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Mayor Cubillos: All right. Good evening, everyone. We have quorum and we're going to go ahead and get started. Today is Tuesday, December 18th. It is currently 7:03 and we'd like to call the regular council meeting to order. If we could please have a moment of silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone: I pledge allegiance to the flag to the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor: Thank you. Madam clerk, may I please have roll call?

Clerk: Roll call. Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor: Here.

Clerk: Vice Mayor Nickerson.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Here.

Clerk: Councilperson Mathis is not here. Councilperson Dreher.

Councilperson Dreher: Present.

Clerk: Councilperson Roman will not be in. Also present for the record: Yenise Jacobi, Village clerk, Christia Alou, Village manager, Norman Powell, interim Village attorney, Jose Perez, interim chief and Irwin Williams, CFO. You have a quorum.

Mayor: Great, thank you. At this time I get a motion to approve the agenda, please.

Nickerson: Motion to approve the agenda.

Mayor: The motion's been made by Vice Mayor Nickerson. Is there a second?

Dreher: Second.

Mayor: It's been seconded by Councilperson Dreher. All in favor signal by saying aye.

Participant: Aye.

Mayor: Any nays? Hearing none, the agenda for December 18th passes. Is there a motion to approve the minutes that the clerk sent us for November 27th regular council meeting?

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Nickerson: I make a motion to approve the minutes.

Mayor: The motion's been made by Vice Mayor Nickerson to approve the minutes for November 27th, is there a second?

Dreher: Second.

Mayor: It's been seconded by Councilperson Dreher. All in favor signal by saying aye.

Participant: Aye.

Mayor: Any nays? All right, great, thank you. The minutes for the November 27th council meeting will pass. At this time we have acknowledgements of visitors and special presentations. Today we have a El Portal resident who is six- or seven? Six, and her name is Leah Jade Chase, and she did a project in her school, she built an El Portal community. When I saw the project, I asked her to come, I asked her mom if she would come present it to us because I thought it was incredibly cute.

She designed the El Portal community according to how she sees it on the board, so if I can ask her and her mom Chante, I don't know if her teacher's here? Oh, okay. If you wanted to come up to the podium and tell us a little bit about your project-- and look at that, Officer Owen is here. She says Officer Owen is her officer.

[laughter]

Participant: We cleaned off her shoes to protect [inaudible 00:03:05]

Mayor: Oh, yes, we were--

Participant: Protect and serve, right?

Mayor: Oh, you're shoeless. It's at the front door?

Participant: Not anymore.

Mayor: You have red socks on, it's perfect.

[background conversation]

Participant: Great Christmas socks, holiday socks.

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[background conversation]

Nickerson: You could probably put that-- spread it out.

Mayor: Yes, spread it out so--

Nickerson: Do you want to put it up here?

[background conversation]

[laughter]

Mayor: That's what I just said to Councilperson Dreher. I'm like, "Where's the subject and services line?" All right, where'd she go?

Nickerson: I think she went to get shoes.

Mayor: Isn't it cute?

Nickerson: Yes, it's really good. Really good.

Mayor: Very nice.

Nickerson: Look at the projects that we have them do today. You know, it's crazy.

[background conversation]

Mayor: Cool. You saw the quality?

[background conversation]

Mayor: All right, Leah, so if I could please have you go to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Leah: My name is Leah and I'm six years old. My address is [inaudible 00:05:00] Street. Good evening everyone, my name is Leah. I am six years old. Thank you Mayor Cubillos for inviting me to present my project. Today I'm going to do my map. We have been learning about maps and cardinal directions at my school and this is one of my projects.

Mayor: What's the name of your school?

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Leah: Academy of Knowledge Preparatory.

Mayor: Very nice.

[background conversation]

Mayor: Yes, did you want to hold it for them maybe?

Participant: Do you want to talk through your map? Show them your favorite part of the map?

