Chair: I will call to order the Public Works Committee meeting Tuesday, May 7th at 8:18. We've already handed over the called order on the sanitation and [unintelligible 00:00:13] may I get a roll call, please?

Speaker 2: Yes. Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Here.

Chair: All right, Salesperson Roman.

Roman: Here.

Speaker 2: Chairperson Mathis?

Mathias: Present.

Speaker 2: Also, present, internal village attorney Norman Powell. Village manager Christine Alou and some other members of the council who are not on the committee. Partners and friends.

Chair: Can I get everything I need additions to [unintelligible 00:00:46] to the agent? You're not going to get a [unintelligible 00:00:52] for an agent.

Mayor: I'll make a motion to approve. Do we approve the minutes?

Chair: [unintelligible 00:00:57]

Speaker 2: Just like, wow when did that happen? I didn't understand how [inaudible 00:01:04]

Chair: It's been moved by me and Cubillios, seconded by Counsel person Roman. All in favor?

Together: Aye.

Chair: [unintelligible 00:01:16] the minutes for March 5th.

Mayor: Can we take a vote? I haven't read them I apologize, I'm usually good about that but, I don't know why.
Chair: Can I get a motion to?

Mayor: I'll make a motion to table the minutes [unintelligible 00:01:36] please.

Speaker 3: I'll second.

Chair: [unintelligible 00:01:40] second, all in favor?

Mayor: Aye.

Speaker 3: Aye

Chair: All oppose?

Speaker 4: Nay.

Chair: We'll go right into the [unintelligible 00:01:48] and I'll check on the report on each [inaudible 00:01:50]

Speaker 2: Miss. Robert.

Chair: [unintelligible 00:01:58] I know that we had gotten a call from our lobbyists with regards to monies. Christine, did they speak to you? Can you give us an update? I don't think that we made it this year or not.

Christine: With our projects?

Chair: Yes.

Christine: Yes. Sadly, we were not funded but our lobbyist was planning to come to our next council meetings to get more detailed report of their experience in Tallahassee this legislative season, and for us to plan and strategize about what we can do for next year.

Chair: I also spoke to Jason who's at [unintelligible 00:02:48] office the entire evening. He said, this is a fight that you can't go on, off and he is going to give us something. Mayor do you want to touch on something?

Mayor: No, work never stops just because session ends doesn't mean our work ends. In fact, if concession is over then we probably should do most of the work. I did get a call from Charlie
from Commissioner, Excuse me, Congressman Federico's office with regards to something possibly coming up but I have not gone to follow up.

With regards to maybe some federal money to help with septic to sewer on a more regional aspect, but I haven't done anything more than that. I really haven't shared it to up there out there. If I get anything more concrete, I will share with the manager.

Chair: Counsel person Roman?

Roman: Nothing from me.

Chair: Did we have follow up on the potholes management [inaudible 00:04:07]

Roman: In terms of?

Chair: Them being filled?

Roman: Yes, they're filled by our staff here. Code enforcement officer Carlos Garcia and Robert [unintelligible 00:04:18] who does maintenance in public works space to fill pot holes.

Mayor: I have a question. Yes, they do it because that's what we can afford is put a bandaid on the situation. How many potholes do we have that require professional whatever you call that? Repotting? What does that cost look like? For us to plan on potentially eventually fixing it because it's going to cost us you know, 4000, 3000, 1000, 1000 eventually, we have to know what the totality is. Do we have 25 and each one is costing us 10,000? Can we get that somehow?

Roman: Yes, we can.

Mayor: That will help us plan, and whether it's through CBGT, or whether it's through CITT, or there's so many other avenues, maybe.

Roman: If I may I agree. We're just putting a bandaid on a big problem, and we don't have the funding to do road resurfacing or repair it in the way that would be significant enough to cure that. What I am doing is I just sent him a request for our local gas tax option to do some road repair. I'm hoping to do that in North East Second Avenue which was something came from our comp planning something was discussed with the Serbia, but also we've asked before so
we're just asking again for funding. The CBGB funding I was hoping that we will be funded on that as well to do road repair. We're waiting to hear if we-- Maybe we should just-

**Mayor:** We have to just make sure because aside from this CITI held as collateral to payback potential loan, did we not use to have tax as well?

