discussion and that motion is effective October 1st. It will be a 9% increase and it will go from $25 an hour to $27.25.

Speaker 1: May I read the roll call please?

Cubillos: Yes.

Speaker 1: Councilperson Dreher?

Dreher: No.

Speaker 1: Councilperson Roman?

Roman: Yes.

Speaker 1: Councilperson Mathis?
Mathis: No.

Speaker 1: Vice Mayor Nickerson?

Nickerson: No.

Speaker 2: Mayor Cubillos?

Cubillos: Yes.

Speaker 1: The motion fails.

Cubillos: Motion fails. Is there another motion? Now remember what I just said, point of reference. $2.25 has been a fair recommendation we had a former mayor come up. Clerk is not certified yet. I believe she's close. There's going to be a discussion of potential full-time. We're going to have re-evaluate what that salary is going to look like.

Let's all be mindful of that. It's a $0.75 difference that we're talking. $3 or $2.25? As former mayor Ward said, let's not make an indictment. Let's make a motion that we can all agree on. Does anybody want to make a motion?

Mathis: A motion for the 12% starting October 1st.

Dreher: I second.

Cubillos: There's a motion on 12% to start October 1st which will take the pay from $25 an hour to $28 an hour. It's been a motioned by Councilperson Mathis. It's been seconded by councilperson Dreher. Any discussion? Let's start October 1st. May I please have roll call.

Speaker 1: Councilperson Dreher?

Dreher: Yes.

Speaker 1: Councilperson Roman?

Roman: No.

Speaker 1: Councilperson Mathis?
Mathis: Yes.

Speaker 1: Vice Mayor Nickerson?

Nickerson: No.

Speaker 1: Mayor Cubillos?

Cubillos: All right. Yes. 28.

Speaker 1: All right. The motion passes 3:2.

Cubillos: It is $28 an hour. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. In the spirit of moving forward, we are moving forward to H4. Councilperson Dreher asked to put a status update. There was a special council meeting I missed, I apologize I was ill, to give us an update. Councilperson Dreher or the manager or I don't even know what.

Roman: Councilperson Dreher discuss it.

Cubillos: We do all have the attachment that was sent to us?

Council: Yes.

Dreher: Just to give a quick summary, this is regarding the sub city sewer project. Steven, Christia, please chime in because you guys have been probably more into the actual granular work as well Norman, you were on tune with this. In general this is regarding sub city sewer, there’s that discussion about move of the pumping station over the last couple of months. Where the location was made and as a consequence of this, there has been some work done.

There has been a request out there that has been put out to the management of the village from one of the members, and as far as making sure there is extra work and looking at the pumping station. There has been a request there has been some extra money that they have invested as well in this whole changing of scope with the pumping station.

As a consequence of this, I know Christia you tasked Robert and as well Cap, our business as usual engineering tour guide and get more details for us. Let's investigate more. We need a more detailed level granularity understanding of this proposal of the cost. I understand the cost is about $85,000. Right?
Dreher: The moment this was brought by the vendor, I did request a special public works committee meeting back two months ago. I know that we got an audience to look at this at the last probably three weeks ago with the rest of the council members. I think the rest of the council members except for our Mayor Claudia Cubillos was not present but Pedo liked the outcome of that meeting was just to have-- we came back to-- we instructed, I guess, Robert and Cap to actually get more details from the Pennoni team as far as trying to understand where these cost are driven by.

Yesterday we did have like a little synch up meeting again with the three vendors, Cap with Robert and with the Pennoni team. So just try to align where we're at. Based on yesterday's meeting Cap and Robert were still pending some additional information right. There were still some questions as far as deciding how did they went ahead and decide to move forward with the drawings for that, and pumping station as well.

Robert did send out today quick notes on yesterday's meeting, for Robert to specify to the engineering firm Pennoni that request to provide with more granular level of information based on that original attachment that the Pennoni team had submitted. There's where we left it yesterday. Not sure Christia correct me--

Christia: Yes. If I may just add to that. No, actually Robert and Cap were waiting for Pennoni to make some amendments and give us more details as to why they were charging the vigilant additional $85,000 to do the project. There was some confusion I guess on Pennoni's part about what they needed to provide. Throughout the month of September there was actually supposed to be a submittal September seventh by Pennoni to the Robert and the Cap engineer to review these numbers so that we can have a more just understanding of what the increase request was for. That was missed but now we're all on the same page as of yesterday in terms of talking it all out.

We are just at this point waiting for Pennoni to submit those details so that we can then review them. As we stated before it is a lot of money. We understand they have done a lot of work out of scope which we are still trying to assess what that is. As that is delivered and we can assess it then we will present to council.

Dreher: Just to add clarity as well I did see they actually submitted that there was an email. I think and correct me Steve and the other gentlemen if that's the actual feedback that Robert was pending so they did send out [crosstalk]
Christia: I don't know that that's that and was due a while ago.

Dreher: Yes, so we would need to have Robert to just verify indeed that whether that information suffices what you guys were looking for.

Christia: When did you receive that councilperson Dreher?

Dreher: This afternoon.

Christia: Yes. That certainly would have been enough time to review.

Dreher: Exactly. That's where we are at now.

Christia: But we'll review. We will review.

Dreher: Great

Christia: Okay

Mathis: Can I get a copy?

Christia: I'm sorry.

Mathis: Can I get a copy?

Christia: Oh absolutely. I will send Matt out to the committee, because I know public works. Councilperson Mathis was also involved in the call until councilperson Dreher arrived. He then left, but I know that the members of the public works committee have been very interested in seeing these numbers. We're working on it, and we'll be working with Pennoni and Cap to reconcile everything.

Cubillos: I have one question. I know I wasn't at the meeting but I did review the video and I also spoke to the manager and to the attorney in great length. The question I had was, I was under the impression that this addendum was going to come back and the amount was going to be different. Is that correct?

Christia: Yes, it should be
Cubillos: Yes okay. That's what I gathered in the conversations in the videos, okay but it's the same.

Roman: Yes

Christia: Yes.

Cubillos: Oh okay.

Christia: And I'll clarify why, because there was no submittal. There was no change so this is the only thing we have and final from Pennoni, so it's a placeholder to discuss but we don't have anything. [crosstalk]

Cubillos: Have they submitted something new to you?

Christia: Just now he said.

Cubillos: Okay, okay, okay.

Dreher: Not just to me, but it's a village manager copy in there, as well Jack from Mckinney Agatha

Christia: He's right here, he's with Pennoni.

Dreher: David Mendez, the village manager-

Christia: The Cap.

Dreher: - and actually is being addressed to Robert, so it's- [crosstalk]

Cubillos: It was sent today?

Dreher: Yes.

Christia: This afternoon. I haven't had a chance to see it.

Roman: It's a little late.

Dreher: At 1:41
Roman: It's a little late to make a decision.

Cubillos: It is definitely not sufficient time, especially not for us and for the residents in terms of notice but what is it change from 85,000 to current price?

Dreher: [crosstalk] That's just so we add clarity here. That's why precisely we had this meeting yesterday at five o'clock just to ensure that when this information comes to the council meeting we are aligned, especially the vendors, the village manager on what are the next steps. I understand from now with Christia, Robert they're going to be reviewing this information in more detail.

Christia is going to be as well socializing not just with the public works committee members, but as well with the rest of the council members. Those are the proposed next steps. So we're not making-- That's where we're at, unless there's something different that you guys want to say.

Cubillos: Just a last question. We do not meet as a committee until January? Is there going to need to be a special public work committee?

Dreher: I would say yes because, and I'll leave that to Christia when it works best for her and Robert to look at these numbers and propose a time, but maybe two weeks? is that--

Christia: Well I don't know. I don't know what they've submitted, and that may not be responsive enough so we'll see. I will communicate with the council to let you know what we've received and if we have some follow up questions for Pennoni we will certainly submit those as well and put you in copy for that as well.

Dreher: Yes, sure. All right. As well as the public works committee member, a meeting, a special committee meeting I did think during yesterday's call Robert alluded as well or Steve might alluded to the stormwater, other activities that we need to start looking as well, since if we still want to keep that November first time frame. We could as well perhaps discuss that in that committee, just that storm water, or I don't know what your feel for that.

Christia: Well my feel is that, and I put this in a memo that I sent to the council members individually. We won't be ready for a November meeting because we don't have the easement for the property. I was aiming more for the March submittal to the state for the funding, but if we can get it before then that'd be great. That is something we can address about the easement as well later, another time.
Dreher: All right. Not sure how the stormwater depends on the easement. I'll let perhaps the engineering firm, if it's okay with Madam Mayor just to have kind of some feedback.

Cubillos: For clarity--

Christia: My clarity is that they're both together. I mean the package would be an easement as well as these additional things like the permitting and all the other things that we're lacking in the package that we want to submit.

Dreher: Any further question?

Cubillos: Did you need to add anything? Have we missed anything that councilperson Dreher has missed or the manager that you want to add, with regards to what has been said. Councilperson Dreher is recommending to potentially have a meeting to discuss storm water, however the manager is indicating that they're both somewhat intertwined so it'd be pointless to have a meeting in October, if we don't have an easement settled with the school which at this point we don't. She would recommend more us to go through our March deadline as opposed to our November first deadline.

That's my brief synopsis from what I've gathered.

Christia: Yes. That's what I might recommend.

Nickerson: Just a couple of points of clarification. The easement it's the most important thing in the project we talked about back in last November, that was the priority to get that. It's not that it has to be secured, the requirement from the DEP is that it actually has to be approved and in hand prior to construction. We could finish the design, get the construction money while you're eligible, put it out to bid and you- -- while excuse me, you shouldn't put it out to bid, you should secure before you go out to bid. That's like it's now October literally by March.

