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Mayor Cubillos: I would like to go ahead and get our May council meeting to order. Today is May 22nd and it is 7:03 PM. If I could please have a moment of silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[silence]

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

Mayor Cubillos: Miss. [unintelligible 00:00:43], may I please have roll call?

Christia: Yes ma'am. Mayor Cubillos?

Mayor Cubillos: Here.

Christia: Vice Mayor Nickerson?

Nickerson: Here.

Christia: Council member Mathis?

Mathis: Here.

Christia: Council member Dreher?

Dreher: Here.

Christia: Councilperson Roman?

Roman: Here.

Christia: We have a quorum. Madam Mayor, we do have a quorum.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, great.

Christia: Sorry, also present Village Manager Christia Alou and Norman Powell, Interim Village Attorney, and Interim Chief Ronnie Hufnagel.

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Mayor Cubillos: Okay, excellent. Thank you. The agenda. A couple of things I need to add, maybe even move around, I need to add under FF1 is the swearing in of Officer Victor Riveron. I need to add H2 El Jardin update. If by the time we get there the only thing I'd request the council is after the swearing in, the first resolution, which is a TPO smart plan, will go before Comcast of El Hardin. If they are not here, I will follow the order of the agenda, which is Comcast El Jardin, and then I'll follow the resolutions. May I get a motion to approve of the agenda with those additions?

Roman: Motion.

Mayor Cubillos: Motion's been made by Councilperson Roman. May I get a second?

Nickerson: Second there.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by Vice Mayor Nickerson. All in favor say aye.

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor Cubillos: Any oppose, say nay. Hearing none, the agenda passes. At this time I need approval of the minutes from the April 23rd Council Meeting. Do the council have the opportunity to review the minutes?

Roman: Yes.

Mathis: I did not, ma'am.

Mayor Cubillos: You did not?

Mathis: No, but--

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, let's go ahead. I'll leave them until Councilperson Mathis gets in to see if they could pass, if not, they'll get moved to the June agenda. Okay, great. At this time, one of my favorite things to do is we're going to be swearing in a new officer. Actually, I'd like Chief Hufnagel to tell us a little bit about Officer Riveron and then we will go ahead with the swearing in. After the swearing in, we'll get some pictures, so don't run out the door so fast.

Chief Hufnagel: Good evening. A little short here. Officer Riveron is a part-time officer with us. He started with us as part-time and then we were fortunate enough that he took the full-

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time position. He started on May 5th as full-time, so he is on FTO right now, training. Once he completes his training, then he will be going in midnights.

Mayor Cubillos: To be clear, he is replacing who?

Chief Hufnagel: He is replacing Officer--

Mayor Cubillos: Blackwood.

Chief Hufnagel: Blackwood, sorry, yes. I'm trying to--

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, great.

Chief Hufnagel: I'm just going to do it from here.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes, that's okay. If you can join us up here Officer Victor Riveron. Was that a speaker?

Swearing In: Raise your right hand and please repeat after me. "I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and the Government of the United States, and of the State of Florida. That I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of full-time officer on which I am now about to incur. So help me God."

Mayor Cubillos: Congratulations.

Officer Riveron: Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: All right, we're going to get a picture.

[applause]

Mayor Cubillos: Congratulations. Welcome. Come, let's take a picture.

[background conversation]

Congratulations again.

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All right. Anyone from Comcast here? Okay here and then we're going to go right into Commissioner [unintelligible 00:06:04] office, are they still on the way?

Speaker 2: [unintelligible 00:06:08] is not able to attend so they're not here.

Mayor Cubillos: Do you know if Commissioner Everson's is coming?

Speaker 2: As far as I know [unintelligible 00:06:17]

Mayor Cubillos: You don't know yet?

Speaker 2: No, I don't know.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, we're going to give her five more minutes. Okay, we're going to have Craig Smith come up, and give us an update on El Hardin.

[noise]

Speaker 3: We have a presentation?

[background conversation]

Mayor Cubillos: Can one of the officers get the lights, please. Just the front lights. Thank you.

Speaker 4: Can everybody see that?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes. Can you all see? You guys do.

Speaker 5: Yes.

[background conversation]

Orlando: My name is Orlando Rubio from Craig A. Smith & Associates. I have our vice president of engineering Steve Smith over here to give you an update on our El Hardin storm water improvement project. Just to give us a background. The El Hardin storm water area [unintelligible 00:08:36] by North Miami Avenue on the West, Northeast Second Avenue to the East, and Northeast 98th Street from the North, and Northeast 86 street to the south. As you can see here the plans to date our project survey is complete.

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El Portal has always been an area where you have a pretty good differential and elevation. What we found in the north end of the system, the roads up at 98th Street you got grades about 11.7 feet in NGBD, down to 3.1 down by 86th Street. We have almost eight and a half drop in elevation between North and South. All this water is just trying to get South and what happens it can overwhelm the lower line streets. Subsurface utility engineering is complete as well.

That stands for locating all your water means, any gas, any street lighting. All the known utilities we were able to pick up because we have to design around those things when we put the storm pipe in the ground. We also picked up what we call on our plans unknown utilities which really means undeclared utility found by our field investigation, which will require further follow up with utility companies to see if they are. Sometimes they don't know what they have, so we'll go back to Miami Dade Water and Sewer, Teco Gas, the cable company, and maybe even the FPNL to see if that's their utility, but for the most part I think we're done. We are just now designing around the complex. One of the things we did observe on 86th and Northeast Ave, that's your lowest spot in this whole area.

It's why you also have existing catch basins there, because probably somebody thought about collecting water and getting it out to the river, but that's a spot where you're going to have the most trouble in and probably having problems there now based on what we analyzed. Northeast 86th Street would benefit from an elevation change, and that can come in once you're ready to do the sanitary sewer in that road. You'll address the elevations and redesign that road to meet whatever target elevation you want to establish based on climate change, sea level rising elevations.

Permitting, expanding, we'll probably submitting to all the agencies with the next two weeks. We've been working with the village manager on getting these applications signed, but we'll need the South Florida **[inaudible 00:11:46]** FTP Environmental Resource Permit which is a joint application, we'll submit that online, since we're tying it to the C7 Little River we'll need a ride-away permit from South Florida I believe. Then we're also going to need a Miami Dade County Class Two permit which will cover the storm water approval.

There are pretty much dual reviews. Our plans to date are I would say are about 75% complete, we anticipate to be 100% by the end of June with minor revisions pending from agency comments, whatnot. We've had a request to relocate the **[inaudible 00:12:33]**. Originally we had it on the west side of that vacant lot, like to see if we can move it to the east, I don't know if you had that communication with them yet, or if he's okay with it or--

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If I may.

Orlando: Go for it.

Speaker 2: Yes I did reach out to the property owner, Mr. Darren Hill, I haven't heard back yet in terms of the approval of the ARNA, but I will let you know the moment I do.

Orlando: Great, yes. I mean that wouldn't hold up in permit, we'll just change the plans if we get that approved. What we found on the west side, apparently he owns more than just his lot, there is another strip on the other lot that he owns, and you've got a concrete wall, and you got a wooden fence and a couple of large trees that are in the way, so it might be cheaper and easier to leave those alone and put the pipe right next to where the sidewalk is and hog it down the east side of his lot, and then discharge them to the Little River. It can't be built, I'm just trying to make it as easy as possible for the contractor.

The improvement as far as this is being funded by the State Appropriation Grant. The grant is going to cover 100% engineering design of the entire El Hardin Drainage Basin, but the remaining grant dollars will be used to finance the initial construction phase. On the limits of the initial construction phase will be on 86th Street starting from Northeast Second Avenue, where the outfall was proposed, and going as far west on 86th Street as far as the money will take us.

As you can see here I've drew up our drainage schematic. The cloud of red is where I'm going to put the bid in for. If the money comes in too high then we can always scale back going from west to east, we'll like to go from where the outfall is, where the north to south pipe is on the Second Avenue, and work our way west. The previous council meeting I was asked who are going to be the effective property owners. I went online and used Miami Dade County's GIS website, and we have about 35 properties. The proposed drainage that we are going to install, we did it to minimize the amount of disruption we're going to have. We're going to put the drainage system in the green areas so as to not interfere with their future sanitary systems that are traditionally installed in the middle of the road. There will be driveways who be impacted. I did a count, I think we have about 16 driveways that we're going to cross, that we'll have to restore. The majority of them are asphalt and concrete.

You have one driveway in our survey further shows to be stamped concrete, and then you have a couple of driveways that are paver driveways. You could put it in the bid to have the contractor restore whatever is there now. The stamped concrete, I just want to advise the council to let the homeowner know that because of the color schemes that they use to stamp

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the concrete, it may be difficult to duplicate that unless they can locate the contractor who did their driveway and they can get the colors to get it to match what it was, but that's what we found in our past projects with other clients. The stamped concrete is a little challenging.

The pavers is labor intensive, but again we can't say just go ahead and put that price in your bid to reinstall the paver the way you found them and then be done, or you could consider one of our other projects we did for the City of Miami Beach. They adopted a driveway restoration policy where they only restored if there was asphalt, you get an asphalt back, if it's concrete, you're getting concrete back. If you had stamped concrete, you're only getting concrete back, and leave it back to the homeowner to redo his driveway.

If there were pavers, the City of Miami Beach, didn't reinstall the pavers. They would require the contractor to neatly stack the pavers on the property and put the burden back on the homeowner to put back the pavers. Again, that's just an example. You don't have to follow that, but that's what the City of Miami Beach has done.

Mayor Cubillos: Have you been in contact with the 16 residents?

Orlando: No. We normally don't do that. Usually, the contractor puts flyers up on people's doors when they are going to be bidding, when they're going to be starting work I should say. But we could. I have the list of the addresses, and I didn't want to post them up here on the--

Speaker 3: [unintelligible 00:18:12] moving forward and that you all want to have somebody actively [unintelligible 00:18:19] letting them know what's going to be in our name [unintelligible 00:18:23]

Orlando: You can show the bid being advertised. I mean put a link on the building website, what's going to get built in the plans, as well they can see the plans, and they can see who's driveways are going to get crossed. That's it. That's where we're at. We're almost there. I'll just open it up to questions.

Mayor Cubillos: How far are we at where we have for it to go out to bid? Are we 30, 60, 90?

Orlando: I'd say 90.

Mayor Cubillos: Considering it's rainy season August, September?

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Orlando: Yes, it never fails. If everything goes smoothly and I think it should within 90 days. We can prepare the construction documents and bid documents while we're getting our permits

Mayor Cubillos: Give me one second. Councilperson Mathis can you turn the lights on, now that you're right there? Thank you. I think with the timing of notification would be once we know it's gone off for bid and it's coming back that's something that it'll number one go on the website and then it'll be email blasted by the clerk as far as where those homes are going to be at.

Orlando: Yes.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you. We've been waiting for about a year. I know it's a long time coming. Thank you guys, you've been great. Any questions for Orlando, or Steve?

Orlando: Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you. For the record Councilperson Mathis is here. Great. Next on the agenda we have TPO. I also want to recognize for the record County Commissioner Edmondson is here, former mayor of El Portal. At this time we have a resolution, but before we go into the resolution who's will be speaking about the TPO, you can come on up. Come on Commissioner Edmondson you can do it.

[background conversation]

Come on, don't you want that feeling of sitting up here?

[background conversation]

Commissioner Edmondson: Good evening everybody.