**Roman:** We're holding on to [unintelligible 00:06:19]

**Mayor:** There is a contract that I signed that went to the state that says that if and when this-- because there are portions of money that has been given that we didn't use and then can only has been paid. There's a portion that we're going to have to pay if we get the loan and pay. There are monies that we obligated and I know it's CITI, although I didn't agree with it, but I don't have a contract in front of me. I thought it was also the half tax gas. We really need to take a look at that.

**Roman:** Well, from what I understand we're not touching that because of loan repayments. They want to just keep it separate, that's why we're going to other-

**Mayor:** You just mentioned half tax? Which means you get half tax-

**Roman:** I'm just asking.

**Mayor:** I get it. I don't think it is.

**Roman:** [unintelligible 00:07:04] but I will tell you this $38,000 and I'm hopeful that we can utilize it for that road but it is-

**Speaker 2:** Let's just double check what the contract says.

**Roman:** Yes. Absolutely.

**Chair:** We will utilize that not just to patch potholes as far as-

**Roman:** No, to resurface, but again understand to resurface, even a half block is going to be about $11,000. That area is so pot holed up on, I think I'd pointed out to 89th and Northeast Second.

**Mayor:** Is that something that maybe Craig Smith could do? I'm not sure Carlos and Robert have that capability. Can Craig Smith do a survey of the Albert [unintelligible 00:07:44] and
let us know which A, it's really bad potholes that can ruin tires. B, is this, C, is this, and what the totality is in terms of cost?

**Roman:** I agree. No, Carlos and then Martin, we don't have that capacity, but I could ask Craig Smith to do that.

**Chair:** I know before the county was assisting us with good filling potholes.

**Roman:** Not that I'm aware of.

**Mayor:** Well, that's why if we had something in concrete writing that like, "Hey, we went out and you, you and you gave us bids and then this is the middle of the road, we're in a better position to ask for money. We don't have that right now.

**Roman:** Well, on some of those county roads, so-

**Chair:** That's why I was saying that I know that at one point the county and [crosstalk]-

**Mayor:** Well we only have two county roads, and they're not bad [unintelligible 00:08:36]

**Chair:** I know, but some of the-- I remember when they were doing some of the-- What do you call it, when you're turning into the entry point?

They went ahead and there was these couple of potholes people turn and it just ripped up the road. They were filling those too?

**Speaker 7:** Mr. Chair, if I may?

**Chair:** Yes.

**Speaker 7:** Yes, because when they started-- And you're absolutely correct and the counsel person Roman. When they started what happened was when I first brought this up, there were potholes. Part of it was because the mayor, also on [unintelligible 00:09:12] got injured.

**Mayor:** Oh, running.

**Speaker 7:** Right.

**Mayor:** Actually I did get injured, I fell.
Speaker 7: This caught all these kind of story. At first we didn't use- the county didn't help us, and that was because when they will come out to a job they'd go- we wouldn't tell them, like they would just do as a courtesy like, "Oh well you guys while you're out here there's also a pothole here, here, here, and they can at least take care of it for us, and that's the way it was just like that, but I don't know about the relationship now.

Mayor: It's because Jason Walker was crafty. Now all kidding aside, we need to just get it. We need to just get the totality because you are writing. You have a fantastic memory I'd forgot about that. I should remember it was my sprained ankle but yes, we should have an idea because you never know.

Roman: I can say I have approached the county on a number of occasions with no success. I will continue to pursue some opportunity. I've spoken with [inaudible 00:10:11]

Mayor: JOB, GOB or JOB?

Roman: Yes. They said yes, we could utilize, this funding for pot hole or for this public servicing as it relates to the gas tax but I will have to go to the county again.

Chair: Hurricane season's approaching, how are we handling, tree trimming?

Roman: We are going to do around of tree trimming. That is going to be scheduled in-- When will that be, It's going to be in June. Hopefully, we'll do this in June.

Chair: Are we using the same company?

Roman: Yes, we're still using Mitchell.

Chair: They do our?

Roman: Landscaping.

Chair: We have about four today. Committee members want to touch on anything?