Leah: My map is the one with the star on it. [inaudible 00:05:57] we have two dogs which are right here, and my tree is [inaudible 00:06:11] and there's Officer Owen--

[laughter]

[unintelligible 00:06:20] at my house, and north of me is my uncle [unintelligible 00:06:29] house. I mean west of me. East?

Participant: West.

Leah: West of me is my uncle [unintelligible 00:06:36] house. North of me [unintelligible 00:06:40] and east of me is [unintelligible 00:06:43] It's supposed to be south of me because [inaudible 00:06:50]

Participant: That's Little River Canal.

Leah: What?

Participant: A canal.

Leah: A canal, and then--

Participant: Officer Owen fell, hold on.

Nickerson: That's somebody else.

Participant: Oh, there's Officer Owen--

Mayor: That's Mr. [unintelligible 00:07:06] walking the dog, okay. Very nice. Look at your legend over there.

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Leah: My map key. I have north, west, east and south, and [inaudible 00:07:20] the park.

Mayor: Where's the park?

Leah: Right here.

Mayor: On the map?

Leah: On the map the park, right here.

Mayor: Keep going. Whoa, we live in 50? That's a little far.

[laughter]

Leah: My house is the star [unintelligible 00:07:55] and the dogs [unintelligible 00:07:57] and the trees [unintelligible 00:08:00] the school over there, the water, the canal, and now this blue house is [unintelligible 00:08:22]

Mayor: Well, I think you did a great job.

[applause]

Congratulations. Did you get an A? [unintelligible 00:08:36] Good.

Leah: Thank you everyone.

Mayor: Oh, you're welcome.

Participant: Thank you, Leah.

[applause]

Mayor: Thanks for coming.

Participant: Oh, you're welcome.

Mayor: Leah, let's get a picture with you over here. Leah, we want to take a picture with you over here.

Leah: Okay.

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Mayor: Councilperson Dreher. Would you like Christa, our manager and attorney to come too?

Participant: What about Officer Owen?

Mayor: Oh, Officer Owen. Oh, my goodness. Officer Owen, you're the star of her map. Wait, do you want Mommy in there?

Leah: No.

Mayor: She doesn't want Mommy in the picture. Wait, Officer Owen [unintelligible 00:09:33] Congratulations, good job. All right, high five. Good job.

Participant: Thank you.

Mayor: All right. Next we have good and welfare. If anybody would like to come up with regards to any issue on the agenda or the Village, this is the time to come up. Then we'll ask you to keep it to three minutes please. The clerk will time it.

Speaker 1: Good evening again, my name is, [inaudible 00:10:33] I live at 300 Northwest 11th Street here in the Village of El Portal. I just wanted to take a minute to say, Merry Christmas, happy holidays, merry everything to everyone. I would also like to take a moment and say a special thank you to officer Owen. Yes, we are partial. Officer Owen has been in our life for probably as long as he's been on the force, but special he's to us because he really does take protective serve to a whole another level. My daughter, she hosted 11 girls for a sleepover on Saturday night.

I'm still tired to say the least, but on Sunday morning I figured it would be great to show our guests as good hosts through our Village. We live right across the street from the nature trail. I flagged down Officer Owen, he blocked the street so that my 12 little ones could walk across the street, got us across the nature trail safely. On the other side of the nature trail he met us with candy canes and Michael Jackson playing over the loudspeaker Santa Claus is coming to town. Because we just never hear about the good thing and it's good and welfare. I wanted to take a moment to let you know about sometimes the unsung heroes and the people that do things that don't require any acknowledgement. He did not know that I was going to stand up here and he's probably turning red in the back. I just wanted to say, you know what it is, the most wonderful time of the year. For people who protect them for serving, especially our officers in the community. From one resident to those who serve us, we just want to say thank you.

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Mayor: Thank you.