Participants: Good evening.

Commissioner Edmondson: I'm here with Eileen [unintelligible 00:21:19] which you all met last month, she's introducing the smart plan which is something that is highly endorsed by the county as well as the state, receiving federal funds as well as local funds, the MDX funds. We can have a lot of plans is coming in here. Some of you had not heard about the smart plan before last week. This has been going on for a while. It's our way of connecting all the different cities, all parts and areas of this county together. It's time that we do that. Its also time that we

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put together some mass transportation because right now we're suffering from serious traffic congestion.

Hopefully, this will help alleviate some of that. It's not going to alleviate all of it but hopefully it'll help alleviate some of it. Eileen is here to discuss with you the smart plan. I'm here to hear what your reactions will be. I think you all are on board now, because you are the only city that did not show up to the municipalities meeting, for the FTC Corridor and that will be coming right here next to you. Hopefully when we have the next meeting we'll see the mayor and the manager right in place to push for your own city. Again, thank you. I'm going to sit back in the back, and I'm going to hear what your responses are and take that into consideration when we're talking about the FTC Corridor.

Eileen: Thank you Commissioner Edmondson, madam Mayor, manager, and members of the council. It's a pleasure to be back here before you today. This week I brought a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that I went through last week. If I may hand it out again-- I have extra copies for anyone in the public that would like a copy. The Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan is-- can you hear me? You can hear me?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes. Can you hear her fine?

Eileen: The Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit was endorsed by the TPO Governing Board in April of 2016. Primarily its focus is transit as the number one priority, transit and transit supportive services. What that means is that they're looking to extend the existing transit system we have today, the 25 miles of metro rail. They have prioritized six corridors, the six smart plan corridors. Those six smart plan corridors which is on the this page with the map, and are identified here on this slide are the primary workforce commute routes in Miami-Dade County where we have the heaviest congestion.

Right now if you're part of that workforce commute that's traveling on those six corridors you don't really have a viable transit option. You're more than likely to be a single occupant vehicle, in a car in that congestion on a daily basis. The smart plan intends to expand accessibility to transit in Miami-Dade County. We had a slide in here that is showing the amount of residents that would live within the two mile radius of the six smart plan corridors. That's approximately 63% of our county population which is 1.7 million residents. In addition to that we give a significant amount of employer based accessibility with a smart plan. That allows again the workforce commute to access their work on a transit in that transit time. At this time we are working towards completing the environmental floor on the six smart plan corridors so that we

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can submit our applications for funding. The TPO Governing Board has adopted a financial framework that includes pursuing federal, new federal and new state transportation funds that we were potentially bring here to South Florida in order to fund our plan.

These funds are highly competitive. For federal funds we're competing nationally against other large areas. At the state level we're competing against the other large metropolitan areas that are going after the same funds. We look forward to the support so that we can add that to our package and our goal is to show the strong support in Miami-Dade County. That is the best practice we've seen other areas when they go for funding. At this time I'd like to know if there are any questions or additional information that you would like from last week and the suite that I can provide to you.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you for being here. When Commissioner Suarez as was the president of the Miami-Dade City, this was his big initiative, now Mayor Suarez I should say. He well versed us throughout the whole year during his presidency with the league with the smart plan, which needless to say it's beyond necessary. I definitely agree with that. I like to hear what the commission has to say, the manager and I actually went to the charrette for the smart plan. At the charrette and we apologize we didn't make that meeting and Commissioner.

We were at the charrette, and we had identified the need for the Northeast Corridor as it relates to how it is now with the way it even was five or eight years ago in terms of the congestion, there's a school right across the scheme Boulevard. While we did miss the meeting I would like to hear what we potentially you all have as far as that would accommodate in Northeast Corridor, which in any given day Saturday or Sunday to get the 79th Street would take two minutes.

On Monday through Friday between the hours of seven to nine you can take an hour back to back. I'd like to hear what were some of the ideas that you all had for the Northeast Corridor as is definitely up and coming as it relates to Memo Midtown and all this area that feeding forward. That's at least from my big interest what would be happening in the Northeast Corridor from the TPO perspective.

Eileen: To answer your question, just today the TPO committee, we have three TPO of committees as part of our structure to do our transportation planning. Today the Transportation and Mobility Committee method of which board member Edmondson is on our committee, and a key champion for the smart plan. In that committee they endorsed 11 smart plan

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demonstration projects. One of those 11th smart plan demonstration projects is a demonstration or pilot station at the Midtown Design District.

At the Northeast Corridor it is considered a temporary station location for immediate time being until the permanent stations can be located and built. The permanent station locations along the Northeast Corridor still have to go through that site selection process. It is a tri-party agreement. North of 77th Street the track is owned by the FECI. South of that FECI has sold the access rights to SFRTA. Anything north of 77th requires private third party concurrence and approval. Those are stations need to be selected with concurrence and approval of FECI, Miami-Dade County and the Florida Department of Transportation.

There's three entities involved there. South of 79th Street it's direct with SFRTA and Miami-Dade County. Today as I mentioned Commissioner Edmondson's committee Transportation and Mobility Committee endorsed 11 projects, one of which was at this critical location. We're calling this a temporary station at this time and a demonstration project because we were able to locate an area that was completely within the SFRTA right of way, and not requiring us to go and seek additional right of way from private property owners that may elongate the process. We wanted to quickly implement an interim station while the rest of the corridor is being finalized and the environmental document is being signed and all those stations are being constructed.

The intent of the committee is that this station will be in service when SFRTA rolls out their service in the next few months that you're going to have at least an interim station in the Midtown Design District area, will be located under the i195, right immediately under i195 on Northeast Second Avenue, right in that area where we have parking already there with the Miami Parking Authority. It's wholly contained within the existing right of way of both the State FTA, and SFRTA track. We're able to place it right in that area and then now pursue demonstration of funds with the state so we can have that ready to go. That's the first and most immediate update in the Northeast Corridor.

Mayor Cubillos: Aside from going to the charrette smart plan we also had a meeting here at the office, and their name escapes me. At that meeting, they were discussing all of the requirements, or what would be needed if we wanted a station, what that would look like. One of the conversations we had with them and that we had told them that they were not aware of was that there's 15 acres off of Boulevard right now that is within El Portal and a portion of the City of Miami that is completely unbuilt and untouched, and undeveloped.

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Eileen: Is that owned by the city?

Mayor Cubillos: It's not owned, it's privately owned. I know it's not something that you-- it's a little more difficult but when we had mentioned it to the gentleman and the lady that came here after the charrette they had not known that so they thought that was really interesting information because what a great opportunity that developers are going to come in. There's really no rendering to all just yet for us.

We're probably going to see it in the next six to nine months to a year could that be a conversation and would we even qualify because again I know they said there's six to nine steps to even qualify to be considered to have a station of any kind here. They said the fact that there's 15 acres that's undeveloped we should definitely make ourselves heard, you never know.

Eileen: Was that a meeting with SFRTA.

Mayor Cubillos: I can look for it tomorrow in my emails and I'll make sure that I give it to your office and to the manager, we both have it. I believe that the question we actually had from them was what would the next step be? The email that we received was you have to qualify and there was qualifiers, and there was six or eight that we would have to actually meet to be considered. Again their eyebrows were raised because they thought it was very interesting that we had 15 acres that we don't have within our preparatory being a small town.

There tends to be less, I don't want to say red tape, but at least they'd be less, a little easier to possibly go through some hoops even make something like that come to life. I said that we have a pretty good relationship with the owners of the property. They're really at an infant stage, they don't have anything in their mind thought out. They definitely [unintelligible 00:33:25] midtown or something like that, but I believe that they would be interested in the conversation and even entertaining what would be next or what would be required or how that partnership will look like.

Eileen: I'll be happy to assist in making sure that that conversation continues if you're able to share that email with me, because at this time what we're doing is we want to have the state reengage that environmental document, and even place in events because the owner of the track FECI was focused on the bright line took that up and running but now they're back at the table and we want to make sure that that process gets going as quickly as possible just to make sure that you're interest in your property is being considered, I'll be happy to work with you. I

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do want to share one comment that the State made regarding the stations on the Northeast Corridor.

I think it would be very important to make sure that we're looking at the O&M operation and maintenance of the station and if there are developers along the Northeast Corridor that are interested in partnering, if they can be a part of that component of the project that will go very far because getting capital construction funds we have access to request capital construction funds from federal and state level, but operation and maintenance we do not. We need to solve that issue of operation and maintenance. If this location has a developer that would be open to looking at that type of participation that would be--

Mayor Cubillos: That would help me.

Eileen: I think as far as updates on the Northeast Corridor is those next steps is to establish who will be providing the service. Will it be Brightline or will it be SFRTA. Once that commitment is made to Miami-Dade County we can then start negotiating because that party will be involved in approval of the site selections.

Mayor Cubillos: Any questions to Eileen?

Speaker 2: No. Thank you so much.

Mayor Cubillos: Very excited. I know I was asked before he was not the President, he's like why is your logo not on here. We know there's only eight people in your town but logo needs to be on here.

Eileen: We want to put it on here.

Mayor Cubillos: We really appreciate your time. Thank you so much.

Eileen: Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you Commissioner Edmondson. Thank you for being here. At this time we do have a resolution if the attorney can please we can resolution into the record.

Attorney: Yes, madam Chair. A resolution of the Council of Village of El Portal Florida endorsing and supporting the Miami-Dade transportation planning organizations, Strategic

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Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan. Providing for conflicts and providing for stability and providing an effective date.

Mayor Cubillos: Great, thank you. Is there a motion to accept resolution that the attorney just read? Motion has been made by Councilperson Mathis?

Roman: Second.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by Councilperson Roman, any discussion? I'm going to close the council meeting. Open it up for public comments. Any public comments on this resolution? Hearing none, I'm going to close public comments open it up back to the council. Miss. Manager can I get a roll call.

Christia: Yes. Councilperson Roman?

Roman: Yes.

Miss. Christia: Councilperson Mathis.

Mathis: Yes.

Christia: Vice Mayor Nickerson.

Nickerson: Yes.

Christia: Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes. Motion passes 4-0. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you all. Anybody from Comcast here? Okay. We're going to go to the second resolution. The second resolution is a police take home pilot program. If I could have the attorney read the resolution into the record and then I'll open up for council discussion.

Attorney: A resolution of the Council for the Village of El Portal Florida establishing a take home vehicle policy and procedures providing for conflicts and providing for serverbility and providing effective date introduced by the Manager.

Mayor Cubillos: Excellent thank you. I'll ask the attorney and the manager to interject just an update at the public safety meeting that was held in May 1st. I mentioned to the committee that that we would be going back with the manager and the chief to discuss some incentives in the

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hopes that we can work with our recruitment and retention of our police officers while many, if not most of them love being here. We're at a time right now that after Parkland there was a tremendous a domino effect throughout the state and in Miami-Dade County which affects us directly.

As part of my report I talk a little bit about how on April 7th I had to go to a mayor's roundtable with the superintendent and where we were bringing our chiefs with us and actually invited the manager as well. At that meeting it was discussed the impact that it's going to have throughout all the police departments because there'll be a mandate that there must be a police officer present every Secondary School which is Middle School and high school. As a result, that demand just opened up the recruitment to all the agencies in Miami-Dade County.