Mayor: Yes. Subject to sewer I called the manager on Friday if my memory serves me correctly. I got a call from [unintelligible 00:11:40] from the school board. On a way wide array of things, but predominantly because it's septic to sewer, and the major trail which she thought was already done. Anyway, long story short, we are meeting- [unintelligible
00:12:00] is that person that if you want anything done, she's got to be at the table. She's sort of [unintelligible 00:12:10] I don't remember her exact position.

She has requested a meeting. I'm behind the emails and I read it today and I've just told the manager actually when I got here. Ryda will be coming here. I asked her if she can come here to facilitate. We're meeting with her on Thursday at 11:30 here, and she wants to talk about the septic to sewer. She was here and she wants to bring in the meter show. She wants to see how we can put them both together and hopefully make this just all come to life.

She doesn't know, but she asked me to be there. She asked- I'd said [unintelligible 00:12:53] has to be here, and maybe not [unintelligible 00:12:55] I think it's only her coming. We'll find out who's coming, but she called in Friday.

**Chair:** Thursday then-

**Mayor:** No she called Thursday at 11:30. I think that's the only thing that I have. The only thing that ever probably works is the same thing that I will say like I said and called enforcement. There's a lot to be desired where it comes. The thing is that we have great ideas and I'm a supporter of all great ideas. Hey, I'm guilty of this too where I have a great idea but then it comes to life but then we don't have a plan right.

How is it going to look like in five or 10 years? I say that because I remember in 2014 we're really excited about the trash cans. We put 11 out through all of Albert town. We put six or seven benches out, we shared, the forest came to life. The science came to life, but then there's no maintenance plan. Then we're all here five years later, and things look struggling and dilapidated. I really ask the public works committee to really take a look at that. As far as what's our plan to the trash can and it requires cleaning.

They're industrial, and you can pick up the garbage every week, but if there's no plan to clean them. It's going to smell and no matter how much you pick up the garbage, it's going to smell and then they're at the surrounding area because we had to back them, we had the trash cans, there's 11 in Albert town when we had to put out there. We have first cemented on and then we had them bolted down.

We spend $20,000 putting those 11 trash cans out and throughout Albert town in 2014. We spend another $700, $800 putting four Doggie booth stations. Doggie Doo station, so but with everything it all requires maintenance. We're at the point now where it requires maintenance. I'd like the public works to really take a look at what that's going to look like as we move
forward for the new budget year, the doggie doo station, finding to replace your workforce, looks a little abandoned.

Again, not that's our fault. It's just it's the cost of life. It's the cost of the wear and tear, everybody gets old, we all get old, things get older, and will require a little more attention. As we move forward, septic to sewers is fantastic. It's right under the nature trail, it's fantastic, when that comes to life. Oh my god, there's got to be maintenance in place, I'd really like to see maintenance of what we have before we go out there be like, "Hurray, let's do more." Let's really take a look at what we have, and please share with public works too.

Let's take a look at some of the things that we have, because we have great resources for our residents, but they just don't look so great. If we can really take a look at that. I was going to bring it up in admin and finance as well, a couple of weeks, but we're all getting ready to move into the new budget year. As we move into the new budget year, these are the things we need to think about instead of needing more, instead of more, more, more.

The same thing goes for the top line. That water fountain was put in 2015 and before that, like 20 years ago there was a water fountain and they showed you maintenance plan-

**Chair:** Absolutely not, speaking of a tight line, I noticed when I was taking a tour to the apartment with [unintelligible 00:16:22]

**Mayor:** It's just, we really need to take a look at our assets and what of our assets needs proper plan of wear and tear that's again it's normal. Same thing with our building, I mean you're going through it I don't think anybody should work in the conditions where there's no one there, it's horrible. The dual trash can that's in front of the village hall I had to put it back in 2015, because sometimes it smells. Everything just requires maintenance. Everything requires maintenance. We need to just take a look at that and budget for it.

**Speaker 3:** [inaudible 00:17:01]

**Chair:** Sure.

**Speaker 3:** Just a couple things that I'm thinking of because we are in public works. There's the drainage on 98th and Northeast Second, I have the resident that lives in the corner of that. He's told me he's called, I don't know who he's called. He says he's had it uncovered and cleaned before, but it needs to be cleaned again. I don't know when you call them, if you just happen to see [crosstalk] walking the dog.
Chair: The drains cleaning?