[applause]

Veronica: She usually is. Good evening. My name is Veronica Lamar, I live at 420 North West 90th Street. My issue is a roofing issue. I am trying to redo my room and I currently have the tower roof. I wanted to go to shingles, but my understanding I can't do that, is that any kind of way-- It's a matter of finances. It's more cost effective for me to do the shingle versus the barrel.

Mayor: Veronica, right? Our committee meetings start in January-

Speaker: January 22nd.

Mayor: January of the first and the third Tuesdays we meet as a committee. My recommendation is you'll have to go through the front desk, you have to go through the manager and fill out what we call a variance packet and then they'll guide you with the steps that you need to do. Just stay on top of it because our variances can pile up or what have you. Then you'll have to come to the meeting and you can take it from there. I think it's code enforcement or planning and zoning?

Christia: Planning and zoning. It'll be January 22nd.

Mayor: Important to know that to get on that agenda, I know it's the holidays, but you might want to start like fill out the paperwork and calling the front desk, or calling the manager and start a process of the paperwork, because it takes a little time. It's not going to happen-- if you want to get on the agenda I know. I know it seems really far away, but it'll be right before we know it.

Veronica: What are my chances, because if my chances are slim, it's like what's the point?

Mayor: I've been on here a few years and I have seen a lot of barriers for shingles not past. It is by code. It's something that the committee is going to come together and give you their recommendation and they may or may not pass. If it passes committee, then it goes to the full council and then you have five-

Veronica: So what's the [unintelligible 00:14:48]

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Mayor: It's one of those things that when it's the code, it's the code, it's the law. For there to be a variance, and to prove hardship, that is where it's been a little sticky for us because how do you distinguish one from the other and you might have a neighbor who has tiled roof and they're going to be like, "We made the extra effort. We took on a loan." It's really by case by case scenario. There's some members of the council that are sticklers and they don't really approve any variances. Then there's a couple of other that I've been a little more flexible, but at the end of the day, it's the code.

It has to go out to your neighbors, and they'll have the opportunity to opine on whether or not it's something that they would like to see. Correct me if I'm wrong, but to be able to put shingles in your home, in the Village of El Portal, you must have shingles already. If you have tile to go to shingles, that's not part of the code, you must [crosstalk]

Veronica: I got you. I have the tiles. I understand. Worth the try.

Mayor: No, absolutely Veronica. What was your address?

Veronica: 420 North West 90th Street. Okay. All right. Okay. All right. Thank you.

Merlin: Merlin Brooks, 400 North East 90th Street. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for a pleasant year, wishing you and your family, and the members of the community of course, a merry, merry Christmas and a happy and a blessed new year. Hope that we will get under the umbrella of peace on earth, goodwill towards all men. Thank you.

Mayor: Same to you. Thank you. Yes, just name and address for the record please.

Anthony: Good evening my name is Anthony Pantanal. My address is 48 North East 88th Street. My wife and I moved to the neighborhood about a year and a half ago. We purchased a house here, and we love the neighborhood. One request that we made as soon as we moved in was for street lights and we haven't heard back anything yet. I was wondering if that is something that will be addressed anytime soon. There's just entire blocks that have no light. Ours has two street lights, but if you want to take a walk at night it's pretty sketchy because you can't see far.

Mayor: Anthony I apologize. What's your address?

Anthony: 48 North East 88th Street.

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Christa: I can speak to that. Hello and welcome to El Portal. The Village manager had a lot of experience with the lighting here in the Village. That is an FPL matter, but we'll work with the residents to lobby for more lighting on that street. We have asked for more lighting on that street already as well as the North East 90th Street. It has one light. We've been back and forth with our contact at FPL and we will add your request to the list, whether it happens or not, I cannot make that promise, but we can work together to ask for it and hopefully get on their priority list.

Anthony: Can I reach FPL and request this?