As a result, villages such as Biscayne Park and ourselves will be squeezed a little bit because while we are great and we are small, we are not able to to pay big salaries or anything of that nature. Although in the recent negotiation the manager was able to negotiate, they went from 32 to 35 starting salary. The one thing that after meeting with the chief and the police officers that we felt would be a big win was the take home car. I'm going to allow the manager to elaborate a little bit the pros and the cons if there's any of that, I'll allow her get into that.

I wanted to mention something before Commissioner Edmondson left and that was, one of the reasons that I was okay with bringing this to the committee, into the council is because Commissioner Edmondson when she was the mayor here in 2002 she actually introduced the the pilot program for take home cars. They had it in place for about a good year. It was only one officer that said something that probably should not have said it enough word upset the mayor and council. It was just an unfortunate situation and then the council removed the take home car. That was 2002, where 16 years later I don't think there's any officers from that are here maybe just Sharp and Officer Hufnagel. That was one thing and I had mentioned it to Commissioner Edmondson that she took a leap of faith that I was going to ask the council and the committee to do it as well. With that, I'm going to ask the manager and attorney to interject anything that I might have left out.

Christia: If I may, we did a review of the numbers when I came onboard here with the Village of El Portal, this had been an issue. I was brought up to speed about just the financial difficulty it was to do Take-Home cars, but we looked at those numbers and realized we have new cars now, and we're able to not deal with the miles, the excessive repairs and that would be an expense to afford the officers, but also we used [unintelligible 00:41:14] warranty with these new cars. They'll ran out faster, maybe two and a half years to three years as opposed to five

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years. We are willing to review things to this pilot board here to see how it works out in terms of expense to the village.

When we really crunched the numbers, there wasn't increase in insurance, there was only to be a real increase in the fuel cost that it would cost the village, and the officers have agreed to do a bi-weekly payback, which is standard from other municipalities and counties, based on the miles that the officers who are journeying to and from work, or at home. We assessed that at \$30-\$40 per paycheck, and that fee we would utilize to offset the increased fuel cost. I think a way this program will help us and will show good faith on the village is part, and I think the officers will do the job within this program and we can perhaps work together to ensure this is set.

Mayor Cubillos: Attorney, do you have anything to add?

Attorney: Just to emphasize that the whole purpose of the Take-Home Vehicle Program is for El Portal to use by the officers and there is obviously an expectation that there may be incidental use. As the manager pointed out, the officers are subsidizing in part the program, especially concerning the fuel cost, depending on how far they would travel from home back and forth to the Village. In addition, this is expected to run concurrent with the collective bargaining agreement we just negotiated with the police department, so that when we do have a vehicle and everyone is most likely be incorporated into that agreement also.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay. One of the last things that I did since we all met as a committee, I reached out to a couple of the towns who have the program, which actually out of the 34 municipalities in Miami Dade County, I would say 97% of them have the Take-Home vehicles. I called the small towns. Biscayne Park which is similar to size in us, and West Miami and the other ones you really can't, even though it's 5,000 residents you can't really-- They said in the years that they've had the program, the pros have outweighed the con. They said that while it's hard to imagine it this way, there's more miles on the car, police officers just tend to take care of the car better because they feel like it's theirs and they're going home with it, so there is just sort of that sense as well. I'd like to hear from the council, especially Councilperson Mathis who's not in the committee and was not there for the initial conversation to be able to ask the manager or myself or the attorney or the committee any questions.

Roman: Mayor, may I, as the admin and finance chair, I gave it some thought and after our community meeting, I asked our manager and our CFO to provide a cost analysis that was done to review this. So I finally got something back today, which I believe there are copies

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coming, but I do believe that this is information that's important for the entire council to review because when taking into consideration decisions like these although I did say at the committee meeting that I will support it and I really do from the bottom of my heart want to support it, where I struggle is the size of our village. I understand that our village, that 90% of the municipalities offer it. I understand that there are other municipalities such as Biscayne Park that are pretty close in size, but the one difference of our village is that we're mostly a residential village. Biscayne Park has commercial. Pearl Harbor has commercial. Virginia Gardens has commercial.

My biggest concern here is not that the officers aren't going to take care of the cars, it's where the funding's coming from. Where are we getting this from, and how are we going to sustain it. I understand that it's a one year pilot. I think we need to be very clear should we move forward with this that it is a pilot. For a pilot to work obviously I think a year's time is pretty good. I don't think anything less would give us a really good-

I took a look at the mileage year-to-date on the stats that were provided by the Interim Chief of Police. They do pretty much come in line with the documentation that was provided by Irwin. He estimated that on average the miles that our cars per year have is 7,000. He's estimating that with this program the mileage is going to double, can be 21,040.

In addition to that he's also estimating the gas is going to also double. We're going to go from 13,100 to 26,275. Repairs obviously will increase now because of the mileage. As the village manager mentioned the warranty is not going to last for five years if the cars were left here on the village premises.

If they're driven out then the warranty is being according to the estimates stat. I believe that our CFO was pretty conservative with these estimates. It's going to be 2,500 year three for repairs, year four five six seven, when you look at purchasing new vehicles year seven. Again I understand this is a pilot for one year, but we do need to look at what this would look like long-term.

When you're looking at this long-term what he provided was 387,488, the cost of the gas, repairs and purchase of new vehicles versus without take home the cars, 96,700. That's a significant difference. Again I want to support this from the bottom of my heart I just need to make sure that you guys are provided with all the data that I was provided, and that you can ask questions accordingly. I almost feel like I wish I would have been a part of the PBA

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negotiations because I probably would have given them a higher increase than doing the Take-Home cars.

With the overall I know that we're a little late in that regard. The other thing that I do want to share is that, you're not only, because I'm going to tell you we are smaller and we don't have the commercial in order to sustain the taxes and the revenues. But also our Police Department, the size of it, we're talking about five full-timers. With five full-timers they have their own cars, they just don't take them home. I would think that they do take care of their cars, they just don't take them home. I think it's my responsibility as a council and admin finance and as a resident because if anything, this is going to really affect the residents more than it will I think the fact that we're not competitive. I've said before there is value to working in this village. I'll leave it at that.

Mayor Cubillos: A couple of things, Biscayne Park has zero commercial, we have commercial. Biscayne Park has one school, they are 97% residential, their annexation was not approved. So the reason that they can sustain even being village is because their millage is 9.7%, but they have no commercial and they never will because they have no room for commercial. We have commercial because we're going to be developing the sanctuary which just got approval of planning and zoning and it's coming to the June and then July council meeting and then hopefully we'll have the a little farm and then of course the annexed area which is going to be two apartment buildings with retail on the lower level. So that's a point of correction Biscayne Park has zero, just one preschool and preschools really don't pay taxes.

When I first received this numbers from Irwin I had a lot of questions because to me-- Keep in mind take home cars is not new to the village. The chief and the sergeant had a take home car for years and what I had asked the CFO to do was give me actualities. Go to the black car, go to David Atwood's car and tell me the impact this had since it's been driven home because that to me is more of a reality than this. When I looked at this and I dugged into it and I asked Irwin the answers that I felt I got did not back the data he was give here. Even when we were doing the calculation what the police officer were going to pay.

I was on the phone with the attorney and the manager at a conference call. The math was lacking, we were able to find a couple of errors that we found. So I'd cautioned and looking at this because when I saw it I don't think it's a real reality and unfortunately Irwin's not here to truly ask him. But when you dig into this and ask real questions Irwin's not going to give you the straight answer that you may want Councilperson Roman because I definitely know how detail-oriented you are. So keep that in mind and definitely what I wanted to see was there's

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two cars on this property that have been take home cars because take home cars is not new for us. And with two take home cars that we've had in the nine years I've been here the police budget has actually decreased. So the impact it has not really been a financial one. I think the impact is more the reality of them taking them home and letting that go.

But the impact is not as I think monetarily as we, or this is made out to be because the first couple of times I participated with the negotiation I was always presented with numbers that I often went home and thinking, "Well, you know I'm definitely not a finance person but to some extent I am because I own a business," but again I never got what I really thought that the council should see. Give me actual, go to the black car, what miles had the black car have? That was going to point every single day. That went to the marshals every single day when Chief Morales worked there.

Give me some actuals to compare to you. If you take a look at the gas when we had two cars going home it wasn't astronomical. It's not as astronomical as we think it to be, and again I really wish Irwin was here and like I said at the last-- Oh, it's the phones?

Speaker 2: Yes.

Mayor Cubillos: And like I said at the last meeting one of the reasons I didn't press Irwin to get those numbers is because A, it's a pilot program and I think that we need to get it no matter what. For the black car and for David Atwood's car-- because those are actuals. We have two cars sitting on our property that we can take a look at the miles because in his system he has it by vehicle. If it's vehicle 10, vehicle five, vehicle four, he's going to tell you the expense for each one, because that's what I wanted to know. When he was giving me expenses, you're giving me based on older cars or when you look where we're at with gas, you're putting gas on a used car.

Used cars tend to take more fuel than a newer car. Again, I didn't get the numbers, if I did, I think it would have been, but I think it's something that we need in our system. I want to know what the numbers are for the black, that again, is on our property, as well, I don't know who drives former David Atwood's car, but that's also on the property. Again, those have been two Take-Home cars. Take home cars has not been anything really new to the village, we're just expanding it, and making it more of a policy, because there's really never a policy to it, it's just here you're chief so just take it home.

Roman: Correct, and we are expanding the number of vehicles now. According to the mileage that was provided under stats, the 7,000 is right on. The stats that were provided up till April

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say that on average, for the four months, each car, and this is just an average, is 523 miles based on the stats. Times 12, that's 6,280, times five, it's 31,000. When you look at it, 6,280, you put 7,000 as the mileage. His numbers there seem correct to me.

Mayor Cubillos: Any other questions for Councilperson Roman?

Speaker 3: No, no questions. I'd like to say, first of all, Councilperson Roman, I appreciate the work you've put in, putting this together for us. I still feel like there's a balance that we have to look at, where it comes to money as a sustainability, which I spoke about in the committee meeting, and how we need to look at decisions because things aren't sustainable, or that don't seem to be sustainable.

I think that upcoming, we have the budget and the budget workshop. That's going to be coming to us soon. I think when we see the full budget, we'll understand more about everything we have, as far as exactly where we stand, when it comes to our finances. I think when I say that there has to be a balance in the office to think about, I think we have to not only look at these numbers, which I appreciate again, Councilperson Roman for this work, but we also have to look at the retention, and retaining our officers in this comparative market.

It's kind of like any type of business, when you look at it, in that type of situation, with the incoming money that is coming from the state, and just with other police stations calling our officers, calling our best officers, because they look at the information and they see the ones that have been here for a long time. Calling them, and saying, "Hey, how are things going there at El Portal?"

Guess what, you come over here, I got this Take-Home car for you, your salary goes up and so the real, only reason I bring that up, is because I said during the committee meeting, when you have a community, when you have a village, the first thing and the number one thing you have to look at is safety. You can have a village that's beautiful, you can have a village that is landscape beautifully.

You can have a village that has all types of events. If the people that live in the village aren't safe, that's the number one thing. We have to retain our officers and retain our best officers. That's that conflict that you all have to ask within ourselves, what council person Roman gave us, and the reality of the money, versus, the safety of our residents, and keeping our best officers around so that our residents are the most safe as possible.

Thank you.

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Mayor Cubillos: Councilperson Mathis.