Speaker 3: The drains so when it rains, it gets flooded because it's not clean. That's the one on my street on 98th on the corner of Northeast Second right across the street from-

Speaker 7: The surgical station?

Speaker 3: Yes.

Speaker 4: Is that on the east side?

Speaker 3: It's really on the north side, so somewhere in the shores.

Chair: No. It's upper town.

Speaker 3: It's upper town.

Chair: Two with the cosmetic-

Speaker 3: With the cosmetic.

Chair: - surgical center.

Roman: That's County, and so what I would have to do as I did on Northeast 89 Street and Northeast Second, is call [unintelligible 00:18:19] and ask him to come and clean it.

Mayor: On that note- Council woman Roman if you can give me a second, so all of the drains are county?


Mayor: How often do they come because I could remember when you first started we were doing it with a report that had to get done. Correct Irma? How often do they come and clean that?

Roman: Whenever I keep calling and begging them to come clean it.

Mayor: The other one- it would be great if there were systematic because they're all pretty bad and the other one that is horrible, and it's so funny as we all think it because it's where we live,
right but I live right attached to the school and there's one right there. I have those where my drain goes and I feel bad for the kids that are getting out of school, because it's pretty gross. Now I'm pretty short, so the water gets to my knees.

I'm sure under specific council reservoir, but if it's the ankles but water goes to my knees so that I don't know that's something that maybe when it rains, have Robert go out to all our drains. I don't know if you have a map for all our-- Counties are never going to like, the counties is wonderful

[laughter] [crosstalk]

**Roman:** Would go to the drain and clean the drain.

**Mayor:** If we have a map of all of our drains that Robert say-- Because we're going to have some rainy days in the next few days if he could go out there and all and just say manager here like these are the really bad ones and our potholes are all filled up.

**Speaker 3:** We could just put them on a maintenance schedule where Carlos or Robert can call regularly or is that call that you have to make?

**Roman:** That's a call I would have to make which we just have to stay on top of that.

**Chair:** [unintelligible 00:19:53]

**Speaker 3:** The other item that I have from our notes from our last meeting is the LED lights. We said that we were going to circle back to make sure that all of the lights, the lighting is the same. So I don't know if, I just want to give a reminder that that's something we should be doing to make sure that all of our lights are working and that, they're all the same. And to that end--

**Roman:** I can tell you too, I forgot to tell him when I found out today, the nature trail lights are out. I don't know if that's a result of the storm, probably electrician, they haven't come out yet. So that's the FYI in case we're going to keep it closed until the lights are back on over there.

**Speaker 3:** And then, speaking of the nature trail, because a resident did ask me what's happening? And your'e, so much then happening, or not happening. So I just want to get to another one--
Mayor: That has to go as a maintenance plan because that's-

Speaker 3: Yes, it needs to go into the maintenance plan. But we did get some money for that. And so can we just discuss it a little bit or what?

Mayor: No, the $20,000 that was the grant that I-- What Robert and I went in. It was $20,000 but it can only be used if it's expanded and we add gen equipment, it can't be used to fix it up.

Speaker 3: Okay. So it's that money that we still have that we can use?

Mayor: No, I just said, we have that money but we can only-- You use it to build the track, [crosstalk] once we expand the nature trail that it can be used. It can't be used to maintain.

Speaker 3: Got It. So we have to expand it first--

Mayor: We have to expand it, add the gen equipment, add the water fountain, everything that was part of the plan. Then that's how you can use it. It was a matching grant. We made the commitment that hey, Alpha Tau is got a bid of 20,000, Miami Foundation gave you 20 grand and Horace Mann was going to give us the property.

Speaker 3: Okay. So there was all--

Mayor: Horace Mann was going to rent us the property.

Speaker 3: So the hold up right now is the fact that we don't have the property yet from Horace Mann, is that correct?

Mayor: Yes.