As long as you have a plan, you've discussed it, you've got the location identified that was the most important thing that we needed and we talked about last November is pinpoint the location where it's going to be. The village wanted to be the ones that communicate that with the school board, which we respect and that was probably the best attack. Our contention is kind of going back to our contract and some of these discussions that we've had. I think it's important to kind of step back a second and we thought about this too, is, this pumping station to put in perspective, this a $125,000 design, to design a day county regional pumping station. We're not only serving phase one for the village because they are the ones that run this thing,
they are making us, lucky us. We have to design this pump station to serve a quarter square mile, which is originally up to 95th street and Miami Shores. We're sort of at their mercy with their tender for department to guide us on this project.

When we wrote our contract for this project we were very careful to word this, that because we knew this was an uncertainty our contract stipulates that our design of that $125,000 pump station is to be based on the 30% concept plans that we submitted for the village to review and approve. We did that back in February. We didn't begin the design work on the pump station. We didn't want to do any GeoTech survey or any of that design work, until we got consensus from the village and the school on that 30% concept plan. We submitted those plans, it was like Valentine's Day, around that time.

We submitted those plans and the village, their consultants all their consultants reviewed that pump station 30% design plans and there was no comments about that needing to change. The following week we had a progress meeting with the village and their consultant to talk and confirm where we were going to design that pump station. We got it in writing that they spoke with the school board and they were okay. They did not see a problem with that location, after getting all that, we began design work on that $125,000 pumping station. We completed about $85,000 worth of that design and then we got word that nobody expected in the last day of May that all of a sudden they found some plans that said there were going to be a school drop up there.

At that point, our stance is that … our contracts that we were performing that design work we're now out of scope. We now need direction where does that $125,000 design need to go? Since that time we started moving back down the hill and we've met -- the principal got involved and now we've ended up back in that corner. Now that we know that our stance is our contract still says and the terms of our contract that we're designing a pump station at location number three. We're here now talking about-- really the majority of what we're asking for is to redesign it down in the corner to make it simple. I know last time and I probably complicated it by describing all the sites we looked at. I decided we're going to eat all that. I'm just going to take it off the table. We'll eat those cost and absorb it as part of our sewer design. We only want the money primarily 60,000, 70,000 of it, has to do with redesigning it after we got word from the school board back down in the corner.

I just thought that was important to hear. Now we're in the process of-- that we've made four or five data semifinals to the village since the 4th. We've had multiple meetings. We've made multiple written semifinals, there is an RAI. We responded to the CAP 93 letter. We had a
conference call yesterday with the two councilmen, but at the same time—partially participated in. We immediately responded today because we wanted to put it in writing, because we evidently didn't hear exactly what was being requested. So it was put in writing. We responded in a very detailed manner, if anybody wants to look at it. The way I see it is that we just need to continue to talk about that documentation but we really want the addendum is about moving it from the approved 30% design plan location.

I asked the question yesterday, what should we have done differently? Everybody want--the county, the school board, the village everybody agreed number three was the locations to design, and that's how we proceeded. We even waited a couple weeks before started. But now that we've completed all this work, I know councilman Mathis raise the issue can you reuse some of that work? Actually and that's why Jeff is here, he's the numbers guy. He went through all the invoicing, we've provided our time sheets. We can actually reuse about $30,000 of that design. We've already taken that into consideration. We're going to apply that down in the corners so we're not starting from scratch. We have had meetings with the county. We can reuse that.

Anyway, that's the big picture and I'll close with this. I stress why you're eligible. I mean this program I hope it goes in perpetuity. This is how we make a living. We just passed our quarter of a billion dollar mark in this program and some other similar programs with Grant funding with cities, a quarter of a billion dollars in Florida. Actually this project put us over the top. I don't know, we've had this discussion about how long you're going to be eligible. You remember we did that custom income survey? We know you're eligible right now. We know there is money going to be at the November 14th hearing.

If we can come to a quick resolution on this -- All this design work is not done yet. We still have to go design it and finish it at this new location and permit it. But we feel that we can get it advanced enough. We can get advanced enough to have you on the hearing. We think we've communicated with the DEP. We think you can get this money, this $4.5 million on November 14th. That's why our recommendation would be to-- I mean that's the big prize here is to secure that money. We think we can get that done if we can resolve this quickly.

Female Speaker 1: May I please?

Cubillos: Yes.

Female Speaker 1: Address that, just to some point for clarification for the council and our audience as well. The location has everything to do with it and that's the part we don't have so
to put another scratch on a piece of paper is just another charge from you and we still don't have the land. The location is what has been the problem that has caused the increase by $85,000. You're saying this is a $125,000 pump station design?

Nickerson: Yes.

Female Speaker 1: We're already spending over by $85,000, so it's going to be a $210,000 pump station for us?

Nickerson: Right.

Female Speaker 1: That's a problem.

Nickerson: Yes. Thats-

crosstalk

Female Speaker 1: That's why we wanted some specifics about what it would cost. We're working on that from you. We have to look at your documentation. You mentioned the contract and you keep going back to that, but also in that contract, it states that you were to come to the village when you were approaching the limits, the financial limits. You went over it and then you went over by $85,000 without bringing it to us until August. That is the issue.

Nickerson: We haven't spent all that money. When-

Female Speaker 1: You said that you did when you met with us in August. That's why we need to reconcile now.

Nickerson: Yes

Female Speaker 1: I don't think it's fair to tell the council we can have this done and we need to move on this right now. We need to reconcile with you and see what it is we really we really owe you.

Nickerson: We agree the location of the pumping station is everything. We do know that the principal has given his blessing down in that corner?

Female Speaker 1: No we don't know.
Cubillos: No.
Female Speaker 1: No, not at all.
Cubillos: No.
Nickerson: Wasn’t the principal out at the site that day?
Female Speaker 1: Was that day today?
Nickerson: No.
Female Speaker 1: I met with him last week and he did not bless anything. In fact, he has taken blessings away and said that he wants to discuss partnership with the village on a more detailed level. We don't have any easement. We don't have a recommendation from the principal or the regional superintendent.
Male Speaker: Okay. I stand corrected. My understanding was-- I was out of town, but in June there was a site meeting with the Dade County, the principal-
[crosstalk]
Female Speaker 1: Yes I was there. I was at that meeting.
Male Speaker: I wasn't at the meeting, so you guys can tell me. My understanding was that the principal said that the location in the corner was the preferred site.
Female Speaker 1: Yes, he said it then.
Dreher: He stated that he [inaudible 00:58:23]
Cubillos: We've got options at one, two, three or four? That's one?
Nickerson: Seven.
Cubillos: Seven, okay.
Nickerson: Dade County took that and now they've reissue their point of connection memo which says that now they're okay with putting it there. That's another issue. But they've
approved that and now that the written direction from Dade County for them to now accept it. They're okay with putting it into that corner. Now we've got to get it in writing from the principle of course?

**Female Speaker 1:** Right.

**Nickerson:** We've stopped work. We stopped work back in October, excuse me August. We've stopped work; we just need direction on where to do it. That's really the-

**Female Speaker 1:** Without the land, we don't have the package. Novembers is-- I don't think we should be pushing it to that if we don't have the necessary land that we need for the pump station. I have made recommendations to-

[crosstalk]

**Nickerson:** What is the timeline on-- what is this the status of that?

**Cubillos:** Can I make two comments? I agree-- I hear everything and again, I apologize that I missed that meeting. I agree with what the manager just say, if we don't have a location this is tough. My point and after getting caught up and, reading a memo that the manager of the all of us from her meeting recently with Robert and the principal. I'm inclined to ask have we thought of a location outside the school.

Well, I believe that every single one of us is going to do what we need to, to establish and to continue a good relationship with Horace Mann. I know that in the years that I've been here, I have. It's unfortunate that with the new principal and new administration, it's like we're starting a relationship all over again. But, after I read her memo today, sincerely it's like we're starting from scratch. I don't think it's fair that the-- Not scratch with the project, I mean scratch with the relationship. I don't think it’s fair, the demands that's being put in our village. It's really not fair.

That's going to take some time. Councilperson Dreher mentioned that he reached out and he met with the principal, and I think a lot of us are doing that already. He has not shown any signs of wanting to even have an any type of real conversation or signing off on anything unless we agree basically with all the points that are on there, which for lack of a better word is pushing us to a corner. It's going to become political and it's probably not going to be-- It's going to get rough before it gets better.
Dreher: Pushing to the Southwest corner?

Cubillos: No. He's pushing us in the corner. I got your joke, but no. I'll try to get to that corner. The last question I had is, at a point one through seven, which is the one that is most preferred? Which is the location that was most preferred?

[crosstalk]

Nickerson: We think three, because putting it in seven is going to cost the village another $50,000 in the construction cost. We gave them a choice. And again, they're trying to serve originally up to 95th street. We got them to come back down to 93rd.

Female Speaker 1: So, you're saying three but councilor person [unintelligible 01:02:02] and councilor person Dreher saying seven.

Nickerson: Seven is where we are because it sounds like [inaudible 01:02:06]

Cubillos: With that said, I know what at least I need to aim for, what each of us need to aim for in our conversations. I agree, it's not fair to waste your time with all of this but at the same time, I can see councilperson Dreher staring at me and what he's probably thinking is he doesn't want this to die either because so much work has been put into it, and I get that also. The most important component is we need to do something with the principal. That is where we made a recommendation of public safety to maybe appoint another officer to be going to these monthly meetings at one avenue.