Mathis: I had a conversation with the manager regarding this. My whole take on it was I don't think that its going to be \$40. I don't think that's enough. Most of the police officers live what, 20 miles away?

Mathis: My only concern was-- I'm for it, but I think that paying fee for the repairs, I think that needs to be looked at. I'm all for competing with other municipalities, I'm all for people knowing that we're here, and that's what you're going to get when the police cars are parked in their neighborhoods. The only concern that I have is the buy-in.

Mayor Cubillos: The buy-in, it's 1 to 30 miles round trip, it's 30 bi-weekly. If you live 31 to 60, it's 35, and 61 to 90, 40 and anybody over 90 would not be allowed to participate in the program. What did you think was more reasonable, just to assure?

Mathis: Well, we know that auto maintenance is pretty expensive, so I just think that we need to really look at those numbers. If you're looking at and then comparing it to Miami-Dade, yes, they can pay \$40, because they have more people buying into it at \$40. Not to penalize them for having cars, but we have to maintain these cars. It's our responsibility.

Roman: According to what the [unintelligible 01:01:36]. It says, "If the offices were to reimburse us for this [unintelligible 01:01:43], we would have to deduct \$31 per paid period from these officers. Miami-Dade County is charging its officers 50 per paid period [unintelligible 01:01:51] cars.

Mayor Cubillos: Actually, I think the chart that we use is [unintelligible 01:01:56] they paid the fees or exactly the same as this [unintelligible 01:01:58]. That's the fees schedule we've got.

Vice Mayor Nickerson, any other comment before I open up the public comment?

Omarr Nickerson: No.

Mayor Cubillos: Let me close up the council and open up to any public comments. Any resident wants to come up and--

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Marilyn Brooks: [unintelligible 01:02:32].

Mayor Cubillos: No, Ms. Brooks, that doesn't work. [unintelligible 01:02:35]. Sorry about that.

Marilyn Brooks: Good evening, Marilyn Brookes, 400 North East, 90th street. I know that this issue has been a problem for a long, long time. With the Police Department taking home their cars. I do understand what Councilperson Roman is saying. But since I understood that the Mayor and the Manager said it's a pilot and it's for a year. How many officers? We do have five permanent officers? Yes. We need to consider where they live, the mileage.

Again, we need to consider our finances, because that's number one. Also, considering the safety of our villagers. Number two. However, I would ask that we give it a year try and if it doesn't work, we come back to what it was. Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you, Ms. Brooks, and welcome back. Any other resident?

Officer Benitez: Good evening.

Mayor Cubillos: Good evening.

Officer Benitez: Officer Benitez, full-time officer for the Village of El Portal. How are you all?

Mayor Cubillos: Good. How are you?

Officer Benitez: Good. I wanted to briefly touch on a few comments that were actually made in reference to this program. As you all know, I started with El Portal in January of 2017 and gone through various budget meetings along with all of you and committee meetings and meetings in reference to the Police Department. I've learned a lot. I've actually learned what it takes to actually run a village and actually what takes place during these negotiations and so forth.

As you all know I became a full-time officer on August of last year. I just finished my first contract with [unintelligible 01:05:07] PBN. In that contract, again, one of the things that we actually spoke about was take-home cars. I started to do a little bit of research, also trying to help our current interns who are trying to come up with numbers, and real numbers, based on our current use.

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One of the things that I did notice during our last negotiations as to the reasons why the cars were not approved was because of a specific and numbers that you all received from your CFO. The numbers that I actually didn't necessarily agree with, but I'm going to give you an example.

The cars in question, back when we were first negotiating, were only the brand-new cars. The cars that you guys were nice enough to actually buy for the village; were needed, because the cars over here in the past were actually not cars that should have been on the road, not safe at all. These new cars actually brought a value to the village and brought a value to the police officers.

One of the things that I noticed when those numbers were given, the numbers that we use were based on cars that, believe it or not, were not even here. Cars that I actually help auction away. What happens is there shouldn't be a cost in maintenance at all for any of those cars, because the 2017 cars that we're actually currently using right now, to be honest with you, have not even had their first oil change. They've been here for quite some time.

Another comment that was made was in reference to one specific vehicle which is vehicle 12. Vehicle 12, as you all know, was actually purchased in 2015. That vehicle was actually issued to a former officer here which retired; Adlets. Adlets actually used that car in on everyday basis while he was on duty to work. The car was not a take-home car. It was only used strictly for patrol. That car was then issued to our current internship. The car was actually taken as a take-home car, not a patrol, for a substantial time.

The car was then issued to me when I became a full-time officer. I didn't take it home, I patrolled. Then it was issued to Officer [unintelligible 01:07:45], which did the same thing. Then it was issued to [unintelligible 01:07:51], also patrolling. I also wanted to make sure you guys understand that, that vehicle; and I did some research. That vehicle has only had four oil changes, since the time it's been here. No mechanical repairs, no alternators, no batteries. It still have brand-new tires, the original tires. Yes, it's had its fuel cost, because we need to put it on the road, but it hasn't had any mechanical charges.

That's why originally during the contract negotiations I didn't agree with whatever numbers were actually presented by the CFO, because they're not true. The numbers that were actually presented were actually for vehicles that were used by part-timers, which are our old vehicles. Well, let's take our old vehicles as an example. I recently helped to auction off four vehicles. The auction took substantial amount of time, we weren't able actually to auction them.

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These vehicles got in the worst shape, some of them were actually got broken into, one caught on fire. Then it turned out that they just didn't look nice in a church where [unintelligible 01:09:15]. We needed to get rid of them. We made a decision. We're going to go ahead and junk them, and that's what we did. One of the vehicles in particular, Car 01. I did some research in Car 01. Car 01 was actually purchased back in 2007 by the village; brand-new car. That car actually left here with over 100,000 miles. That car was actually issued to multiple, multiple officers. I want you guys to keep in mind that one of the main reasons for a take-home program, I believe-- the moment that you issue

one car to one driver I guarantee you that that car is going to be taken care of a lot more than if you share this car with substantial amount of people.

Another comment that was made actually is about mileage. The issue with mileage is you have to look at the mileage for those specific vehicles, not for all vehicles. Because the mileage reports that you may have received are going to specifically state the mileages that are also being used by the part-time officers or reserve officers that we have no control over, because they don't have a set schedule.

Set schedule is set by the full-timers, and we pretty much know what their mileage is going to be because we already know where they live. We know that some of them live 30 miles, 35 miles et cetera. We already know the average amount of mileage that they actually drive on a daily basis. Those are true numbers. Everything else we don't know, because we don't know how much mileage we're going to actually quote on the other vehicles.

I think it's better to maybe look at true numbers that we actually do have, true cost, in reference to what other municipalities are doing. That's one of the things that I always had an issue with. A problem, because this program is actually, Major actually stated, it's actually used by substantial amount of other municipalities. They make it work. I don't know how Biscayne Park does it. 14 full-time officers, 17 part-time officers. All these officers are constantly using part-time vehicles whereas the 14 full-timers have taken them home. They make it happen.

You're right, there's no businesses in Biscayne Park. We have a substantial, a lot more commercial. We even have sidewalks, Biscayne Park doesn't. How they're making it happen I don't know, but I will tell you something else that maybe can be considered so that way there's no additional cost at the end of the year versus the mechanic. Let's use the right mechanic, let's use a certified mechanic. Let's take the cars to the right locations where wherever there's going

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to be a specific repair, let that repair be done the right way to make sure that there's no added cost on repairs. Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you Officer Benitez. Any other comments from the public?

[pause 01:12:44]

Paul March: Good evening everybody. My name is Paul March. I live at 318 NE 90th Street. I've been a resident of El Portal for 31 years. What Officer Benitez is saying is totally true. This is not a sales pitch. I have worked in you people's cars before. I'm the owner of Dade Mechanics Auto and Truck as some of you here might know. If you don't service your vehicles you're not going to make it. I presently service, how ironic, Biscayne Park, Sunny Isles, Surfside, WSVN.

Point being made happens to be how do these people do it in a collective fashion? Maintenance, maintenance, maintenance. It goes a long way. As he mentioned how are they able to maintain their cars. It is true that police vehicles go through a lot more wear and tear than the average vehicle does. Factually, for every police car, FBI car, if you were basing it off of 3,000 miles, that vehicle has ran so many hours in just patrol and idling. Your vehicle that has a 100,000 miles, it has 200,000 miles. If you don't maintain the car you're not going to make it. I have vehicles all sorts. Of course not including Dodge products, Ford products, Chevrolet, Lexus. They'd go 150,000-200,000 miles without major repair.

Moving along from the sales pitch and if it sounded that way I apologize [laughs]. There is told the truth it's right up to my alley. From Chief Morales, to Ernie to a few other people, they know me. My credentials speak for themselves.

If we're going to have a city that's going to maintain itself, it has to be run correctly. Officers taking their cars home, it's not strange. I think on a personal level it is okay for them to take it home. Part of them taking it home on the maintenance level should have nothing to do with their pay grade or anything else. If we expect people to give their lives and secure our city, we have to give it back. It should be given the utmost respect for law enforcement to be able to do their job just like the city of Miami, just like the city of North Miami, and have no problem with this.

The issue of how far they live or where they live, that means more due diligence needs to be done in the area of how they perform their duties. Just simply wearing the badge is alone, just alone credible enough for them to take the vehicle home. That's a small, small investment we

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give in your community. In any community it should be. If they live 40 or 50 miles and they come to work everyday and do a good, that's all we need to worry about. It's a rough world out here. It's getting worst. Where they live means they're willing to come to work everyday, because they are people, they cannot perform their job living five miles away. It's irrelevant where they live.

It's fuel. It's maintenance in their vehicles. True. That should be relevant when it comes to life and death, because when we called 911 we expect them to show up. These people who live far away they come to work everyday. That's the least that we can do for them is give them the respect that they deserve like all law enforcement deserve. That's what I have to say. Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you, Paul.

Roman: Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Anybody else in the public? Hearing none, I'm going to close a public comments. Any other discussion from the council, questions for the Mayor or Manager? For the Manager or Attorney or Mayor.

Roman: Just a couple of comments that I have. The mileage that we viewed I personally double checked that it's the stuff. Again, I'm not saying that I'm not for this. I just want to make sure that we have the real data. I have a problem if we keep coming up and saying that our CFO numbers are not correct. That's another story for a different meeting, but we can't trust the numbers of our CFO. That's something that that's much greater and that we need to look at.

The other thing that I would highly recommend is that we do have some type of maintenance program, which I don't believe I saw in there. I could have missed it in the resolution. The fact that a vehicle hasn't had an oil change is not something to really celebrate, because we know that at the least amount an oil change is needed to keep the vehicle going. If it's not already in there, and correct me if I'm wrong, I would ask that we do have some type of maintenance program to ensure that we are taking care of the vehicles and that they are getting their oil changes, because if we're adding additional mileage then they're probably going to need additional care.

Mayor Cubillos: Correct me if I'm wrong, Manager. In the PVA new contract that we received it indicates that actually if now goes to serve by mechanic and then the regular maintenance.

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Christia Alou: Yes, it is part of the contract with the PVA.

Mayor Cubillos: I think the other thing that the Police Department, and Chief chime in whenever you want, does differently is actually have a fleet manager or fleet-- someone that's overseeing where we-- We didn't have that before. Am I wrong?