Speaker 3: Okay. All right. I'm just putting it on the record because that was-

Mayor: Now it's been, somewhat, I don't want to say exasperated, but now, now it's septic to sewer and it's also because there's a new principal, but I think that's going to be somewhat, not really a conversation right anymore. So, players change. But this is where, it goes back to what I said at the first meeting. Things have to be in writing because it shouldn't matter if the players are there. It's what the fact is, the law it is or what we're going to do. It doesn't matter who are they, it was theirs.
Speaker 3: Right. And then the other follow up that I want to is on [unintelligible 00:22:37]. I haven't heard are we still on hold? Yes, as per the last meeting?

Chair: Yes until we get the location I don't have a mail that I should say with the school.

Speaker 3: Okay. Got It. And then, another item that we discussed was sidewalks. So it's not just the pot holes. So if we're going to have Craig Smith, take a look at the streets, I think our sidewalks are extremely important and I always talk about those because of the fact that I'm constantly- I walk my dog twice a day and I see the sidewalks are in really bad shape.

Mayor: The last time we fixed it view was at councilperson Roxanne high incentive here. We probably fixed about four sidewalks, but that just goes about like, which is to get fixed and how much money it needs.

Speaker 3: Then last but not least, what's happening with the upward tell sign? I saw it was removed. the one on North Miami Avenue, it was the one that was crashed into and now it's removed, which is great because it looked horrible. What's the status of that?

Roman: It's not going to be replaced. We're going to put the sign on the side of the road. Miami Dane County's specifying that they didn't want the sign there. [unintelligible 00:24:01] is there's and also still in negotiation with them about something else related to the bridge repair. For now, the sign is not going to be put back up, we only have to put the sign on the sides of the road, which would mean taking property from those owners on the side, which could still work. Cause that's what my insurance has done in other municipalities. Straight up on those roads up town.

Speaker 3: So just going-- Yes, I remember, I spoke to the manager about this when she first started, but I'm thinking that we should probably, since we just got a new council and new mayor, that we should probably revisit this, but there is, on 98th street and on Northeast First Avenue, the sidewalk was blocked and that happened a little bit after I moved into the village.

This probably happened in 2006, 2007 and it's the only sidewalk that is blocked between Alpha Tau and the village of Miami shores. And so, it's because I live there. [crosstalk] so there's a fence blocking a chain link fence. there was a rumor that when it first happened that it was a homeowner who paid for that from Miami shore side to put in the fence and that was the rumor. I'm not sure what happened. Obviously, I'm pretty sure Miami shores village knew about this but it's been an issue for many of us that live on that side.
Chair: The whole thing is fenced?

Speaker 3: It's fenced in, like if you're riding your bike or whatever, you've got to be careful because you can't- if somebody doesn't know the neighborhood. Now us that live in that, we know because it's been blocked but it's the only one and the residents in the area, we'd like to see that those fences come down. So I'm going to ask that that is followed up on.

Chair: So it's on 98th and first?

Speaker 3: 98th and Northeast First Avenue.

Mayor: It's a dead end?

Speaker 5: I've never noticed that.

Speaker 3: Yes

Speaker 8: Wait a minute I know why that happened. Because there was a string of baboons that were going on and they were saying that people were coming from over here and robbing Miami shores. That's why that happened. I remember that. It was a big write up in the paper and everything and all the residents that were over there were so upset about it because everyone- we haven't had any break ins.

Speaker 3: Right.

Roman: That's what they cited to me as well when I asked last year.

Speaker 8: I remember that.

Speaker 3: I'm hoping that now we can form different relationships and between the managers, or mayors, or police departments, and those fences, those walls, can come down [coughs]. That is all I have for public works.

Chair: And also, I got an email from a concerned resident with regards to blind spots and hedges and so forth. Hopefully that will be adjusted. Any other comments from committee members?

Mayor: For the manager, you might've sent an email and I may be a little behind reading emails, but did we start going to the residence with about the easement of property?
Roman: No, we haven't done that yet but we need to do that.

Mayor: Okay. We should probably write that they aren't.

Roman: But yes, I did send an email, which is-

Mayor: Okay, let's see I'll follow through, I'll email you this week about it. That's to- we have all up to date, we're all up to where we need to be for the [unintelligible 00:28:20] which at the end easement from arriving with a couple of residents in the options four. That will ease with flooding.