Each of us maybe pick something from that memo that we can focus in on, but what we really need to do is talk about the memo. We need to talk about the memo and decide what if we're going to be able to do-- because again, now that I've read it in great detail and printed out and highlighted, there's some errors in there as well. I've done a lot towards the education compact initiative already. There's stuff that has been put in place that have just remain dormant and that he needs to clearly be brought up to speed. It's fair to say, "Hold off." It's the manager's recommendation, but we're not going to let it go. I know that too much work and energy has been put into it. I agree. It's what we need to do as we move forward, but hope we've got to do it the right way.

Dreher: What are the next steps? We've got to talk to the principal. I understand Christy you have a meeting next week, right?
Female Speaker 1: I would like to meet with him after I've discussed the proposal with the council members.

Dreher: When are we going to be reviewing that proposal with the rest of the council member?

Female Speaker 1: It depends on what will come out of when I talk to each person and they have something to present. I'm going to make a proposal then I'll send it to you all for approval and then I'd go to the principal with it.

Dreher: My original question which I asked both the vendor and our village management right? It was brought up on the special public works committee, on the need whether we need that. My question again, I just want to bring it out to everybody. Do we need to have a special public committee meeting prior to November just to make sure where we're at with the whole discussion with the [unintelligible 01:04:31] with the-

Nickerson: storm water.

Dreher: storm water and the principal?

Female Speaker 1: I don't know, because it depends on how far we get with the principal. We'll also be having these discussions we need to have with Pennoni about the additional work. That's one thing but we still have to get that easement. I think while we're getting information from Pennoni, we continue to work with the principal as soon as-- I don't know when we can reconcile with him. I know that we can do what we need to do with Pennoni in a matter of weeks. It depends on the response. It might be a matter of days.

Nickerson: If this final submittal answers everything, we've answered everything in writing that's been posed to us. Then we're back to, let's agree that we've changed the locations and that that's not our issue. It's not the town's issue, it's-

Female Speaker 1: I have to say this too. Even if we do come to a meeting of the minds in terms of additional work and these things, there's still no need to incur more costs if we don't have the land.

Nickerson: I hear what you're saying. It's a risk, but I'm also trying to balance the-- And I understand that's money, it's important. I'm also looking at your eligibility as a clock, not a calendar. A stopwatch, I'll say. If you lose your $41/2 million dollar grant, I don't think the village will be able to afford the project. That's the risk. Let me just say these two things.
Would the village accept-- I know it's a date. The village wanted to be the sole negotiator of the of the easements. Could we offer our services for free? I think we have some avenues to maybe help with this. Or we just throw that offer out there if you'd be open to that.

**Female Speaker 3:** To negotiate with the school?

**Nickerson:** To get an approval to not process it all the way, but to get somebody to get the location number seven approved, so that it becomes a non-issue and we know-

**Cubillos:** We're not going to tell you not to try if you're not costing us. You can try. I sincerely believe that the issue is with us as a governing body and a town that they are located in. I apologize that I'm a little behind catching up, but I read the memo and I called the manager immediately. I almost believe that we need to just have whether it's a maybe a public affair special meeting, or a special council meeting just discuss the memo and discuss what we're going to do. If this is a project that's going to move forward, and there's no other location except the school grounds, we have to make decisions. That decision he's not going to want from Pennoni unless you're willing to give him $20,000 a year.

I think it's something that we have to come together or we're going to have to either budget something that we can do. In the interim I do have two emails out. What I did is I did my homework and I looked back in old emails that I have to now send out and recapping what has been done to develop some relationship with them that they think has been missing. We need some time, I would say maybe a week or two. We've all read the memo. The manager needs to call each and every single one of us in here what our thoughts are on that memo on what we think is doable because it's something that we're going to have to vote on.

Then maybe we might need to either have a special council meeting, have it at the October council meeting. We have to discuss this before we get to that. We have to discuss how we're going to approach it. I'm still hoping that my next two meetings that I have been trying to aim for can be a little successful to ease the pain. Either way we need to meet and decide, "Okay, you know what? We're going to agree with this memo. We'll give it to the attorney, we're going to make it all pretty and then the attorneys go back and forth and then we're going to have our easement, and then we're can come back to you.

**Nickerson:** Just put it on the table if you want our help. Our goal would be, we think if we have some ideas to try to get an approval with no money outlaid by the village-
Female Speaker 1: We'll be willing to meet with you at the table if you want to pay a portion of the proceeds that they would like. We could set a date in October to meet.

Nickerson: I'm saying to try to negotiate an easement, where it doesn't cost the village anything. We will try ... I would have some ideas on how to maybe help with that.

Female Speaker 1: You know what I recommend? Call the manager and discuss it with the manager and if you want to have a conference call to discuss it with the manager and the attorney what those ideas are.

Nickerson: Well, we'd want to work our channel. Yes, okay.

Female Speaker 3: Please talk to us about that.

Dreher: Do we need a special politics committee meeting to discuss those ideas?

Female Speaker 1: Yes. We need some kind of a meeting to discuss that memo, because we're not going to be able to move for the project until the council decides what we want to do based on your meeting with Robert and the principal. Either we're going to say, "We're going to do all of it, we're going to do half of it, we're going to do none of it," but we have to decide together what we are going to do. Then after we decide it, it gets presented and if he says yes, then we're all an easement.

[crosstalk]

Dreher: For that memo. Do we need to put a special council meeting to talk about that memo?

Female Speaker 3: Why doesn’t everybody get back to her? I got back to her with my recommendations. Why doesn’t everybody get back to her with their recommendations and then maybe based on that she can gather and further look with us, and then we can figure out really to prove something then we can come together, but if not all the details are there in the memo.

Nickerson: Just for the record, we have a 100% track record on success. This is the first one that’s at risk, that we don’t want to lose.

Dreher: You didn’t read this memo.
Female Speaker 3: This easement is everything.

Dreher: You didn’t read this memo.

Cubillos: Okay, with that said, we are going to email the manager our points from the memo that we received. Then you are going to call her with your idea of success of how you can potentially help with this negotiation. Then if we need to have a meeting, you are going to have to email us all and get the minutes solidified. October is a good month for me. November is not a good month for me, just letting you all know because I’m out a lot, November, December. October is a good month; I think I’m here most.

Nickerson: I have to add one quick point, the storm water, keep in mind, and this is maybe new, I think I send an email at the hearing. You all approved for the $126000 for the design money for the phase one, storm water design. The plan all along was, let’s get this construction money for the sewer and we stop, we sit on it, and let’s design the streets revisions to catch up, so that we can put it out the bid all as one project, so one contract could do all the work.

That money was approved on August 8th. I don’t know, that was explained fully, but those are the items that we are asking to bring at the public works committee meeting. Number one, there is a DEP agreement to accept the money. That would need to be on the agenda. Number two would be the matching design once you approve it, accept the money, sign a contract, do the design work for the storm water. But that way when it goes out the bid hopefully in the spring or next year, I've been optimistic here, we can bid both the storm water and the sewer at the same time and then go get the economy out skilled, you save. I think we have so made it half a million dollars on the construction cost, if you do it that way.

Female Speaker 3: Okay. If I may just respond to that. Since we haven’t brought that to the committee yet, and this is new posh part that you are proposing that when we do the special meeting, whatever it is, that we bring that in as well.

Nickerson: We got to do it all back to back or just-

[crosstalk]

Female Speaker 3: Or will [unintelligible 01:12:42] probably be on the same agenda maybe.
Dreher: You guys want to shoot on the October just talk about those two points on the DEB agreement and the merging grant? Towards special public works committee?

Nickerson: If we you give you enough time for November if you did that, to have a chance. We are going help with that easement.

[crosstalk]

Female Speaker 1: That principle is we're getting this easement by-

[crosstalk]

Nickerson: Well, how to get that easement. I-

Female Speaker 1: Okay. Well, I will be out for about 10 days in October, so let’s look at calendars if you will Councilperson Dreher

Dreher: Sure. I’m looking right now at the calendar, October 30th. I think you are going-

Female Speaker 1: Yes, the Saturday before that.

Dreher: That’s a Tuesday, the last Tuesday ahead of the month. How does that work with our-

Male Speaker 4: She said it has to be before.

Dreher: Before? I’m sorry.

Female Speaker 1: No, no. I’m going to be out from the 10th until about 20th to the twenty something, I don’t have my calendar on me, I’m totally sorry.

Male Speaker 4: Almost hallowing.

[crosstalk]

Dreher: It’s the 31st. Exactly. I’m looking here at the calendar. If you are back on the 29th then perhaps the 30th just to have public works committee meeting to address those two agenda items.
Male Speaker 4: How is the delays of Halloween, like the preparation?

[crosstalk]

Female Speaker 1: If we did then we talk tonight.

Dreher: We have to discuss that tonight.

[crosstalk]

Female Speaker 1: You don’t have to worry, but we were discussing that tonight under public affairs.

Male Speaker 4: I’ll be too close to the preparation.

[crosstalk]

Dreher: May I make a suggestion. My suggestion is to let them work it out and then once we get a response from her then we go from there.

Female Speaker 1: Perfect, thank you. Got it, thank you Steve, we're going to the next resolutions. Thank you everybody. The first resolution is fence extension. Resolution 201825. If I can please have the attorney read the rest on the record.

Attorney: Resolution of the village council of El Portal Florida Authorizing the approval of the Fence variance for a fence extension as requested by Gerardo Gonzalez, providing for incorporation of residuals, providing for an effective date.

Female Speaker 1: Okay, great. Thank you. I know the applicant is here, this did pass the planning and zoning committee. This is the one and only hearing coming before the board. Huan, did you want to come with the applicant first.

[crosstalk]

You're here. Did you want to comment? Does the council have any questions for the applicant? I know we all were here for planning and zoning for the fence extension. The applicant, is here, ask him any questions and then we will hear the staff recommendations.