Christia Alou: Right. We do have a fleet manager. He does keep track of necessary maintenance for the oil change and some those things [unintelligible 01:19:23]. Presently, again, we have new cars we're under warranties. Of course, we will be taking care of those cars' oil changes from every, I think, 3,000 miles.

Mathis: No.

Christia Alou: [laughs] 3,000 miles.

[crosstalk]

Mathis: [unintelligible 01:19:40].

Roman: Yes.

Christia Alou: The problem is if the car's sitting here, the battery die. We had to junk so many of these vehicles, because they were just sitting still for days at a time. On top of that the oil change is really necessary [unintelligible 01:19:53] explain why they haven't been getting regular oil change. With new vehicle, and

again, people pay attention to their vehicles and having ownership of it, we will definitely [unintelligible 01:20:06] of that, and we have a plan in place to take care of it.

Ronnie Hufnagel: We have a part-time officer, Officer Juarez that comes in every Wednesday and checks every single vehicle to make sure that it's being maintained, and it's being washed, and it's being taken care of, because the full-timers, like you said, actually that's their car. They come here and it stays here and they're responsible for the maintaining of the car. With that said, we have five new cars and the repair is not going to be like it was with the old cars that we had, which had over 100,000 miles.

I'm not a mechanic so that's why I asked officer Benitez, who has actually helped me tremendously, because he does own his own company and knows about mechanics. I reached

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out to him to come and help me and he has done a wonderful job on that. I also reached out to **[unintelligible 01:21:09]**, because they have a repair shop there on-site. The Lieutenant over there asked me, he went ahead and spoke to the Chief. We spoke to the city manager, who in tail said that he would like to speak to our city manager, and he had gone to speak to him.

That's another option we're trying to do to see if we go ahead and have our cars, when needed, to have the oil changed, and be taken care of. Now we need the five new ones that we have, put the ones that we **[unintelligible 01:21:38]** and left behind that we have.

Mayor Cubillos: Hold on Paul, any other comments before I close it to public comments, again?

Mathis: I'm just going to make a recommendation.

Mayor Cubillos: I'm going to open it up for public comments. Let them finish and then I'll reopen.

Mathis: The whole numbers thing is going back and forth. We're going to a three year and six months, so let's see where the numbers are, and we'll use that as a guide, and go from there. If that's going to be **[unintelligible 01:22:12]**. That's the just a suggestion that I have.

Roman: I wonder what I'm going to say.

[crosstalk]

Roman: You go ahead and say it.

Christia Alou: Councilman Roman, I have provided you those numbers because you had asked on Friday evening for me to provide a cost analysis and other review documentations that you utilized to come up with this pilot program. I didn't have that accessible to me Friday evening, but I did ask CFO. He said that he could not work on it until he came to work on Tuesday; today.

This morning he said he couldn't come in, because he's going to the dentist. He broke his tooth in the front. You asked me for something and then I gave you what we used as an analysis. This was a final number. **[unintelligible 01:23:07]** with the CFO. I think he sits by these numbers, but we see that they're not altogether accurate and **[unintelligible 01:23:18]**.

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They were not final numbers, but they are the numbers that he submitted. I did ask him to give us an analysis on the black car and another take-home car. [unintelligible 01:23:28] to provide that, but I'm sure [unintelligible 01:23:30] comes back on Thursday. We will be inquiring that. I just want you to know the numbers, these are his numbers that they don't-- they aren't mine.

Mayor Cubillos: I really don't want to say, but I'm going to say this. When I say that the numbers look-- I don't know. I don't mean, because I don't trust, or that Irwin doesn't know what he's doing. I honestly believe that-- I've been here for nine years and there's some institutional knowledge, good and bad that comes with that. We came from a culture here where the administration, the attorneys, and many police officers who were not here anymore, especially administration, was just really an anti-take-home [unintelligible 01:24:35] vote.

Hey, I even bought into that. Part of me says this about Irwin, not because I think he doesn't know what he's doing. I think that I ask and I will ask him if his train of thought is still somewhat skewed or influenced or

still stuck in the ways that it used to be, because I think that this council has really worked hard to change the culture to really move the village forward and we really have done a lot of great things together. This council has been together since elected 2016. Even for me it's been a way of changing my thoughts to the way that I was so used to working with an administration for seven years as a Councilwoman and then briefly as a Mayor.

That was our train of thought, "No, no, no, no, no, no, no, impossible." I mean, attorney said it, Manager said it, and Councilperson Mathis and Vice Mayor Nickerson, we were here and I think we almost bought into that. But I think when we remove ourselves from those thoughts and really formalize our own opinion, as a resident told me that it's important to have a backbone in your own opinion, and I believe in that.

I was like, "You know what--" and that's when I started-- after I got elected Mayor I went and asked the other mayors in other cities-- Not because we based our opinion or judgment or outcome on what they do, but it's a camaraderie as mayors, as council people, as attorneys, as managers to feed off of one another and how to do things better.

So, again, I don't want to throw Irwin under the bus in any way, but I don't know if this is coming from an era where that's what Irwin, Councilperson [unintelligible 01:26:16] was at that time, Councilperson Mathis, Councilperson Nickerson was told for so long, "This is no, no, no. It's going to be very expensive, this is not what we do." I allowed myself to be open-

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mindful and were here today. That's really what I mean by that. I don't want Irwin to think in any way that-- but I think it's coming from a culture that maybe he hasn't necessarily mentally shifted yet.

If there's no more comments I want to open up one more to public comment before I opened it up. Let me close the council meeting. Open up for public comments. Go ahead, Paul.

Paul March: Thank you for having me again. How many squad cars do you have?

Mayor Cubillos: We have five new ones, but I'm going let the Chief chime in. She knows more than I. I know five new ones and four that were recently donated. 12.

Paul March: 12? Okay. Seeing it as how, apparently, I might be the wrong person for this job, because I have children in law enforcement and in military. As old, as young as it might look I have kids there on the older side, probably old as some of the police officers here. So you have a total of 12, right? I'll make you guys a great deal. I will give you free oil changes and inspections on 12 of your vehicles effective tomorrow at no charge. But as a city you can't accept it at no charge, so each car will be a dollar. After that, how many cars do you take home, your offices?

Mayor Cubillos: Out of the 12 cars, there's five cars that go home.

Paul March: Five cars will get free oil changes from me.

Christia Alou: There's six. They are six in total.

Mayor Cubillos: I'm sorry, six.

Paul March: Oh, six breaks the deal.

[laughter]

Christia Alou: There's six total cars.

Paul March: Five cars, I'll give free oil changes. As of tomorrow you bring 12 of them to me, two a day, and you'll get free oil changes at a dollar a piece, because we are the city. Some rules and regulations must be followed. As the Mayor, and the rest of you ladies and gentlemen, that's my offer for being a resident and appreciating all what law enforcement have done for

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me. I can't be unbiased, because of my children are in law enforcement and military. How does that sound to save on lots of problems and I'll give you a full inspection?

Mayor Cubillos: I'm going to allow the chair of admin and finance to redress you at this moment.

?Female Speaker: Thank you.

[crosstalk]

[laughter]

Paul March: Sure, you can, and why not?

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you, Paul.

Paul March: Anyway, it's not a trick. It's a dollar per oil change for 12 of your vehicles and five other vehicles will get a lifetime of free oil changes. That's the least I could give back.

[applause]

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you.

Paul March: If you look back in the history it's not the first time I've done business with El Portal.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay.

Paul March: Okay?

Mayor Cubillos: Okay. Thank you, Paul.

Paul March: I'm sure some of the officers here who recognize me, see me, [laughs] so when I said it's not a sales pitch, it really is not. So a dollar per car. I'm sure I will have to add tax to the dollar and could get paid by El Portal 90 days later.

[laughter]

Paul March: Partial joke, but some truth to it. Okay?

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Mayor Cubillos: Thank you, Paul. It's good seeing you.

Paul March: You're very welcome. My pleasure. Later, when it's possible, can we speak about trash pickup?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes sir.

Paul March: Deal. Thank you. Have a good night everybody.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you. Ms. Picco.

Picco: [unintelligible 01:30:02] Picco, 181 NW, 87th Street. Do the residents get any discount, Paul?

[laughter]

Paul March: What's that?

Picco: Do the residents get any discount as well?

Paul March: Of course.

Picco: Okay.

Paul March: [inaudible 01:30:14].

Picco: I actually agree with Councilperson Mathis that \$30 to \$40 paycheck is not enough. The federal reimbursements rates is 50 cents per mile. Just you may want to keep that in mind.

Mayor Cubillos: It's actually 54.

Picco: Is it now 54? Okay.

Mayor Cubillos: [laughs] Yes, because we looked at the-- yes.

Picco: Yes, thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Ms. Brooks, are you coming up or are you too chatting with Paul and getting a deal too?

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Mathis: She's trying to get a discount.

Mayor Cubillos: Is the lady behind Ms. Brooks coming up? At this time I'm going to close public comments, look at [unintelligible 01:31:03] and open it up back to the council. Any further discussion before I ask-- Attorney Powell, should we get into the record?

Attorney Powell: Yes, [inaudible 01:31:11].

Mayor Cubillos: Okay. Any further discussion before I ask for a motion? Hearing none, is there a motion for Resolution 2018-10?

Mathis: A motion.

Mayor Cubillos: Motion has been made by Councilperson Mathis. Is there a second?

Roman: I'll second.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by Councilperson Roman. Again, any discussion before I ask for roll call? Hearing none, Ms. Manager, may I get a roll call, please?

Christia Alou: Yes. Councilperson Roman?

Roman: Yes.

Christia Alou: Councilperson Mathis?

Mathis: Yes.

Christia Alou: Vice Mayor Nickerson?

Omarr Nickerson: Yes.

Christia Alou: Mayor Cubillos?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Christia Alou: Motion passed four to zero.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, congratulations.

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Christia Alou: Congratulations.

Mayor Cubillos: Now, don't all just leave home with him tonight, okay? [laughs] I'm sure there's a process involved.

Mathis: He [unintelligible 01:32:00] to drive first.

[crosstalk]

Mayor Cubillos: Next we have Resolution 2018-11 agreement with NPDES annual reports in which we are coming into extending our service agreement with Craig A. Smith & Associates . So, Attorney Powell if we can read the resolution into the record.

Attorney Powell: A resolution the council of the village of El Portal, Florida to enter into an agreement with NPDES for annual reports Craig Smith & Associates providing the [unintelligible 01:32:29] confidence and providing a [unintelligible 01:32:30] and providing a [unintelligible 01:32:32].

Mayor Cubillos: Great, thank you. I'm going to ask the Manager to please elaborate. This was presented I believe at Planning and Zoning. If you can just brief us and as well as the audience.

Christia Alou: Again, thank you for coming this evening Orlando, [unintelligible 01:32:46] representing Craig A. Smith & Associates are an engineering firm that have agreed to take up the role of engineering consultant for these reports that we have been [unintelligible 01:33:06] we discussed this in [unintelligible 01:33:09] last week and we're grateful to have the technical report because we didn't have it [unintelligible 01:33:20] that may have a lot to do with why we were delinquent in those reports, because they're very technical.

We hired a consultants Robert [unintelligible 01:33:28] to do them, because he's [unintelligible 01:33:30] figuring things like this out, and he had historical background with the village, but even he said it was too difficult, again, he's an engineer. I have been working with [unintelligible 01:33:41] on other projects [unintelligible 01:33:42]. I know they have historical knowledge of [unintelligible 01:33:46] village.