Christa: Yes, you should do it and I will do it. We can email and do that together. I've done that for 87th Street over here. Even when the lights go out, we have to ask them, "Please come back and put the lights back on or change the volt or fix the--". They don't know unless we make the request. Let's work together, and I [unintelligible 00:18:58] you can email me tomorrow.

Anthony: Okay perfect. Then-

Mayor: I have a quick question about that. Are there light bulbs with no light or there's just no light bulbs?

Anthony: No, there is no post at all. Three of them, they're far between. Some of the neighbors will turn on their lights and it helps a little bit, but not all of them. We're trying our best to do that. We were thinking about putting a wall and have spotlights on it to help a little bit. Of course not everybody's going to do that, and so if you turn the corner, it's complete darkness and if you want to take a walk at night with a beautiful weather.

Mayor: I don't like to be the bearer of bad news here, but a resident sent me a text message and it was a post that came out on a social media next door. Because there was a resident at 87th Street complaining there was too much light because what happens is that there are residents that move to this town because it's a bird sanctuary, and it being a bird sanctuary there is a limitation to lighting at night because that preserves the bird sanctuary status. There are residents that do not like light. We struggle with that because--

Mayor: You are 100% correct.

Anthony: I think public safety comes first in the constitution.

Mayor: In the order of hierarchy, right.

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Anthony: I love the birds and we pass by here a lot to see them, but that's the thing, seeing them with light would be better I think. My neighbor across the street from us said that at night sometimes the light can be a little bit too bright going into his house. I understand that but maybe having a system where it only shines down in that sideways, I mean there's ways to I think enforce that.

Just one quick issue, we're the only community that didn't do anything for the holidays. You go to Miami Shores and there's Christmas decorations. Are we anti-Christmas or holidays or is there a reason or this is a strange year? I think everybody started their own lighting tonight.

Mayor: No, no, no. Well, El Portal Woman's call posted a movie night last Saturday. I think December 8th.

Anthony: It was the same that we had the Christmas tree lighting.

Mayor: We generally do the Christmas tree. I can tell you in the last couple of years, we have done a little more. This year, the council and by this year I mean this fiscal year that started October 1st. As a result of Arma and all the expenses and the dissatisfaction from the residents with the cost and the loan, we opted to cut back activities. Generally, in the last couple of years, we bought a 16-foot tree. The fire truck comes and then Santa Claus would come. We did more lighting. We did a little more the last couple of years. This year we were a little bit more conservative and we're hoping that that will not be the case for next year.

Anthony: Okay. Perfect.

Mayor: Thank you, Anthony. Anybody else we're going to walk for? Hi. Okay. Hearing none, there are no agenda items or resolutions, no ordinance to pass in the month of December. My mayor's report is to echo the sentiments of Ms. Brookes. We're going to have a really busy 2019. We have a lot going on. It's the month of December and the emails don't stop with regards to a lot of things.

With regards to FEMA, it's actually been great. There's been a lot of activity with emails going back and forth. They seem to be working really diligently which I'm really impressed about the amount of emails with questions that they're asking just to get information so that they can process all of the applications and towns needs quickly. That's been really positive.

We also are preparing our legislative priorities which of course is going to be to continue the septic-sewer and the storm water and funding for the Police Department. 2018 was definitely one which brought a whirlwind of change and some- just a lot of change. I echo what Ms.

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Brook said and I am looking forward to 2019. I encourage you all, the newsletter comes out on Friday.

It will be distributed this weekend. It's a pretty hefty newsletter. I specifically asked every department head to give us like an end-of-the-year letter. There's a letter in there from the attorney, there's a letter from the manager, there's a letter from the clerk. There's just a lot of the recycling schedule for next year is on, everything's on there. It's a pretty hefty letter and the letter from the interim chief is on there.

It's a pretty hefty newsletter that would be out-delivered this weekend. Usually, each of us takes our street and we have a couple of volunteers, children- not children. They're 20 but children to me, will be delivering the newsletter. I really encourage you all to take time to look through it because it took a really long time to put that together and it's all information-based. Then there's some pictures of Christmas that we did.