Chair: Anything else?

Speaker: No, just an update on checkbook point.

Chair: Council rep Roman?

Roman: No, that's it.

Chair: We're going to getting welfare, anyone?

Garcia: Hi, Ms. Garcia, from West 87th street. Potholes, yes. Do something about potholes. I jog the city regularly and I have more than one instance almost broken my ankle sadly, as well as the bike riding. I think that was the only thing that from what you guys went over. Oh, and the nature trail. I would love to see that better. The Doggie doo stations.

The other day I picked up an entire roll of doggie plastic baggies because the students decided to pull them out and use them as carpet. So, I picked it up. I rolled it all back up and shoved it back into the little station. But just be aware that when the kids get out of school, they are using them as carpet in a sense.

Mayor: Wonder if it's just- if we're going to take a look at the cost to fix it, I mean, they are probably not in great shape right now because they've been messed up. Can we just change the location of it. They don't have to be like that. It's only the one on the East side. The one on the West side, they don't bother that one.

Garcia: They don't bother that one. It's because it's right in their path to go over the bridge to the other side. So, they're kids. They do what kids do, and they literally pulled the entire thing-
- It was strewn across the avenue in a long string, so I literally just rolled it back up. Somebody laughed at me because I was sitting there rolling back up this 25ft long piece of plastic. If you could move that, that would be ideal. I would suggest that as a resident, maybe putting it on one of the other streets or even into the park, but the lights in the nature trail. That's all I can think of. Thank you.

Speaker 3: I don't know if this falls under this committee, but speaking of the West side, speaking of that park where we have the Arbor Day, that gate. That morning, when I was setting up for Arbor Day, it was just so alarming to see all those kids jumping that gate. How unsafe that is. I don't know what the solution for that is. Does the gate need to stay closed? I don't know. I fear--

Chair: They were jumping the gate?

Garcia: They do it constantly, FYI. I'm on the kayak as well all the time.

Chair: Even when it's open?

Garcia: No, no, it's closed. They climb up to the top, and they climb over, and they come down the other side. It happens regularly. Every time I'm out, I see 2, 3, 4 kids jumping over, adults jumping over. They don't want to walk the distance to come to the other side, so they actually just jump the gate. It happens all the time.

Speaker 3: It was so scary, because to me, we're going to get a call-- I'd hate to get that call one day to hear that somebody fell into the river.

Garcia: I've watched them. I've literally watched them from the river, hoping that they just don't fall over into the water--

Speaker 3: Yeah, I was there that morning and I must have seen, I'm good, and I'm not exaggerating, 20 kids do that and 10 times.

Garcia: It hardly happens rarely in the afternoons. In the evening, now, around 6:00, 7:00 o'clock at night, it happens all the time, because they just don't want to walk the distance.

Chair: So we'll need to open it in the morning for them to go to school and then we close it.

[crosstalk]
Mayor: I was actually going to ask Officer Owens: do you remember the gate for the lodge pond, is that only open from sunrise to sunset, Monday-Friday?

Owen: During school hours

Garcia: During school hours. It's closed the rest of the time.

Chair: Do we have any signs up there? Maybe we should put some signage.

Mayor: Signage has to come from the county for it to be enforced. For it actually to protect liability in any way.

Chair: That's what I'm saying that maybe we should-

Mayor: That maybe we just go to the county.

Speaker 3: We definitely need to look at what we can do to mitigate that.

Garcia: I actually thought you guys knew of this. It happens so often. It's common knowledge.

Chair: I just knew that it-- I thought that it would open between school time.

Garcia: I honestly believed it was common knowledge. I really did.

Chair: Anything else? Hearing none, can I get a motion for adjournment?

Mayor: What happened? Are we all done?

?Speaker 3: Yes.

Chair: Any one for adjournment?

?Speaker 3: Motion.

Chair: And a second?

Mayor: I'll second.

Chair: [inaudible 00:34:33] second. All in favor?
Participants: Aye.

Chair: All opposed? The community meeting ends at 8:53pm.

[00:34:44] [END OF AUDIO]