They are able to handle this and showing the reports in duly and timely manner. They outline that in the service contract. There are here if we have any question, but we will be in compliance, we need to hurry and get that compliance going, because we did get a warning

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letter just today because we're so far out of compliance that we need to hurry up and get these done, [unintelligible 01:34:09] I'm confident we will have done before the end of summer.

Mayor Cubillos: I only have one question for Craig Smith because you weren't at the P&Z meeting. How long do you anticipate based on what the Manager has showed you that we need to do in terms of the years? How long do you anticipate it's going to take you to get it done?

?Male Speaker: Probably a couple of months. The FDP, last time we had a teleconference with them in [unintelligible 01:34:56]. They were looking for

the village to adopt some SLPs for the sake just in case you have a high turnover, somebody can always go back to the files, look at the SLPs. We did this effort with the Town of Golden Beach. The ones that I'm going to do is get them a system with one of my coworkers who helped Golden Beach get up and start with their NPTs. We call them [unintelligible 01:35:26] Net Ps, because [unintelligible 01:35:28].

NPDES stands for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System program. The village, like Golden Beach and all the other municipalities, your co-permit is with Miami-Dade County. Each municipality is responsible for handling their own Net P's program which involves stormwater maintenance to detecting of illicit discharges into the river, public communication, and public outreach, and things like that to quantify sweeping programs, which you're not required to do here because you don't have gutters. You don't have to do that. Anything that has to do with potential to pollute the little river of stormwater, what have you, is part of the [unintelligible 01:36:32] Net P's program.

There are reported requirements, two or three [unintelligible 01:36:38] ago, he would ask us for plans and we'd provide that for him, but he never asked us to assist him in filing reports. We thought he was [unintelligible 01:36:53] because he was here forever, almost [unintelligible 01:36:57]. It turns out FDP never got these reports and they've been asking for them for quite some time. Even all the new drainage system that we put in the village on the west side, none of them has been inspected.

Part of this scope of getting one of our field representatives come out and inspect every catch basin and make a report and put that in the report as being inspected. Then leaving all the other parts of the reports that are out of compliance.

?Male Speaker: One of the things I like to add is it's important to understand in this process - it's one of these necessary evils, if you want to call it, it needs to be done. It's a partnership

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with us and you all could get this done. So everyone is clear. We just don't handle everything. We handle organizing and getting the reporting put together and the technical issues, but as far as some of the maintenance issues that need to be done, we'll work with you to say, "Hey, this needs to be done and help me with the program," but we got to work together as a team to get this done. So, Christia we will be working with you directly-

Christia Alou: Yes.

Steven: -and then if you have anybody internally that you're going to say, "Hey, you know what, on this issue I want you to work with this person or that person," we're happy to do it, but as a team effort. We've been there and done that and that's why I wanted to bring this up. It's critical. Especially when you're behind, we do have a good working relationship with the folks, but they expect you to get caught up and it's multi-years of reporting that needs to get caught up. Just so we understand. Thanks.

Mayor Cubillos: Thanks Steven [unintelligible 01:39:01].

Steven: Thank you very much.

Mayor Cubillos: Is there a motion to prove Resolution 2018-11?

Christia Alou: Motion.

Mayor Cubillos: Motion is made by Councilwoman, Roman. Is there a second?

Mathis: Second.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by Councilperson, Mathis. I'll close the council and open up for any public comments on this particular resolution. Do you have any questions for the manager or for our engineering firm? Hearing none, I'm going to close public comments, open it back up to the council. Council, any questions for the manager or to Craig Smith & Associates? Hearing none, Madam Manager, please have a roll call.

Christia Alou: Yes. Councilperson Roman?

Roman: Yes.

Christia Alou: Councilperson Mathis?

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Mathis: Yes.

Christia Alou: Vice Mayor Nickerson?

Omarr Nickerson: Yes.

Christia Alou: Mayor Cubillos?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Christia Alou: The motion passed is four to zero.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you guys. Have a good night.

Let's go on to Resolution 2018-12, Interlocal film entertainment photo agreement. Attorney Powell, can you read it for the record.

Attorney Powell: Resolution of the council of the Village of El Portal, Florida approving the renewal of the Interlocal agreement between the Village of El Portal and Miami-Dade County to provide film permitting services.

Mayor Cubillos: This is an interlocal agreement that comes before us every three years and it recently expired. Therefore, it's up again. Is there a motion to approve resolution for the interlocal agreement for the film and entertainment board?

Mathis: I make a motion.

Mayor Cubillos: Made by Councilperson Mathis. Is there a second?

Roman: I second.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by Councilwoman Roman. Any discussion? Hearing none, I'll close council and up for any public comments on this particular Reso--interlocal agreement. Hearing none, I am going to close public comments, open it up back to the council. Any further discussion before I request a vote? Hearing none, Ms. Manager.

Attorney Powell: I just think that we should clarify the purpose of the resolution.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, thanks.

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Attorney Powell: The purpose of the resolution and the agreement with Miami-Dade County is to permit the industry to go through one-stop permitting process when they want to do photo shoots or filming in municipalities around the county to the extent that the different municipalities, they can just simply go to Miami-Dade County's designated office and obtain the necessary permits to conduct their shoots or the videos within the municipalities.

Mayor Cubillos: [laughs] Thank you. Any other questions to the Attorney or the Manager? Hearing none, Ms. Manager, roll call please.

Christia Alou: Councilperson Roman?

Roman: Yes.

Christia Alou: Councilperson Mathis?

Mathis: Yes.

Christia Alou: Vice Mayor Nickerson?

Omarr Nickerson: Yes.

Christia Alou: Mayor Cubillos?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Christia Alou: Motion passes four to zero.

Mayor Cubillos: Next, we have Resolution 2018-13. It's our third extension for stormwater. If I can please have the Attorney read the resolution into the record.

Attorney Powell: Yes ma'am. A resolution for council of the Village of El Portal, Florida, including a third extension to the stormwater utility interlocal agreement between the Village of El Portal and Miami-Dade County.

Mayor Cubillos: If I can ask the Manager to please elaborate on this interlocal agreement.

Christia Alou: This interlocal agreement is actually an extension for an additional five-year term. This is our third one, not second one, I'm sorry. I addressed it as second. It's our third extension. We were entered into this agreement with the county, the Department of Regulatory

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and Economic Resources back in May 2003. The village-- we do not include this interlocal. This is a stormwater utility interlocal agreement [unintelligible 01:43:18] renew, the village will have to create and implement a stormwater utility in accordance with the county, and we would have to do so within 30 days. We would have to pay all utility cost, allocate to village, the village should terminate this interlocal, we would need to request exemption from provision from utility. A lot of things that we cannot do. It is a good thing for us to continue with the stormwater utility interlocal with the county.

Mayor Cubillos: I have a question. Now you know on May 30th there's a meeting with County Commissioner as it relates to the subject to sewer franchise or utility. Does this encompass that or is that separate?

Christia Alou: That thing is a separate matter. We would be creating a utility [crosstalk] when we meet with the Commissioner on the third. It is something that [unintelligible 01:44:13] what we have.

Mayor Cubillos: Any questions to the Manager from the council? Is there a motion for Resolution 2018, third extension, for the stormwater interlocal agreement with the county?

Mathis: Move to motion.

Mayor Cubillos: It's been moved by Councilperson Mathis. Is there a second?

Omarr Nickerson: I second.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by Vice Mayor Nickerson. I'll close for public comment. Any comments or questions to the Manager on this Resolution 2018-13? Hearing none, I'm going to close public comments, open it back up to the council. Any discussion? Hearing none, Ms. Manager, may I roll call?

Christia Alou: Councilperson Roman?

Roman: Yes.

Christia Alou: Council Person Mathis?

Mathis: Yes.

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Christia Alou: Vice Mayor Nickerson.

Omarr Nickerson: Yes.

Christia Alou: Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Christia Alou: Motions passed four to zero.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you. We are now going to reports. The first up is my Mayor's report. [unintelligible 01:45:26] do you want to do the part [unintelligible 01:45:27]. You can go ahead and-- No one showed up on Comcast? Okay, no one. I should go ahead. The first agenda item was Comcast cable bearing request. I'll ask the Manager to speak on their behalf. It was brought up by committee.

Christia Alou: Comcast proposes to install fiber optic cable in front of the building within the grass areas by the directional board, the public right of way. The directional board eliminates the need to have open-cut trenches installation, which eliminates a lot of the restoration work when they open these trenches to put this cabling in. Our engineering firm, Craig A. Smith, who's already left now [laughs], but they did review the plans and they had no objections with the proposed method of installation. It will be the least invasive to hopefully improve the cable service here in the Village of El Portal.

Mayor Cubillos: Great. Thank you. Attorney Powell, do I need to make a vote on this? The information? Okay. Any questions to the Manager on this? All right. I'll close it up for the public. Any questions on Comcast's putting this into for the Manager? Hearing one, I'm going to close the public comments and open it up back to the council. Thank you for that. Tell them they have our blessing and just let us know when they're going to start. Yes?

Mathis: They're going to be digging trenches?

Christia Alou: Different kind of boring that's not [unintelligible 01:46:57].

Mathis: They're going to have police officers on duty, right?

Christia Alou: I don't know what the plan is. I'll have to look at that. I can get back to you on that.

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Mayor Cubillos: If they're going to have police office on duty, they should hire ours as [unintelligible 01:47:10].

Mathis: Exactly.

Mayor Cubillos: Good point. Thank you Councilperson Mathis.

Christia Alou: Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: All right, great. We are going out to the committee reports. I'm going to start off with my Mayor's report. I'm going to go ahead and just do Planning and Zoning and Public Safety all at the same time. I'll tell you all [unintelligible 01:47:26] so we can move a little smoothly.

Last couple of months have been ongoing and pretty interesting here. I want to thank the Manager, because she definitely keeps me abreast of every aspect that's going on in the village, whether it's work that has not been done years past or new work that's pending. One of the things that-- well, not really I; we, at the strategy session had asked for us to do was to really clean up this place and make it a better quality of work life for employees.

If you guys take the opportunity to walk around inside, it looks really nice and really clean. We have a great company that comes in to clean. She's going to be working on a minor renovation on the kitchen. Everything has been a minimal cost within budget, but at the end of the day I think it's important. You've got to keep your employees happy. It's got to be clean and safe. It's nice to see when you look at the strategy session. Actually, one of the things that this Manager was able to actually do. I want to thank her for that.

The other thing is I left early the April meeting, because I was traveling. So I'm touching a little bit on April. On April 10th, I hosted a Mayor's roundtable to introduce the new attorney. I asked all of our vendors that we work regularly with. We had [unintelligible 01:48:59] Robarono, Steve from [unintelligible 01:49:01]. We had Irwin, our CFO, Christia, of course, me, Orlando who was just here as well as the Attorney and Juan from [unintelligible 01:49:08].

It was a great two-hour meeting. Everybody just spoke, and basically, was giving the Attorney a rundown of what projects are pending and what are we working on, what's pressing, what needs our attention, and just bring him up to speed. Something like that was great for us, because it brought to the attention to the CFO that we need a charge back fees for the developer,

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so we did. It's something that I may want to do maybe quarterly. It's a real opportunity to get all of the vendors that are not here regularly to sit down with the Manager and the Attorney and the Mayor.