The pictures of Christmas made it on there. The newsletter will get delivered every quarter. A resident had reached out to me back in September, She wanted to do an article. She ended up doing an article and the article ended up being about the mayor and the council. Actually, that article is actually in lieu of my message there, so there's not a message from me, it's a message from- and that coming out in the front of the newsletter.

It's a pretty nice newsletter. We went back 10 years and we put some photos in there just like parents, a lot of these kids in the community are so big now. We see them there in pictures and they're really little, so it neat to have to see that evolution of life. I encourage you that as the year goes on, really these newsletters take a lot of time, take time and read them because if you can't make the meetings, there's a lot in there as it relates to what we are trying to do, and we can't do without your support.

I wish you all a very, very, very Merry Christmas, a Happy Holidays and happy Kwanzaa. I hope that all of you that are here this evening continue coming because I think it's important that you come to regular meetings so that we're all informed and we know what's going on. It's really hard to come to one meeting a year and try to really grasp some of the things that we do.

I can tell you as I have mentioned, and I'll mention it again that this being my last term, I'm really hoping that we can do a lot more to really be able to bridge areas that need to be bridged and really move the Village and the area that it needs to go, because there's a lot going on. We all really need to work together to be prepared for what's ahead of us in terms of development.

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We need to be sure that we have things that we never lose our quaint Village. Development is important for economic purposes but we never want to lose who we are, what we are and the gem that we've become. With that said, I am always available and at the newsletter, all my information is on there to be able to get a hold of me. I try to be incredibly accessible, and I will continue to be incredibly accessible. I encourage and ask each and every single one of you to always call. Hold us accountable by calling us, email us and ask us questions. If we don't answer them, then shame on us and you go out there and hold us accountable but really give us an opportunity and ask us. Just ask us where we're coming from. On Friday, I will be emailing the committee assignments.

The committee assignments change every year. They will be emailed out to the clerk and the manager and the attorney. Everybody will get it on Friday. That concludes my report and I want to thank- she left. I wanted to thank Leah. When I spoke to this mother and I mentioned [unintelligible 00:27:17] many of you in the audience have children.

If your kids do projects like this, I think it's really that we do this once in a while. I think it just sheds light to the meeting and it encourages these little kids to see what we all are doing here. We are here for the children more than anything because they are the future. With that said, that concludes my report. I wish you all a wonderful and blessed and joyous and safe holiday season. Please read the report from Public Safety because this is the time that we have to be ever so more careful when we're out there. I will move it on to the Manager.

Christa: Thank you Mayor. I am going to just be brief. It's nice to get home early but I just want you to be aware of what's happening here in the Village. As the Mayor said we are in the review phase of the FEMA reimbursement process. It's good that we are getting a lot of questions. There's a lot of back and forth, which is good to answer any concerns they may have or any questions about the various categories for that reimbursement, DPMO which is our FEMA consultant.

We are considering some fees for copy and administrative time because we are also getting a lot of public requests, or public records request based on that FEMA submission. As you know, Public Safety is really has been our focus over this last couple of months because of contagious, but also the assessment. We hired an independent assessment team to come in and assess our small department to find some ways to improve the department,

to see where we're falling short and why we're unable to address the needs of the citizenry. We've done some good preliminary recommendations but the assessments continues. Last week we were working on personnel files. These are things that were not even in existence or

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were not substantive, or did not have the requisite forms and certificates, and those types of things, but we're addressing all that now.