Female Speaker 1: Good afternoon. State your name and address for the record.

Female Speaker 1: Hello.

Attorney: Address. State your address.

Female Speaker 1: State your address for the record.

Gonzalez: Okay, 2 Northeast, 9th street, El Portal Florida 33138.

Female Speaker 1: Okay, great. This is a Fence extension and we all have in front of us. This is a variance, it goes against our code, therefore must come before us. Does the council have any questions for the applicant?

No? Okay. Next person [unintelligible 01:16:03]. Kerry Nun Huan, did you want to come up or is there a motion?

Female Speaker 5: I can motion. A motion to pass the resolution ordinance.

Female Speaker 1: There is a motion to pass the variance and it’s a resolution 201825.

Attorney: Correct.

Female Speaker 1: There is a motion made by council person Roman, to pass the variance, which is resolution 201825. Is there a second?

Dreher: Yes. A second motion back within here for the record-

Female Speaker 1: Okay. There a motion made by council person Roman, second by Vice Mayor Nickerson. At this time the request for staff to come up to hear staff recommendation. Thank you Torun. You can stay behind there somewhere if you want. We might need to call you back up again. Good evening, Huan, how are you?

Huan: Good evening. [unintelligible 01:17:02] look from your design. Planning and zoning staff recommends denial based on the zoning code. We understand that, as you know this is a special condition during the [inaudible 01:17:15] avenue. Then the last phase on the code, so we have to recommend designs.
Female Speaker 1: Thank you Huan. Basically the same thing you said at the planning and zoning meeting. Is there any questions for Huan? No?

Cubillos: Any questions for Huan?

Huan: [unintelligible 01:17:40]

Female Speaker 1: Huan thank you so much on the record. Thank you. Any discussion before I ask for a roll call. Okay, Kerry Nun, may I please get the roll call for resolution 2018/25.

Female Speaker 3: Council person Dreher?

Dreher: Yes.

Female Speaker 3: Council Person Roman?

Roman: Yes.

Female Speaker 3: Council Person Mathis?

Mathis: No.

Female Speaker 3: Vice Mayor Nickerson?

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Yes.

Female Speaker 3: Mayor Cubillos?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Female Speaker 3: Motion pass is four to one.

Female Speaker 1: Okay great. Thank you, congratulations. Thank you for your patience. We are going to go into resolution 2018/26. This is the garage conversion. It did pass the planning and zoning, and we are here at the one and only hearing for this variance.

Attorney: The resolution of the village council of El Portal Florida, authorizing the approval of the Variance for a garage conversation as requested by Jose Amador, providing for incorporation of residuals providing for an effective date.
Female Speaker 1: Thank you so much. Is there a motion to adopt resolution 2018/26? We would like to bring up the applicant who I believe is here.

Roman: A motion to adopt.

Female Speaker 1: There is motion made by council person Roman, to adopt the variance resolution 2018/26, the garage conversation. Is there a second.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Second.

Female Speaker 1: Second by Vice mayor Nickerson. There is a motion. Can the applicant please come up? State your name and address for the record please.

Maria: Hi, I'm Maria Sotho, 241, Northeast 89 street, El Portal Florida 33138.

Female Speaker 1: Okay. Tell us a little bit about your garage conversion.

Maria: Basically our living room is narrow and we'll really use the garage, so we want to create a family room there.

[background conversation]

Female Speaker 1: Is there any questions for the applicant or would we like to bring Huan up?

Dreher: You just going [unintelligible 01:19:57], a window or?

Female Speaker 1: Yes, a window.

Female Speaker 1: There's a request to hear from Huan, if you can just please go to the microphone Huan.

Huan: Microphone?

Female Speaker 1: They can't hear but it says that you can go into [inaudible 01:20:19]

Huan: This is a garage conversion within the actual building still providing enough parking and setback [inaudible 01:20:31].
Female Speaker 1: Thank you Huan. There is a recommendation from Huan [unintelligible 01:20:38] our plan of based on code to approve the variance. Any discussion or question from the council?

Cubillos: No.

Female Speaker 1: Hearing none, there is a motion to adopt the variance. May I please have roll call?

Female Speaker 4: Oh yes, sorry. Council person Dreher?

Dreher: Yes.

Female Speaker 4: Councilperson Roman?

Roman: Yes.

Female Speaker 4: Councilperson Mathis?

Mathis: No.

Female Speaker 4: Vice-Mayor Nickerson?

Nickerson: Yes.

Female Speaker 4: Mayor Cubillos?

Mayor Cubillos: No.

Female Speaker 4: The motion has three to two.

Female Speaker 1: All right resolution 2018 26 Garage Conversion passes three to two, congratulations.

Female Speaker 3: Thank you.

Female Speaker 1: You're welcome. Thank you for your patience. Okay. We are going right into-thank you Huan- we are going right into Mayor, Manager and Committee reports. The first one up is me, I am going to actually tie mine on together, and I'm in the end for Public
Safety and Planning and Zoning- yes I am going to go. I'm going to run into the manager because I'm going to tie mine into the Public Safety and Planning and Zoning.

**Chritia Alou:** Okay I see. I'm going to make mine pretty brief, I did send our Councilmen our Manager's Report and I will concentrate on the highlights. A traffic study was conducted by the Miami-Dade County Department and Transportation in Public Works for some of the main arteries in the village of El Portal during this month. The report was given to us last week, I shared that with the council this week and we're not recommended for any calming devices in any place except for in North East 2nd Avenue.

In that respect because it's a main artery, only the signs that will- they're called the reduction of speed signage traffic calming devices would be- that's considered a traffic calming device and that is the only thing we would qualify for. Those devices are upwards of $12,000 a piece, thankfully the county has taken it upon themselves to try to procure those items for us and they will also be doing some design review and perhaps give us a design option and I know we will have to review that with our planners at [inaudible 01:23:15] to discuss how that will impact the Sanctuary project [unintelligible 01:23:19]. That'll be coming soon.

**Female Speaker 1:** It's terrible I know.

**Alou:** That will be coming soon.

**Huan:** Do you want me to give my opinion on this or?

**Alou:** Do you want to do it now or? Well you may do it at planning and zoning.

**Female Speaker 1:** How about we do it at planning and zoning, let her finish. It means you have to stay.

**Alou:** Yes. We continue our efforts to improve our services and our appearances here at the Village Hall and we're doing what we can on a shoe string but we're getting there. We are getting there. We do have a bad roof and we're trying to be creative in the way we repair that, unfortunately it is a very big ticket item so we will be reviewing ways to try to make that happen as we did not qualify our plaint was denied for insurance coverage for the roof repair. We moved on in a positive way.

For the hurricane Irma recovery, our first payment on our line of credit was made this month and DPO and I met with a Miami Herald reporter last week and did a document submittal to
her- or review some documents to her that were submitted to FEMA and she did not submit any questions or follow-ups as of yet so I'm hopeful that she- those questions for answers will continue to work with DPO and anyone else who's interested in what is happening but at presence we're on course with our submittals and we've gotten positive feedback, nothing negative in that FEMA has asked questions or follow-ups with DPNO and they responded so they're on course. I'll keep you posted as that happens because we're all eerily anticipating those reimbursements.

Some of this is a little more technical but I will mention that we continue to work on that C7 little river canal. I know that our community is making its effort but internally I'm working with our consultant Craig A. Smith that is doing some engineering work for us to do our standard operating procedures for the MPDES which is that maintenance of our- just the way we treat our water and maintain our 77 drainage structures, these kinds of things. We also have to amplify our public education and outreach to let the community know about what we're doing and I think that's a way to tie-in with the community's effort so we'll be more visible and we'll try to do more but something's that a lot more formal has to be done so we'll be working on that. Craig A.

Smith is bringing on a consultant to help them with this as well because they're engineers but there is more of a requirement from DEP that we aren't meeting yet but we're all in compliance, we're just talking about the next steps. Let's see here. Our police department is- I'm considering companies that specialize in law enforcement assessment standard operating procedures while working with the employee manual, we recognize that we have to do something for our police department as well. I've spoken with the Chief and we've gone our different possibilities but it's very technical.

We do want to have an external or third party perhaps come in, just top give us some pointers, recommendations on how we can get our standard operating procedures, just make recommendations to help us ensure we're doing the proper things with our police department as well. I'm just in talks with that right now but that's- we haven't moved forward yet but just know we are trying to formalize all of our departments, formalize the handbooks including that for officers and staff. Our code enforcement officers on vacation but our police department is doing code enforcement in his absence. [chuckles]

Well I will be meeting with our Chief to discuss where we're at on that. We do have 14 outstanding citations this month and so we'll see where we're at. I know code enforcement continues to be a problem and we have to figure out how to address it in a more substantial
way. We also have a lot of repeat violators that are being cited every month and we have to find a way to address that. I will be working with the Chair of our Code Enforcement Committee to address ways we can do that more effectively.

The road repair here on 87 Street right at the roundabout continues to be a problem, we don't have the staffing to handle that brick rework but I am going to be getting quotes and I'm also asking the county to utilize their Public Works Department to see if they can give us some kind of an aid and assistance. I'm also working on trying to get a MOU with the county's Public Works Department and code enforcement to see if they can aid us in any way for things that are bigger than our capabilities. For now that will- let's see. Coming soon, I will be releasing some RFPs, RFQs in the month of October and that will be for the lobbyist firm and emergency recovering of debris removal. That concludes my report.

Female Speaker 1: Thank you.

Alou: You're welcome.

Female Speaker 1: We're going to go right into the Chairs, first up is Councilperson Mathis who chairs our Public Affairs Committee.