That day when I left at the council meeting I had the opportunity to attend a municipal conference in Mississippi, which was for all the Southern states, most of the Southern states. We all have the same challenges as it

relates to whether it's sea-level rise or anything of the nature. It was an opportunity to hear what all of our challenges were in the state level and then on the local level as it relates to policy and legislation.

One of the things that we all walked away with is that we're all fighting for more home rule and allowing the municipalities to make more decisions based on the residents' needs as opposed to based on the county and state needs. That's something that we're really going to have to work a little harder on next year. It's really becoming aware of who all the players are on the state level, who all the players are on the county level, but mostly the state that wants to come in and do a cookie-cutter program and expect that all 34 municipalities in Miami-Dade County is going to operate the same way. If they think that they have never been to El Portal. We fight for that. That's why going to these conferences is really important.

I sit on the board for the Film and Entertainment Advisory Council. I've not been able to make any of their meetings, because it's always conflicting with something else. I was able to go to that one bringing forward the interlocal agreement that we had expired. It's interesting, because there's actually a lot of films filmed in Miami-Dade County. More importantly, there's a lot here in El Portal. It's really neat to know that and ask them if they let us know ahead of time, because I think it's neat fact to have here.

More importantly, one of the things that I walked away with is just the amount of money that the state, the county, and municipalities are not receiving because of the lack of agreements that the local county and state can actually work together to bring film back. A lot of our films are lost to Georgia. They're working on how can local municipalities, county, and state better provide incentives, because at the end of the day it's going to be job creation and it's going to just be more taxes for all the municipalities, counties, and going up to the states. I was glad I was able to attend, because I've missed nine meetings.

I want to thank Harold Mathis. The 5k was great. It was a lot of fun. We all just must have laughed forever that day. It was really early. It was drizzling, but it was a lot of fun. I know

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he's going to elaborate, but I just want to thank Councilperson Mathis for continuing that. I hope it continues far great my time here because it really is such a fun event.

I want to thank our Clerk. I want to thank our Chief. I want to thank our Manager. I want to thank Councilperson Mathis. I want to thank Councilperson Roman. I want to thank Vice Mayor Nickerson. Along with myself, we all attended the Miami-Dade League of Cities Installation Gala. The Miami-Dade County League of Cities is an organization that works for the 34 municipalities. We represent the 34 municipalities. We fight, as I said, again, for home rule. Councilperson Mathis has been on the board of directors for the last couple of years. He got sworn-in in the board of directors that night.

The exciting part that I think more for El Portal is next year-- every May, their president is sworn-in. Next year will be their first time in 64 years that that organization has existed that the president will be from El Portal. As long as I remain in the council, I will be sworn-in in May as the president of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, which is not only an honor for me, but it's truly an honor for the village because to have an organization that's been around for 64 years and that no one from El Portal has ever been the president, I think there's something to be said to that. I'm a first female Hispanic also in Miami-Dade County which I think is also interesting. That's exciting for the village.

Nature Trail. The contract is done. **[unintelligible 01:54:07]** we need the Region Superintendent and Principal to decide on how much space they're going to give us. It's between 40 to 70 feet. The only thing we're waiting on is for them to say that and then sign the contract and other than that we'll be good to go.

Law Enforcement Gala was this past weekend. I want to thank the Manager for being there, Officer Payne, Officer **[unintelligible 01:54:29]**, Officer Riveron, Captain **[unintelligible 01:54:31]** Iggy Terrell and his wife, Chief Hufnagel. Vice Mayor Nickerson, and myself. We were there in attendance for the Law Enforcement Awards Gala this past weekend. It's an opportunity to really show off what you're doing in your town as far as the police department. Chief Hufnagel sits on the board of directors for that. She's part of putting that installation or award ceremony together.

I want to thank Hugh, Kristen and Adam for always putting the Little River cleanup and for the council, I mean, for the village for continuing to be a supporter of that. I was able to attend for the last hour and a half as I flew in that day. Another fantastic event that we do. I want to

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thank them for spearheading that and always taking the time to put that together. Then I also want to know that both Adam and Kristen have a public space challenge.

If you have the time, go to the Miami Foundation and look for El Portal. They both have a public space challenge. One, to clean up the river and the other one, for the preserves right next to her, that's Adam. Like it, thank you and make comments and help them get their grants. That's the grant that we got three years ago, where we got \$20,000 for the nature trail expansion. The mayor's Town Hall series was started in January.

Each Town Hall is a topic that it's something pressing for the village. It's something that either the council's going to be voting on, the council's going to be deciding on. It's really important that residents come out because I believe we continually to try to really be as transparent and provide you as much opportunity to ask questions. It's really hard to come to one meeting and know everything. It's almost impossible.

These town halls, every single town hall from the first one talked about the development that's happening in the sanctuary, from the hurricane preparedness, from public safety, from this last one. It was all about women in leadership. Every single Town Hall has been about a topic that residents want to know about, but then they don't come. I encourage you to attend these town halls.

They take time, they take energy, but they have been fantastic. I say that to say that the next one is June 30th. It's going to be all about the budget. That is June 30th. That's a Saturday. That's from 12:30 to 1:30. Let's see what's the other thing. I want to save the date already. If you can believe it, the fourth Tuesday in August is our state of the village address. This year, it's Tuesday, August 28th. That's 7 o'clock.

I'm putting something pretty spectacular together. I don't have all of it scored away, but that is going to be Tuesday, August 28th at 7 o'clock. Before I go into Planning and Zoning, I want to take a moment. There was a resident who I had the opportunity to meet, probably four years ago. She made a tremendous impact in my life. She was a neighbor. She was a friend. She was a big champion through all of my campaigns, Miss Delores.

She passed away on Saturday, May 12th. If you could all just pray for her son. It's been really hard for him. It was a huge loss for me and definitely for him. She will be tremendously missed. Planning and Zoning, I'll give the update now. At the last Planning and Zoning meeting, the sanctuary presented their initial renderings. It passed for Planning and Zoning and now moves to full council. The first reading will be in June.

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If all goes accordingly, in terms of notification in public hearing, the second hearing will be in July. It's really important if you really want to be a part of what's going on, if you really want to know what's going to happen in that property in terms of economic development and how that's going to impact your life here, you should really be a part of the discussion.

You should come and you should ask the questions because while we believe it's going to be spectacular, we want to be sure that you all think it's going to be spectacular. June and July council meetings should be about the sanctuary. With this also comes the updating of an ordinance for the liquor sales. The ordinance that we have right now is severely outdated.

At the last Planning and Zoning meeting, we asked the attorney and Juan from [unintelligible 01:59:11] to put a recommendation for the council to consider some of the things that we asked for. It was not only to look at neighboring cities but as well as our own noise ordinance and what that looks like and give us some options to vote on while keeping the quality of life of the village in mind.

At the same time, if this is business, we need to keep the businesses in mind as well. Little Farm, their attorney responded. She is going to solidify a day to meet with them so they can give us an update. I think she just responded literally yesterday. She's going to get a hold of the developers and ask them that we want an update and at that meeting, we will be sure to let them know about what happened today.

As you all heard that the manager and I had meetings earlier this year to talk about if there's a potential opportunity that we can have to have a station here, I think that's really something. I think that if the cards are aligned and we continue with the right conversations with the right people at the right time and at the right meetings, but you don't know until you ask. I think that concludes Planning and Zoning. Public Safety, body cameras. The body cameras were purchased while Chief Morales was here.

Yes, they were finally returned and they were actually refunded. The reason that this was done was because whoever ordered it, whenever they were ordered, they sat in the police property for two years. The reason they sat on the police property for two years is because whoever ordered it didn't do the proper calculation of what it was going to cost to store the data that is actually filmed.

When we actually finally got the cost from the interim chief, well acting then, it was too much for us to sustain it. Instead of having all these cameras sit there, the committee asked, "Can you just return them and actually get some money back?" We'll put it in our forfeiture of Public

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Safety, and if that's something that we want to do in the future, we have to be sure when and if we do it, we factor everything in storage, cameras, not just about buying it.

There's layers involved to it. The cameras were returned, but nothing more than the fact that it was poorly planned as far as a program to implement in our department. All the police evaluations have been finally completed and turned in. In my nine years, that's a first. As we talked about the new police cars, we have four donated from North Bay Village, people want to know about GPS.

Well, when these cars were ordered, once again, whoever ordered them did not give us the entire figures. With these figures that we received, that we passed a resolution, that came just a car, so we had to put money in to outfit the car. By outfitting the car, it's police car, it needs equipment and everything that goes in there. We had to spend an additional, probably \$40,000 to \$50,000 that was not budgeted for.

For us to go into putting GPSs in the car, I think that maybe we can discuss it at a future date, but the \$40,000 to \$50,000 was not something-- Again, whoever ordered the cars did not properly present us a good figures, so we were stuck paying more money. I think that talks a little bit about the GPS and why they don't have them. Tomorrow, we have a first time that all the police officers have mandatory meeting.

They're going to have first aid and CPR, so that's great. El Portal Police Department is now on Instagram and Twitter and Facebook. I think it's @ElPortalPD. They are always on there, which I think is fantastic, letting you all know what they're doing. I'm going to remind you all that the stats are always on the village website. Please go to the village website under police department.

I wanna applaud Officer Battaglia who is working diligently to solidify a day to re-kick off the citizens' crime watch. I think the date we have next is July 16th, I think, or July 21st. He will let us know once he gets it with the chief and with David Ward and myself. Then we'll put it out to the public. The second half of the April's town hall was dedicated to public safety.

If you missed it, there was an opportunity to learn what we are doing to try to mitigate speeding, which is always an ongoing issue. I believe the manager's going to talk about that a little more in her report and how we can continually increase police visibility throughout El Portal with the small staff that we have. Then I'm going to touch on one more thing that I talked about earlier.

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As I mentioned, at the Public Safety Committee meeting on May 1st, I attended a superintendent round table on April 7th with other municipal mayors. We were asked to bring our chiefs and I also brought the manager. It was to discuss the aftermath effect part of the incident we'll have as we move forward because Governor Scott had mandated that there must be a police officer at every secondary middle and high school as of August 2018, which is the new year.

This demand has caused a ripple effect to every Police Department in Miami-Dade County forcing them to hire new police officers. Clearly, this puts a squeeze on small municipalities like ourselves in this game part. I'm sure we're not the only ones that are recruiting our police officers.

At that time, I had advised a public safety committee meeting that I would have been meeting briefly and quickly with the manager and the chief and the police officers to see if there is anything that we can do because while the PBA negotiation had already ended, an increase in salaries is not something that we can do now.

When you increase salaries, it's something that really has to be thought out because if that's not done on a strategic way and calculating what the increase is going to be and the lifestyle of the police officers, that could be real big financial for the village of El Portal to actually sustain when it comes to five, seven police officers and a chief, which is why we're really leaning towards to the police car. Police station cars. I really want to thank the council.

I know many of you had a lot of concern and I want to really, really thank you all for just taking the leap of faith with us and together we're going to decide if it's going to work or not and together as always we'll make the next decision if it does or it doesn't. As I said earlier, one of the reasons why I was, when Commissioner Edmonson told me she had also implemented a hearing, I was reminded by everybody here.

She really told me that there was really no-- Back then when our village was so different in 2002, right? That she really had nothing negative to say at all about the take-home program. Police schedule, it continues to be our goal to have two police officers when possible at every shift, especially the graveyard shift. The port corporal sheriff is always working.