It's been labor-intensive, so we're continuing with those assessments. We're hoping to have a final meeting with the team to review this at the end of this month. The Public Safety Committee hosted a meet-and-greet for our new Interim Chief, Jose Perez on December 5th which was well attended. Overall, the overall outcome was very positive. I'm glad to see the community came out to support our new interim chief as he applies all his experience and knowledge in helping us address our department and improving our public safety on Village wide. Again, the consulting team is working with us as well, so he'll be addressing a lot of those needs, but also he's doing he's own improvement analysis of climb during the holiday season and looking at what we are doing right, but also where we can make improvements with our staffing. With that, we've already put out job opening listings with InDeed, and Monster and other websites to hire reserve officers as well as part time officers. We're not ready for a full time or we have a need for the reserve officers who can help us tremendously with our shifts and coverage as well as part timers.

We're getting some good resumes and we'll hopefully be making some additions to our staff in the new year. Interim Chief Perez also provide holiday safety tips on our Village website, please check that out. Again, be the eyes and the ears of the Village because we can't be everywhere but we do need our citizens to participate and let us know what's happening out there on the streets. If you see suspicious vehicles or people, just alert us. Let us know because we have to work this together to prevent crime and to utilize our data so that we can address crime and problem areas that we haven't been able to address in the past.

We've also been meeting with other municipal police chiefs and managers to get this practice, and then to establish relationships with those partners to encourage and to just reinforce our mutual aid that we've been receiving and that we will increase in the future. As I said, we will be making some hiring changes, some additions to our force in the coming year. What else is happening here in the Village? There's so much besides the public safety, we continue to do our code enforcement and permitting, and our code enforcement officer, Carlos Garcia and our public work staffer, Robert [unintelligible 00:32:29] attended an in-house training where we had Florida with the cities come out and train them by walking through our park, with public spaces, and teaching them how to identify safety issues and maintenance issues and things that could be helpful.

Also identifying funding opportunities for our parks, because we don't have parks and rec department, but we have staffers who were the eyes and ears, and they are out here everyday,

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so there are small things that we can do to improve. [unintelligible 00:33:07] to me, and if you are interested, then I will provide that to you all as well, but we'll try to address those things and look at the recommendations and also do the fiscal analysis that we're able to do things, but we can always do things in small ways to help our parks and public spaces. Administrative staff again has been added [unintelligible 00:33:34] to our front desk who has been a breath of fresh air in terms of-- Not that we had any bad air but just that she has fit in well with our team and brings a lot of experience and more office management by building clerk role and is doing very well in her training and she'll be flying solo by the end of this month so we're excited about our new staffing. That concludes my report.

Mayor: Any questions for the manger?

Nickerson: No.

Mayor: Our attorney.

Jose: Mine is going to be for the most parts of next year where we continue to work to finalize the assessment with the consultant. Again, our police department, it's in draft stage so we've been analyzing that, we are going top meet later on towards the end of this month to finalize that with the consultant which we will make a report at the Public Safety Committee. We're also moving forward, we're trying to finalize the relationship going forward with Penoni, and also working with the school board and contacts there to finalize the location of the pump station. I'll just keep it brief and then next month when we get more of these items finalized, the report will be more explicit.

Mayor: Okay great. There's no unfinished business and new business so go to welfare. Let me open it up for them, and then, yes. Anybody for good and welfare in the public? I wanted to welcome, we have the newest member of El Portal was born when, September? October? Welcome. I see that you're bringing the very nice, you guys are back. You guys we're gone for a little while. Very nice to see you. No good and welfare? Go ahead, state your name and address for the record please.

Matthew: Matthew Webb, 150 North East 87th Street. I'm not sure if this is the format. I may have missed a couple of meetings but what's the update on the [unintelligible 00:35:47] I hadn't heard anything about that for a while.

[laughter]

Wrong question?

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Mayor: The council of the attorney and we, have worked really hard to push everything forward at the October meeting. It was the second reading for the alcohol ordinance and it passed, so it allowed us the opportunity for them to post or have a restaurant there which is one of the things that they're looking to do. We've gotten a phone call from them with regards to what's going on. They don't really want to alarm or over worry us but it's a beautiful property. El Portal is a place where it seems like everybody wants to be right now. They're supposed to start January but they have been made some offers. I'm not going to deliver this anything else right now. We'll know more in January. It's almost like you read my email. This literally like just feel on my lap and I called Christa and I am like, what? We don't really have anything more than that.