Mathis: Most pressing topic is Halloween. We have an annual Halloween block party, we haven't been able to have a Public Affairs meeting so if we could take some time right now and just discuss how we're going to approach this because I have received several emails from the manager saying, "You've got to get on this.". With that being said, it would fall on Halloween which would be a Wednesday I believe it is?

Female Speaker 1: Yes, it's a Wednesday.

Mathis: I guess we will doing the normal course of the block party, if anyone has any other ideas?

Female Speaker 1: I met with the

woman's club on her name is Kristine. This is a while back and we were talking about other things and Halloween came up because they help as it relates to manning the tables that we put up at the 87th street. The concern that she had or recommendation was that because most women in the Women's Club have children, and they obviously want to [inaudible 01:30:28]
to treat with their kids so they talked about if we were open to any ideas or why don't we take a trip to the village. At that time, I had said eventually we'll have this.

One of the ideas that we came up with that we thought would be really cost prohibitive to the village would be instead of closing off 87th street, last couple years we've been inundated with kids, was to actually like maybe create a map kind of like the 5K and then pinpoint homes that we would approach or have already asked if they decorate the house a lot what have you and then we together all trick or treat people.

That way we're sort of like killing two birds with one stone, they can be with their children, but they wanted to do something with the community. For those homes that maybe can't, the women would still buy the candy and maybe will designate a certain homes in their track. They thought that it would be a way that we can walk the village and again it was-- Carla and I came up with the idea and I said I bring it to the Committee. It would be less labor intensive on staff. We would still need two police officers at least one in the front of one of the back. Normally instead of having like 12, we'd have two police cars so that would cut back on that a little bit. I think that overall at that time I thought it could be a win, win, win. But again I'm open for thoughts or of course we have or we're basically an autopilot with what we do anyway. That's my only change would be for the show.

？Nickerson: I mean sure. I mean I don't have much of a problem either way, I think that the only thing we're going to encounter this year by changing it up, it's just going to be kind of crazy the first because it seems a lot of people for the block party, super successful. So now for everybody who's been coming for all these years showing up, I'm assuming we're going to start the trick or treating at certain time, everybody's going to be here if it was possible to start like a certain time or whatever, because we cannot have the police that are going to come are not on rotation.

So, you are going to have a bunch of people coming here thinking they are going to come to a block party and they're going to show up at whatever time they usually do but now they're going to come here to like an empty street and then it's going to be people roaming around or confused. At first it is going to be calm, like this year's going to be kind of chaotic, but much different neighborhoods just walk up and down 87 street or confused about what's going on, coming here expecting to see a block party that is a good trick or treating. Things already like that, they traveled.
[crosstalk]

-time but I will get it out maybe party is over now, you know what I mean.

**Nickerson:** I get where you're coming from but --

**Dreher:** Besides i don't have a problem with anything, this will be kind of chaotic.

**Dreher:** It is supposed to be for the villagers, it's not supposed to be for other people. It's different, targeted Trick or Treat course, it's different but it may work. I remember going to different homes but they have to work out the logistics with the police department and how we would do that and we'd have to come up with a map and we'd have to start advertising it now. Letting them know that it's going to be targeted Trick or Treat.

**Dreher:** How many people do we expect?

**Dreher:** Who knows!

**Dreher:** Having that fluidity into the entire neighborhood with so many people. I do get it. I go to the Maribel's events where we do the Christmas carols. It's about 20 more so 50 folks, I've seen you there. It definitely when we go into sharing carols, people come in cars, but we're talking about it. I'm there every year and it's huge number of people and then getting it goes massive people from one point of the village to the other. I'm sorry.

**Female Speaker 1:** No, no, no, no, I've thought of all those. If this is something that would change and that we would do and the chair would want to go to that avenue I would not be inclined to say over to the whole village. I would say either we're going to do the east side or the west side. I don't recommend us to do like the five all the way around. I think that if we target these areas of that start, but it's on how you market it right. I agree with what the chair said, "as far as it is for our town, it is for our residency, you may have a lot of people come in from another town but truly for us as far as promoting it, if this is an avenue that we go and even if it's not what we do, the Women's Club is going to help us bring it anyway."

It would be more the logistics which is clearly to do tonight right but whichever way we go there's going to be logistics involved more so with this one because we haven't done it before. But we've done the five but I understand what you're saying but when it came to the Christmas caroling you had at least 35 Kids plus their parents who want to solve board. If this is something that we did, I would just keep it like the silent northeast seconds here and then it would be like,
me here at 530 will leave in a safe to be with and then wait and whoever shows late shows later and the map of the posts that ahead of time. I'm okay either way but there have been a lot of meetings recently where residents have come and specifically said that our venture waste of time they've also have come and said that why do we do these events let's use the money somewhere else.

I will note though that dollars that we have allocated which is 19,000 for public affairs, 16 of that we raise so it's not like directly comes from the taxpayer dollars and I've made that point clear to few people that have called me. The approach that we have this fiscal year is that we're doing less events because it's all about being a little more conservative, operating the little lean and focusing on when we need to do right now which is get sort of, get the believers, get the resource right away, get our police department squared away. We have things that definitely take precedence, and they have-- and I'm sure you all have heard about the events, but it's your call.

**Speaker 4:** That's a great thing it's your call. Your recommendation and then we will-

**Female Speaker 1:** Either way you go I will be there

**Dreher:** Have you reached out to Kristen tomorrow and try to come up with something as far as how the logistical work. See what homes will be the target points, see who is really involved and want to do this and go from there and try to get something back to the manager, to get to the committee and the council ready?

**Female Speaker 1:** If you go the avenue trick or treating from what I remember the last couple years, I mean there's a lot of homes on the west side but from Northeast second to here, you have share reforms as a lot of decorating you probably have seven or nine homes on 87 Street and then you definitely have a few in 88. Even if you wanted a not doing so big because it's going to be the first time do 86,87,88 or something like that.

**Dreher:** We do it small in early too

**Speaker 4:** This year we're going to have the contest for the home of the month for decorating your homes for Halloween and there's a price. I will make sure that the committee remembers to announce it on whatever avenues they want to. Whether it's text-run no longer next door but if they want to announce it on next door, they can and then we'll put it on the website. I'll make sure that it gets on the website. There will be a contest that might encourage people to decorate and make it out. If you want to put something in writing in terms of so that we can announce
Female Speaker 1: I think with sufficient timing and we're literally left for 12 is a long month so we definitely had, let's not wait for two weeks from now let's get us a little about your manager do.

Dreher: If you give Kristen my number and have a give me a call and we'll go from there.

Speaker 4: I do agree that we should do it smaller and it was a little out of hand I thought last year a lot of people that show up that are not from the neighbourhood. I know one of the things that I had discussed with Christine separately was a possibly maybe not doing it on Halloween for future years and just doing it around maybe the weekend before or the weekend after to throw people off.

[laughter]

Also, some people go to spend Halloween with other family members or they go to other activities. [crosstalk] That was another reason, things to consider.

Participant: When you guys said meeting time at 5:30, that I like. Because the reason you guys said it I'm thinking meeting time 7:00 PM when it's going to be packed. That's the vision that I had. I'm like, "Man, we're going to be walking El Portal kids down the street with 200 people showing up at the same time, jumping into the line. It's going to be chaotic, but when she said meeting at 5:30, I liked that. I like that vision of that. That means that we'll be more or less done by the time everybody else starts to come. It'll be good because those who'll be driving down 87 will be like, "[unintelligible 01:41:25]", just keep driving forward. [crosstalk]

[laughter] [background conversation]

Participant: Well, we're four so the days are shorter and sunset is earlier.

Participant: If you can get Christine and Francis to meet.

Participant: Got it. You guys are going to let us know.

Participant: That's in my report.
Participant: Who do we have next? Counselperson Drayer, chair of Public Works.

Participant: You guys pretty much heard the update on [unintelligible 01:41:51] also just been working with [unintelligible 01:41:54] update she gave. I know a couple of residents have come up, I know there was an actual yellow or orange cone put out there for residents. I did offer as well. I can help you call whoever the vendors are and help you with-- I know you told me you were going yesterday to talk about that whole wall issue that we reported as well on the west sides. One of our North Miami Avenue signs it was hit by a car. That's down, I know. [crosstalk]

Participant: No, it's fixed. I went to court this morning but that was a mix up. But yes, we got the money for the wall and it's been fixed. They just have to paint it and put the lettering in now. They wanted it to be dry.

Participant: Just food for thought for the entire council members, I know Jessy is going to be, as she mentioned, out. While she's out things come up. We got to think about also while she's out who's going to be the point of contact if there is any administrative issues with the village. I just wanted to bring that up for discussion amongst us so we agree as well. If there is an issue coming up who do we need to address this to.

Participant: I 100% agree and I told her the same thing.

Participant: We have already [crosstalk]

Participant: We talked about some ideas.

Participant: Let's go ahead to [unintelligible 01:43:25]

Participant: No, that's my question. How we'll identify that while she is going to be out?

Participant: Sorry, it's a question.

Participant: I briefly discussed it with the mayor and I have not discussed it with the clerk but I was considering asking her to take a few of my more pressing responsibilities and that I would also plan ahead with the staff I do have so that they have a little piece of what I do as well spread out. I don't know unless I can call on our village attorney also to pull a couple of things [laughs] but I'm going to pass it out to make sure it's covered or I'm covered or the village is covered.
Participant: I do believe that as much as you pass it out there needs to be one person.

Participant: Yes, I agree. My hope is that the clerk will do. I have not spoken with her formally.

Participant: It's important that there is one person that people can identify to go to.

Participant: Absolutely.

Participant: All right, did that conclude your report.

Participant: Yes.

Participant: Now, we have Vice Mayor Nickerson, chair of Code Enforcement.