Matthew: I just want to say that I support the project. I think some development in that area will be much welcome. I understand that this is a Village and people want to maintain how it is at the moment and we love the fact that it is a quiet oasis from some of the other development that's happening around but I think the city could really benefit from a development such as that. Maybe it's with that developer, maybe with something else. I certainly hope that it moves forward in some format and I hope other residents support it too.

Mayor: They were here June, July. We didn't have a meeting in August and then they were here in October. We had a lot of resident turn out. It was about 50-50 with the feel of what's going to go there, we even passed a special exception to a lot of the opportunity to have special events and a music forum. There's going to be one restaurant also as well there and then offices and art studios. From a lot of feedback from the residents, we narrowed it down to the resolution where based on the amount of people the events would have, it would require a police officers in off duty. We were so specific with the language to be sure that it didn't say security guard, it said police officer. We really tried to accommodate what the residents were asking what they wanted and we got it all done by October. Hopefully that will be a blessing and a Christmas present for us that they start something in January.

Matthew: Thank you.

Mayor: It will probably be in the January council meeting. It will probably come up there. Thank you for asking. Nice seeing you Matthew. Happy holidays. Good and welfare, anybody else?

Clerk: Also present for the record, Councilperson Mathis.

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Mayor: Welcome. I know the committee reports were not on here. Did the council want to share anything?

Speaker 2: The Septic to Sewer, I keep reminding everybody and I appreciate all the work. There was an article as you know from the residents here. We embarked to trying to make sure we can move forward with the Septic to Sewer project. A lot of this project depends on securing a funding. Last time we spoke, we had agreed to move forward with February request, right?

Mayor: FDEP funding.

Speaker 2: FDEP, just to make sure we're on the funding list. I did run through an article. This is one of the QC Magazine we receive, and there's an actually an article on a city they're going green and they're basically talking about their Septic to Sewer project. They were able to implement this on a timely manner. As well just want to bring a couple of items that are important, it does touch feedback on funding. They actually went through a couple of friends, sources, and funding in addition to what we're looking for.

I just want to give it a highlight that there is additional funding out there according to this article and perhaps we can explore that as well in the upcoming year. It's a great article and how villages are moving forward with green. I just want to say thank you to our council member Nickerson for showing up and talking with the principal. Next steps I understand we're trying to secure some time with the school board.

We sent an email to Ms. Cowart who is the administrator for District 38 Representative, but I know other members on the council have had some direct contact with her. If there is a relationship as well or communication from your side Madam Mayor, that would greatly facilitate the conversation with the school board and sometimes we've had some meeting with our school representative.

District 38 will definitely appreciate your support on that as well, touching bases with our representative. I want to say thank you Christia for following up, I know there has been a lot of stuff going on as well with public safety and other areas, but appreciate it for helping following up with the school board. That's pretty much my quick summary.

Mayor: Okay. Vice Mayor Nickerson?

Nickerson: No, just happy holidays to everybody. Merry Christmas to everybody. It's always a pleasure guys and talking about everybody else here. Just keep going and continue to come together and improve the Village. Thank you to all of you guys [unintelligible 00:42:16]

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Mayor: Thank you Vice Mayor. Councilperson Mathis?

Mathis: [inaudible 00:42:23]

Mayor: Manager, clerk, we are all good? Okay. If none, may I have a motion to adjourn?

Nickerson: Motion to adjourn.

Mayor: Motion is made by Vice Mayor Nickerson and second by Councilperson Dreher. All in favor signify by saying aye.

Participant: Aye.

Mayor: Any nays? Hearing none, the December 18th meeting concludes at 7:45. Now, this is my first.

[00:42:47] [END OF AUDIO]

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