Participant: Thank you very much Madam Mayor. How is everybody doing out there? It's good to see everybody. First of all, I want to give thanks to our manager, manager Lou. It's going to be a couple of things, we said briefly earlier about how we have the police officer who's doing the Code Enforcement. Before our Code Enforcement Officer went on vacation we spoke and she was actively trying, you guys, to get a substitute Code Enforcement Officer in here. We reached out to surrounding cities, reached out to the county, but people want money and then there was [laughs] being that how our budget was and things like that we couldn't get a substitute Code Enforcement Officer in here. We were under the impression that other cities that are much larger, their Code Enforcement and Public Works and things like that their, not committees, but their staff they're much larger they would be able to let us borrow somebody for a couple of weeks or a week or so while our Code Enforcement Officer was out but just we couldn't get that done.

She did the next best thing that she could do, we went back to how the police officer [unintelligible 01:46:05] used to do it. That's the reality that we have to deal with. We thank you for all of your efforts with that. I appreciate that. I want to thank her and our Code Enforcement Officer, Officer Garcia, who's on vacation. I want to thank all of you guys up here on the council. I think it was a lot of a good positive energy that went out. I remember we had that meeting about the home with swimming pool and not long after that we tried the same numbers that didn't work before and a couple of days later look at that.

They answered and they went and cleaned the swimming pool up.
I went by the house, I met the owners, I was there for a couple hours talking with them, very nice individuals, the woman was there, the wife. She was like, "Sorry about this. I had my husband taking care of issues but you know when you put a man in charge of it." [laughs] She's doing that as detailed in getting to it as women are. She was like, "But I'm on top of it now. I'll make sure it's done," and she was like, "The grass will be cut within the next day." I was like "I appreciated it very, very, much."

Her neighbour across the street, who was very concerned about that, Mary, she wrote thank you cards to myself, Mr Garcia. [crosstalk] She was very thankful because I went and spoke with the owners of the house and I went across and spoke with Mary. Me and Mary just spoke for about an hour or so. I was out there about three hours total after that happens. I think that there really are not only the positive vibes that came out of this council that they put the hard work from our manager and our Code Enforcement Officer. I really appreciate that you guys. That's my report for right now. Thank you very much.

**Participant:** Thank you so much. Councilperson Roman, chair of Admin and Finance.

**Participant:** Good evening everyone. I just want to recap, we had a very informative and a lot going on in our last Admin and Finance meeting. I want to remind you Admin and Finance Committee that this Friday what's due is the job description for the clerk. You have about four or five different descriptions in front of you along with ours. You are to look to see if there's anything that you would like to add to our current job description. If you could please return that to the clerk by this Friday September 28th.

The next item that I want to discuss is that at the Admin and Finance we went over an evaluation procedure that was passed for the manager clerk and attorney that will be included in the handbook. Once that handbooks is complete then it will be presented to the full Council for approval. We're looking at doing that in the October meeting hopefully, the handbook will be complete by then.

Next is the attorney contract, we discussed it at the Admin and Finance. We also decided that we would take a look at that in January and look to see how we can move forward with a final contract of an attorney at the new fiscal year in January. I believe that was it, that concludes my report.

**Participant:** Great, thank you so much. Public Safety had to get rescheduled because I was sick. A couple of points that we discussed at public safety was we actually discussed [unintelligible 01:49:38] to talk about how we can combine that with what we have going on
with the principle with regards to either. I've recommended appointee. We have a part time officer who also works at a school in Broward. I made a recommendation to recommend Officer Newman if he wanted to maybe be a part of that whole effort, to be a part of the east pack meeting which generally is attended by either Ronny or Sharp. I don't expect any answer tonight but whenever there is one, once we've spoken to officer Newman, he can let us know if it's something he was interested, if he's not then we move on.

I asked for the MOU, which is a memorandum of understanding with the county. I thought it was important to take a look at that because it's about three years old. I asked the attorney once we received it to take a look at it, if it needs to be updated if it needs anything that would better serve the police department in cases like we just recently had or anything for that matter. I think it's a time that if the attorney could take a look at it with Christi and Ronny that would be great. Not only Miami Dade County, I know we have a memorandum of understanding or mutual aid with Miami Schore, Biskind park, North Bay Village.

I haven't received them yet but if I can get them with the manager and copy and the attorney so we can actually have an all concise in one place and obviously I don't expect you have all of those memorandum of understanding done in 30 days but I think it's a good opportunity to just see what they even say and dust the dust off of them. I also talked about having a customer service training for our police officers, for all of us for that matter.

Every department should go through one. I don't think they've had one in the time they've been here and we have a lot of newbies. I think it's something that can not only benefit the full timers but it would benefit the part timers as well as and the management. I talked in great length about the police schedule. I didn't believe that there was an equitable coverage across the board. I have since asked the manager and Ronny to please give me. I heard that the copy that I had was not the updated one so I did receive that an hour before the meeting.

They made some minor changes. I only received last week and this week. I received the schedule for this week and for next week. I didn't receive it for all of October. The change that I saw that was made and I don't know if it's as a result of the meeting or the training that I see that Burrell is going to be at or another incident that happened with another junior officer which we discussed in great length but I saw that tomorrow and the following Wednesday Sharp will be working in the evening with Officer Butat. That's the only change that I saw aside from I believe Burrell is going to be in training and I saw, which I didn't understand Riveron is on vacation or personal holiday. I didn't understand. He just started. How did they get personal holiday when they just started?
Participant: I wasn't aware he had a personal holiday either. If you can please

Participant: That's the only change that I saw.

Participant: Good evening. I was informed by HR that he had to use a loose.

Participant: What was that.

Participant: He had personal holidays that he had to use a loose, it was myself, officer V and officer Riveron. HR informed me. I had to inform them that they had to use it.

Participant: I have a question. When did Officer Riveron become permanent? May?

Participant: I can't tell you right now, I don't have that at the top of my mind.

Participant: From May to September 30th he had acquired PDO I guess?

Participant: I guess the holiday.

Participant: The two floating holidays.

Participant: The two floating holidays and because we're at the end of a fiscal year.

Participant: They are given-- I guess that I don't have the PDA contract in my head but when an officer is hired, aren't they six months to a year on probation. They are awarded all that during liberation?

Participant: For that part, yes.

Participant: It's part of the contract. Yes.

Participant: They get X amount of fiscal year. Now that part I don't know. I would like to know more, but I thought, well I was told that they get those days. That's media.

Participant: He clearly was hired this year and probation I know was 12 months. 12 months or 6 months?

Participant: It's 12 months.
Participant: 12 months, what I thought. Something to look at I didn't know because I saw him personal holiday I didn't realize he was already-- which is fine. We all deserve a holiday but given our coverage. Okay. Then that includes public safety. It was those four points. Next we have, if I can get those schedules that would be great. Also I went ahead and I sent the clerk which I think she sent all of you of all the schedules that I had that day. I asked her to scan them and I believe I asked her to send them to the entire council for your purview. One of the comments that I heard was that which is correct to the committee they were thrown off with as far as what's staff schedule was. In an effort to all be on the same page at your purview to take a look at that as well and maybe you all have an opinion as well if not then we'll see what happens as we move forward as this in the managers hands now.

Participant: If I may just one last piece about the police schedules. I know that vice mayor Nickerson did work with the police officers last Wednesday to try to find a way that we could- - He helped our chief find they could at least have the coverage so that is a result which you see with the Wednesday as a result of those meetings with the officers and [unintelligible 01:55:38]

Participant: Yes but Wednesday is given.

Participant: I know.

Participant: Because it's a good crossover anyway and you still have four officers coming in during the day but that's something that I'm leaving in your account and I need you all to figure that out. But there definitely needs to be equitable coverage and while there were many residents that may have been heated that day, I got a lot of calls and since then, I'm curious to see if any change had happened even though they may not have shown it that night.

I think that there's something there and an important note to note is that we are approaching the last quarter of the year. We are looking at the holidays, people going on vacation. This is the time to if anything to amp up our coverage and have proper coverage as much as possible whether it's a full timer or part timer. I think that this is definitely the time you want to do it in October so that they see especially in October is safety month. When people start to like traveling or all the problems are out there, they will be, "We're not going to [unintelligible 01:56:40] because the police officers are everywhere.

It's great to start getting now and that used to be our claim to fame. When at least I started here 10 years ago.
Okay PNC. Really important just a reminder all to the council and to the residents. We do have our second reading for the alcohol ordinance in October. You might want to brush up what we asked that was in July. Any questions? Please please call Juan, call the attorney, call the manager but I will have it at the October council meeting. Also at the October council meeting, the planning and zoning committee passed the development of a new construction that is the house on 87 street in northeast Miami court. Again you might want to refresh your memory on that home it's the white house. I can't. The white house with no windows. Again that's something that passed and they are coming before the council in October. It's a reminder don't forget that.

What's the other one. I saw the welcome signs started. I brought that up, I didn't see that. I was disappointed on the street calming report. I think you definitely need to work with whoever or whatever is going to recommend anything of signs, devices or anything because it's [unintelligible 01:58:10] avenue. Did you want to say something about that report before we move on.

Participant: [unintelligible 01:58:16] at which even though it's from the 1970s it's very car oriented. I think that 2nd Avenue is going to become main street like and so the signage and everything else needs to be creative. [unintelligible 01:58:37]

Participant: Yes so I think it's really-- I'm sorry I think it's important that whoever is going to work with the county for the recommendations we put Juan in the loop. I see council person Mathis shaking his head. Like if somebody wants to work on that.

Participant: I'm sorry I thought you were talking about [unintelligible 01:58:57]

Participant: No, I'm talking about the street calming.

Participant: We should expect nothing less than what-- it doesn't work.

Participant: It does for him.

Participant: It does. Sorry. I would recommend the council to expect nothing less than what was done for my Miami shores.

Participant: Let me tell you, I spoke in great length commissioner Edmondson. Unfortunately before I came on this council and council person Mathis could perhaps elaborate. There was a whole discussion on Northeast Second Avenue. The council at that time did not want any of
St Kanine media nothing. When she put all of this work in which is why Miami shores has it, we didn't get anything. She's not going to put it into her last two years so we hope they can get really creative with what we can do because she was really clear to me. She says, "Mayor, it was before your time, it was right before you got elected." I believe councilperson Mathis was here at the time.

**Participant:** I have a certain amount of experience with RFBs, Rapid Flashing Beacons which is what they're recommending. I can tell you that [unintelligible 02:00:18] is not using them anymore. I can tell you that there's significant amount of accidents that happen because of them because people feel that they can cross when cars feel that they can keep going.

There is a disconnect between the signage and the expectation that you have the right of way as a pedestrian. If that is the solution that is being presented, I'll bring data to allow you to make a recommendation to the county or at least to be informed about what the county is planning to do.

I'd like to work even closer with the county and figure out what exactly what it is that they're proposing. If we go by as you have been going by the 9th of 2013 charrette, that mainstream, that zoning that we have passed does not require and in fact this counter to a four-laner.

I think that we need something more than just Rapid Flashing Beacons. I think that we need proper crossings, I think that there's a disconnect between the east and the west of the village and it is because it's a little difficult to cross for a bicycle and pedestrian.

I think that this is a village that prides itself of having trees and on having walkability, and on having a community and these very large thoroughfares that are scarring through the village are not conducive to that feeling of [unintelligible 02:01:55] and feeling of connectivity.

**Participant:** You should move to the village?

**Participant:** I would love to move to the village, maybe I won't be able to work with you as your planning consultant.

**Participant:** All right, I don't want to lose my point here. Okay. To that, you all must work together with the county with whatever. Do not allow them to just-
Participant: On that and before, what is the directive of this council? Are we going to talk? Are we going to create a committee to discuss what this looks like? You have it already? Are we going by the 2013?

Participant: Well, I think we've consistently gone along. Too much work went into 2013, actually a lot of us were at the table. I think we need to stick to that vision because I think it's the vision of most people that still live here and I think most people would like that vision. I think we-- Yes. It's definitely one that we want to hopefully to adopt and may come to life at some point in time. Yes

Participant: You're saying that commissioner Edmondson is not willing to go beyond or maybe I misunderstood?

Participant: I don't know exactly the term but I think when she had the pot of monies or budget to be able to work on North East Second Avenue, that's obviously a project that was done and planned in advance and that came to life.

Miami shores finished their streets, I don't remember the year but that was time for us to have done it. I wasn't on the council then. Basically she's saying that she can't go back to the project because sort of like close deal. Hey, listen, we can still try. I'm not saying we can't.

I mentioned it to her probably like 60 or 90 days ago during the summer. [unintelligible 02:03:30] I mentioned to her. Then at a meeting I asked him and he said, "Yes, she's right. That's exactly what happened." Can we reopen the conversation?

Participant: There's always room.

Participant: There's always room. We can call it the Edmondson way, I don't know. She used to live in the county, right? Just call it the Edmondson way, I don't know. Northeast Second Edmondson Avenue?

[crosstalk]

I think we need to get creative.

Participant: Also I can tell you that as a firm, we work on complete streets throughout the county. We would be doing you a disservice if we just let this one go?
Participant: No. You're not letting it go.

[crosstalk]

We all agree that the directive I believe from the four of us on moving council person Draher committee to last next time [unintelligible 02:04:21].

[laughter]

Yes. Please work closely with our manager and if you have an opinion please e-mail the manager and Juan. Okay. I have one question before NP&Z. I saw an e-mail and I want to be sure it got done, I don't know if it was from you Camila or you. Are we all done with the sanctuary with all of the edits of the ordinance whatever, are we done with that?

Participant: No.

Participant: Okay, we're not. Okay. Who are we waiting for, you or you?

Participant: You're waiting for my report next.

Participant: Okay. Perfect. There you go. That concludes-- No, one more thing, we've got to discuss fences. I know council person Roman has mentioned it, Daniel Bo has, [crosstallk] lots of e-mails, we need to really figure out, take a look at that, maybe it's going to go the code enforcement, I don't know.

We need to take a look at that code and I'd like you to bring to us what do we need to put our attention on. It can't be everything, but maybe it swells, maybe it's expands, maybe it's something that we finally codify and bring up-to-date that we keep saying that we're going to do and we're not going to do. I'd like to do that next year.

Participant: May I? Did you suggest that we put together or maybe I'm making things up in my head, but that we put together some sort of committee? Was that suggested-

Participant: For second avenue?

[crosstalk]

Participant: I'm taking about codes.
Participant: I think if I may about the fences and swales and everything fronting right of ways. We went through a very arduous time in putting together form-based code that is plug and play. It's easy to modify it's mandatory. I think that anything that fronts right of ways could be a plug in that we put in a form-based code on thoroughfares.

We can categorize this thoroughfares, it's not that hard. We have maybe four types of thoroughfares. We have the local ones and then we have these ones that go through and maybe some of the streets that are most important like 87 and that's about it. You don't have much more.

It's just codification of four typologies of thoroughfares and based on that we can talk about frontages. Based on that we can say, well, fences on a secondary or on a local look like this, but on North Miami for instance in this case, we can create more of our privacy fence because it's larger.

I would not say this fits all, I would say depending on what you're fronting, this is the condition. We can tag that to the form-based code quite easily. In fact, Miami 21 had-- Miami 21 being the best form-based code ever written, actually the second best after the [unintelligible 02:07:11] has a plug in for thoroughfares and I think that we could very easily do that here. I don't think that's much time because the framework is already set.

Participant: Okay. Two points. He keeps saying he wants to work at that, if he does you better make sure he sticks to it. Then secondly, to add to what she said, council person Roman, if we form a committee that support the attorney, we've done this in the past then they have to follow sunshine or it can be-- You got to properly word it, if it's advisory, if it's a sub-committee.

Maybe it's something that you can think about, maybe get back to us because I was always a big believer that [unintelligible 02:07:50] should have had a sub-committee. I would be inclined to say that [unintelligible 02:07:55] in this committee or whoever would be great.

People that you know, maybe one member of the council if he's not and he wants to do it. Something like that means something to consider because every time we meet we're not going to talk it to death. I think that by the time we talk it to death, you're going to present to us something that we can hopefully agree on and then you can go to council.

I remember PNC is like quadri-judicial let you say so. I think the subcommittee might be a very good idea.
Participant: Absolutely, that's where I was going with it.

Participant: That could also take care of parking on the street, swales.

Participant: Yes. I think we should have a subcommittee to take care of all of that.

Participant: May I just say something, one more thing about PNC and about the traffic study? I don't know if you remember a few months ago the council asked me to try to do a traffic study or get that done by the county. You and I were going back and forth with our contacts so that little summary that I sent out to you earlier this week or yesterday or whenever it was, was a result of just the person, my context.

It doesn't mean that that's the final, that's just what she came out with so we still have the opportunity to maybe work your context, see what we can do about, but we were told we had to do our own study, she did that smaller study when she came and presented to the public safety committee just as an informal intro and talked to community members who asked her to please do it and she said, "I'll do some streets."

It wasn't a major study, it was just little one.

Participant: Again, this is a good news, bad news situation. The good news is that the county knows that they have to do something. The bad news is that they might be directed in the wrong path but I think that's where the communication happen.

I'm glad that they're moving forward with Second Avenue, we just want to make sure that we steer them in the right way because they might not know what the stakeholders are looking for which is a calmer, pedestrian and bike friendly avenue as it is in the city of Miami and as it is in Miami shores. We're the only one that has four lanes. Happy to hear.

Participant: Yes. Got it.

Participant: That was the history on the e-mail.

Participant: Perfect. I appreciate it. Any other questions? Okay. Good. No. Participant's report as I said earlier but I meant to say now it's really quick [unintelligible 02:10:19] of a lot of activity for residents which last year at the same time I said the same thing. You can't leave.

Participant: No, I got to talk to Juan.
Participant: In 2018-- No but you should listen.

Participant: I'm listening.

Participant: In 2018 I came up with the Town Hall as a result of keeping the residents more informed. We did the Town Hall's from January to June with very few attendance. What I'm going to be doing in 2019, I have a [inaudible 02:10:46] or what I'm going to call it. It is either going to be a meet me Monday, one Monday a month but I'm inclined to do it on a Tuesday only because I'm big on government on Tuesday. I'm going to just put that out there. If it's a Tuesday it's going to be the second Tuesday of the month.

If it's a Monday, it's going to be the first Monday of the month. How that is going to work out, I'm working on that right now. It's something I've been thinking about for a while but I'm going to solidify it because and the objective of it is to at those meetings have whatever is coming up as opposed to it have been gone by. That's going to be the objective of that. More on that at the October mayor's report.

The Peacock express. The Peacock express was due this week, stoop me by, but it's going to be different and I was going to have the clerk to e-mail you all today and I didn't. I believe it's something that councilperson Roma might have told me and a lot of residents told me, this Peacock Express is going to be really different. It is going to be a lot less pictures. Even though I already did this and they don't remember because if you look at a Peacock's Express from two years ago even last year, generally the last one of the year I put all the resolutions on there, everything that we've done. This is going to be more informative based on a lot of things we have coming up that are pending from like the sanctuary, the little forum and all that so it's probably going to be more compact. It was actually due September 1st. We are in September 25th so I am late but it's okay as long as I get it in by tomorrow.

Now for the council if you want to put anything in there like a snippet but make it a snippet, no pictures. It's going to be snippet, it's going to be all informative driven. This is what the residents want. This is what I'm going to give them. This is what we are going to give them. Less pictures, less fluff and they want facts. They're going to get that. Okay. That's peacock express.

Florida League of Cities. I want to touch on that and the Miami League of Cities. I just came back from a four day conference with the Florida League of Cities and I know a lot of residents don't understand the value of Florida League of Cities or the Miami League of Cities. One of the big thing with the Florida League of Cities and I asked the council to really be aware is
that as we move forward into the legislative session once again they are really going to come
down on local municipalities home rule now or what we are better to address at a local level.
One of the things that Florida League of Cities and now we do collectively together is that we
are the United Voice for the state of Florida and we fight for every small town. Of course I
fight for our town.

I just left the conference besides passing their budget we really started like preempting and
talking about what the new session is going to look like and what are some of the things that
they are really here is going to be coming out in the pipeline. Some really really really
ridiculous things that we should be deciding at a local level, but like all of us go to Tallahassee
all the time, the Florida League is there to fight for us.

It's really important when you guys are getting those e-mails to respond as far as this is not
good for our town, this is not good for our town, even though I'm redoing it, more voices are
better. They're really really really proactive. They're also reminded me about the Compact
initiative with Kristen and I have not connected yet because we don't want to lose the
momentum of residents. It's really hard to do what we do, but we do it all the time because we
love it but when there is an issue everybody arrives and then when everything dissipates no
one is here.

The the Little River Compact initiative is I don't want to lose that momentum. I'm working
with the mayor of Hawthorne and I'm working with Kristine. Kristine has been traveling
extensively. What I am trying to tie it into which I've also been working on is in May as all of
you know since we got reelected unopposed. I will be sworn in as a president of the Miami the
League of Cities, something that I must decide and I wanted to decide with the council is I
decide what the priority is going to be, but it's going to be a county wide priority but clearly it
would be a priority that will greatly impact as well.

One of the initiatives I thought about is the River Compact initiative because that deals with
sea level rides, deals with the algae. It could all be tied in together. When we met with Francis
Suarez I've already spoken to the Jeromy Participant. I mean their river is amazing. Anyway I
mean it really tackles a lot of big municipalities. I really think that this could really be a wow
for us. I just have to think about it through and if you guys have any ideas, e-mail the clerk
because I want to hear them because I have to start planning already what that's going to look
like and how I'm going to make that come to life. I'm starting next month I will be going to
almost every council meeting in all 34 cities in [unintelligible 02:15:47] county. I will be
attending almost every single one of them more than once just because we need their buy in to
work through us with this whole initiative. I'm working on that as well. To hopefully bring back to the village. I really believe the River Compact initiative would be good.

The other company that has reached out or board is the film entertainment board which I also sit on. The state of Florida really dropped all of the incentives for film, which is why Georgia gets a lot of money for film and the gentleman, the actor which I can't remember his name. He built a huge studio in Georgia.

[crosstalk] That's exactly it. He was a speaker at the 5,000 Role Model last year, actually this year. I say that to say that that's another probably something that I may want to be my focal point. Again, I have not made the decision but I'm asking you all if you have an idea that you think could be a collaborative effort, because I have to get the buy in of all 34 counties. Well probably 32 because two are not members of the league. Okay. Do not forget the best practices. I think the schedule came out today, an e-mail. There's a couple of really good ones. One of them is the best way FEMA reimbursement or debris management, a success debris management but that was good.

I'm hosting one, El Portal is hosting one and that is Lessons from Parkland, what every elected official should know. I did that in conjunction with my husband who generally helped put it together and Raul Moss who is a partner we have. We have a fantastic panel and the mayor of parkland is on it. That's going to be my panel, El Portal's panel. That is October 18th. It's a Thursday this year, because we noticed everybody was leaving early on a Friday so it's a Thursday. If you guys can go you really should go. Also the Miami league of cities Yallah wherein I would be sworn in is May 4th. I sent an e-mail today and manager I still forgot [unintelligible 02:17:55] May the 4th be with you. I sent an e-mail to Marco Rubio office they should be like, "Hey really, how do you know that is a no?"

[laughter] [crosstalk]

May 4th. FEMA refund. I wanted to follow up at Marco Rubio's office so I can see what is going on. They can't forget us. The clerk mentioned to me today that the DPO girls are seeking information. Have they e-mailed you.

Participant: DPO, no. They haven't.

Participant: They are leaking some information on street signs. You may want to call Gabriel or Monica tomorrow, that was on my notes.
Participant: They usually call me but okay.

Participant: That's what I said.

Participant: Okay.

Participant: Something that the manager missed and I want to be sure to cover it because we spent some time in it, is a really good emergency preparedness plan. We sat there and we looked at about three or four, the municipalities and Cora Deino actually who used to be our urban planner, and now sits on the board at the league with me. He is one of the people that could help us with that. It might work out, we'll see but we are working on that. It's not like we are not doing that [unintelligible 02:19:10] really like one two three four so that none of us are in the dark.

I'm going to close it on citizen Academy. I've noticed that our residents get information from everywhere except from us, and it's really important that we deliver transparency as much as possible. While we think that we are our residents don't think that we are in the manner that they'd like to see it. I've been looking at Citizens Academy and I know anomaly gears to police but there's also a citizen Academy to government process.

I haven't decided if I'm going to put that in with a meet me Monday. I haven't decided but the citizen Academy is something that I've always thought would be good. Now that I think some of our residents are really active and they really are. I want them to get the information from us, and more importantly, I want them to understand what that process looks like because it's not just like we arrived here on the fourth Tuesday of the month, and we come up with all this. There is such a process involved and I'm hoping that as they are aware of the process, two things will happen.

Next door will be mitigated, and maybe more people be inclined to come to meetings, because they will realize that their voice does matter, but their voice has to be channeled for the greater good. It can't be channeled for one person. It's got to be channeled for the greater good. In an effort to hopefully really engage with a lot of new residents, a lot much more than I even realized, and I learned that in the last seven days, I got a lot of phone calls on public safety.

I think Citizens Academy is really, really important, and I hope that you all, if you have an idea for it, again, this is something I have in my pencil there's nothing, there's no bullet points to it. I don't have a date or anything, but I want it to be super well publicized and maybe something that we do one a quarter and hopefully the village continues because what better
than to create our ambassadors of residents that believe in us who they elect, and they hear from us exactly what we do, how we do it, when we do it, and we're as transparent as we can possibly be, because I do believe that we do the best that we can with what we have, for the most part, or most of us. That concludes my mayor's report, right? Hold on. Yes. Norman Powell. Thank you.

Participant: Your attorney's report I'll keep it as general as possible. Working backwards in reference to the Sanctuary Project. I just received the e-mail correspondence from the attorney Ryan Artlive for the project suggesting clarification tweaks to the alcohol ordinance. I didn't have an opportunity to get back with him today, but I did forward the proposed tweaks to Juan and Juan and I will speak about that tomorrow, and Mayor may not show up as a recommendation when we take it up in October. Generally, for the past month, I'm just going to highlight some of the things that's going on with the law firm in the village attorney capacity.

Continuing to work with each of the committees for the committee meetings, resolutions and working with the consultants. Spent a lot of time, obviously as the mayor alluded to earlier, dealing with theme of public records, request issues with the Miami Herald, which seems to be ongoing. I spoke with reporter today. She said she may still have some tweaks. So to answer your question, there may be some more requests coming on that front. We've continued to labor through the Pannonia issue with the subject of sewer invoicing and reconciling that with the amendment request and the [unintelligible 02:23:03] that will be required to the loan that we had from the state.

Also dealing with the probate matter concerning judge mayor. I've had several conversations unfortunately with judgment Mayors mom, and the attorney concerning the villages, housing or storage of all of that personal property which are mostly firearms and ammunition. Generally looked at the lien search process have monitored the ongoing litigation which is starting to heat up concerning the village. Officer Olivia who was let go several years ago that's being handled obviously by outside counsel through the League of cities, but in a village attorney capacity I've continued to monitor what's going on with it. Let's see what else. I think that's pretty much it. Everything else is probably going to be more trendy client, so we'll just keep that general.

Participant: Okay. Thank you. Unfinished business in general, or the only thing I had is I sent the clerk an e-mail and I don't remember if I got a response back from her yet, but you all are here. I asked if we can do the swearing-in on a certain date. Date was November 8th, I think. I just wanted to confirm that it's good with all of you.
Participant: I responded to her on that.

Participant: I didn't get it.

Participant: Is it good with you?

Participant: Yes. I also I'm working on [unintelligible 02:24:35]

Participant: 48 hours after the election is good, so on November 8th, I don't [crosstalk]

Participant: It's a Thursday [crosstalk]

Participant: Good for you. Okay. So I'll just confirm with Ivus and Mortar.

Participant: I was coming in like seven if that would be fine.

Participant: That would be fine.

Participant: Driving or flying?

Participant: Flying

Participant: Well you have a little over a month to find an earlier ticket.

Participant: I don't think that's [unintelligible 02:25:21]

Participant: Okay, let the clerk know. Any other unfinished business on general order? Hearing none. Any new business? Hearing none. Good and welfare? No good and welfare. Thank you for staying at this time, do I have a motion to adjourn?

Participant: I move motion.

Participant: Second.

Participant: Motion's been made by council person Roman, it's been seconded by council person Mathis. All in favor signal by saying Aye.

Participants: Aye.
Participant: Any nays? Hearing none our September Council meeting concludes at 9:26 PM. Have a good night.

[02:25:59] [END OF AUDIO]