As we move into the new budget year and the new fiscal year, we're going to take a look at a lot of things. We're going to take a look at how can we have more police officers? What is that cost going to look like? Where are we going to have to squeeze cut? Naturally, what June 30,

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it's about residents coming in and not necessarily criticizing what we've done, but more it's a fresh pair of eyes.

We have many residents who may be CPAs, who may be financial advisers and they may take a look at this and comment and be like, "Hey, what about this?" Be like, "Oh, you know," we look at this document over and over why not really open it up and be as transparent as we can and maybe even get a really good input and that's what June 30th is about.

June 30th is important because literally the July council meeting is going into TRIM notice, is going into mileage rate. We're going to figure all of that out, that's why this meeting in the town hall in June will be really important to happen before July. That concludes my public safety report.

Female Speaker 2: Now I'm going to go to Council Person Mathis, public affairs chair. No, sorry [unintelligible 02:07:08]

Female Speaker 3: Thank you. I'll try to be as brief as I can. The sanctuary project is mainly discussed in her report on Planning and Zoning. It seems to progress but I do want- I think it's important to let the residents also know that the mayor and I have met with the owners of the sanctuary project and asked about possibly building a village hall within creative offices and perhaps some quote and quote [unintelligible 02:07:49] what have you overseeing the new location.

There was a possibility that would be an opportunity for the village to be a part of the new downtown El Portal. The great idea but in practice we aren't able to do that. We will be staying right here in the public hall until we find some other way to make this work and that is another reason why I'm committed to continue to make improvements around the village hall.

We weren't able to afford the rent that we just have to pay. We're forced to [unintelligible 02:08:23] with no rent. We're not [unintelligible 02:08:26] stuff and one that we're not able to afford but we wish them luck and unfortunately that opportunity didn't work out too [unintelligible 02:08:33] the village of El Portal and administration as well as the sanctuary project, which is a office. That would be a great idea, again to make that work financially.

Like I said, we will continue to make little improvements and big ones as we can. We are going to improve down the front office over the weekend, over this long weekend to then repair it and make a different work station that's a little more secure and also putting in the security

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counters so that our staff is safe and that people aren't allowed back and that we ensure that we observe the **[unintelligible 02:09:14]** that it is for personnel only.

Because we have to abide by **[unintelligible 02:09:20]** laws and regulations that requires all personnel be the only ones in our back offices unless we were police escorted. We will be doing that over this coming weekend. Again small steps but we're getting it done and the way **[unintelligible 02:09:36]** I do want it. I think everyone **[unintelligible 02:09:40]** working on a recovery.

Our consultant GPLO, they've **[unintelligible 02:09:45]** which we're really happy about but now that we're still at that process, we're still back and forth with regard to ensuring that we **[unintelligible 02:09:57]** We are hopeful that we should be getting something back in 40 days, in terms of just a review. Once that **[unintelligible 02:10:10]** there's confirmed questions or one of the comments they had and probably go back to FEMA and then they'll continue. That kind of takes me into a full loan/line of credit item.

We are considering, we were considering giving a line of credit to pay for the one outstanding FEMA **[unintelligible 02:10:34]** Hurricane Irma recovery in place. That was our **[unintelligible 02:10:37]** which is the biggest part of the whole recovery. That was the most expensive that it's about \$1.4 million from just that one contractor. We would like to pay that contractor.

We consider doing a line of credit because that requires a team that within 12 months, **[unintelligible 02:11:04]** ensuring a loan, a ministry loan. We had interviewed and talked with a consulting firm that is called Public Financial Management, PFM, that will **[unintelligible 02:11:19]** to find us the best rate we can find, to get a two year loan. Allowing us to make sure that we don't default, whether that we don't run into penalties and don't pay that money back, within that twelve months.

That's a lot of credit, that would require too much. We're hopeful, this is going to be about a three, four-week process. Again, we have to **[unintelligible 02:11:42]** contractors, so we are working on that with our attorney and the people as well. I participated on a number of meetings and activities. Recently, well this month as I always do, but I've known. I think I'm really proud of it. I was a panelist with the Florida Association. I met a lawyer, Women's Leadership Summit at the law firm. **[unintelligible 02:12:08]**

I worked as a chief at El Portal, as well as my own background with legislative affairs and working on top of the **[unintelligible 02:12:20]** I just didn't know that they were impressed,

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they like El Portal and they liked what we're doing especially they see that we have a woman as mayor, a woman's lead chief, an interim chief as well as a woman manager. It's impressive when these technical [unintelligible 02:12:35] people I'm from El Portal.

We're making things happen, we're taking [unintelligible 02:12:39] We're happy about that. This we've already covered, to continue working with our interim chief, and she's done a great job. Again, if I find opportunities for us to showcase the spotlight of what we're doing, we're also doing another- we're going to do a [unintelligible 02:13:00] exercise with the FEO team. That's on the 30th.

Male Speaker 1: Call me at the [unintelligible 02:13:05]

Female Speaker 2: Okay, I'll take any answers. [laughs] [crosstalk] [unintelligible 02:13:11] Other police departments will be going with [unintelligible 02:13:16] Park will be joining us in that [unintelligible 02:13:22] Be careful driving through the streets on the 30th of May. Under accountant directive I was asked to work with Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works for a traffic study.

I've been working with the traffic engineer over the last couple of weeks, a woman. Her name is, well, I should [unintelligible 02:13:52] has been working within the firm to identify, if the need of study, the counties of the opinion net, because they've done a study just a few years ago, that they don't want invest the [unintelligible 02:14:06] The other one was there was some extraordinary circumstance that we're required to study.

In the mean time, I did ask her is there anything we can do. She has voiced to me the requirements that we have to submit to show that we are deserving of this, or that we would need it. The streets that are in question, we said it was Northwest 2nd Ave., North Miami Ave [unintelligible 02:14:38] 87th Street as well as [unintelligible 02:14:40] These are all considered as collector roads, and the county says no to any kind of speed calming or speed bumps.

No lights, no signs that don't belong to the county, because they want it for open transportation on those roads. We're not done. We're going to continue the review with her and see if there's any way we can get something. I know council member already just told me all of the sidebars that we've got and idea. [unintelligible 02:15:14] We do want to call this meeting. That's where we're at on the traffic study, but there will be more to come. Let's see if there's some other creative ways we can see. We get something to [inaudible 02:15:26] in our ability. That concludes my report.

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Roman: For the traffic study, those county roads. I mean, I know they're not to going to reduce it but in our charrette, we have put in medians or street parking like Miami Shores has it, because those are all other common devices. Because with those county roads, they're never going to reduce the speed and they know that, but there's ways to calm it like the way Miami Shores did it, so that's more along the line where I was thinking that we should do.

The other thing is that anything extraordinary that's happened, well yes, the sanctuary is built. That's going to have a big impact in our town. I think that they need to know that as well, as well as even that future development. The sanctuary is a little more pressing as far as it's coming up.

Mayor Cubillos: All right, thank you, good job. Councilperson Mathis, public affairs.

Mathis: 5K is done. We had a great turnout, I actually enjoyed it. We had five age groups and I'm just going to name the first place winners of each group. The little champion that won the first age group was 0-19, his name was Leon Bretos. He rode that bike [laughs] through the whole course, it was so cute. Pedro Araca was the overall winner, his time was 22:59.

Mayor Cubillos: He's from West Miami?

Mathis: Yes, he comes from West Miami. Same age group for female was Lissy Jean-Pierre, she's with South [unintelligible 02:17:18] I believe. Then age group 40-49 male, Leo Latosa, who actually lives in Sherwood Forest. Female in that age group was Annery Nunez who is the clerk for West Miami. Then resident David, I'm going to mutilate his name, Valhuwi was for 50 and over and Mabel Otero was the winner. Her daughter is--

Mayor Cubillos: Her daughter's Diana Otero.

Mathis: Great turnout. I had a really good time. I want to thank all of the sponsors, waste management, the bagel company, those bagels were so good, my law firm, Jason Pizzo donated [unintelligible 02:18:21] skin care. I think I got everybody.

Mayor Cubillos: Mercantile Bank

Mathis: Mercantile Bank. I need to get their logo.

Mayor Cubillos: State Farm.

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Mathis: I laughed so hard with them. They were jam. TD Bank didn't get a check to us in time but they are going to send us a check, so I think we did good with a cause. That's my report when it comes to public affairs. The next event is the July 4th event, which we have decided will be on--

Mayor Cubillos: We're voting on that. I'll finish the week, the council.

Mathis: We haven't voted on that yet.

Mayor Cubillos: [laughs] Great, thank you. Public works, Chairperson Dreher is not here. Vice chair.

Vice Chair: This public works, I'm reading this whole thing, had to familiarize myself with it. [inaudible 02:19:19]

Mathis: That's what public works is. That's a lot of reading.

Mayor Cubillos: Well, there's a lot of [unintelligible 02:19:30] going on as we prepare for hurricane season, so thank you. I think the meeting on the 30th is really going to be really important. Have we looked at the contract for [unintelligible 02:19:43] to see the clauses there, no?

Male Speaker 2: [inaudible 02:19:51]

Mayor Cubillos: Okay.

Mathis: For me, there's one thing that we should add up.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes, I think we're going to have to-- The next public works committee meeting we'll really have to talk a lot more about septic to sewer at least made a connection to Councilperson Drew. Miss manager, have you spoken to Councilperson Drew?

Manager: No, I haven't.

Mayor Cubillos: Public Safety, I gave my report. Code Enforcement. Oh, wow. Look at that. Okay, Code Enforcement, Vice Mayor Nickerson is the Chair.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: How's everybody doing? It's good to see everybody out here tonight. The Code Enforcement I'm in the meeting that we were discussing with the manager, we were

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discussing home and what we should do as far as the money that you guys are working so hard which we appreciate you guys have gotten in. What we should do going forward in housing at [unintelligible 02:20:45] at one point, you and the attorney were talking about with Councilperson Roman of what percentages.

You were saying that we shouldn't be doing percentages because it's different homes, they have different reality and things like that. I just want to first of all just say that we appreciate you guys working on that. This is another example of what the mayor is talking about as far as changing the culture of the village and the community, with the fact that under your leadership madam manager how we're getting the a lot of things done that should have been done under previous leadership. [chuckles]

We appreciate, thank you very much. I do want to also say it's not Code Enforcement but it will be a Memorial Day coming up. I just want everybody to keep that in mind. We did have the 5K recently we're swinging right into that. Just keep in mind everybody that knows me knows that all my degrees are in history and it's not related with stuff like that and my doctor and stuff.

The history of just the military, our military and what they've been through in the very beginning of our country, that's just something that you guys want to keep in mind going into this weekend and the sacrifices that were made for all of us throughout history.

Just not look at it as a chance to barbecue and eat good ribs and [chuckles] things like that but actually keep in mind what it's all about because that's very important for all of us. Councilperson Roman, before I close up Code Enforcement, do you want to say anything about your wonderful program, the [inaudible 02:22:37]

Roman: Yes, we did confirm the two homes that one for-- I'm sorry, 2I should have had that info, for last month it turns out that the committee chair was out of town and the committee decide it on two homes that are on the east side for this month. I'm not saying that there weren't any homes on the west side. Nominations were a little bit lower in terms of the west side so I encourage all residents when they drive around to please take a look at the beautiful homes that are on the west side and nominate them.

For this month the two signs are actually here on the east side. One of the homes is 80 NE 89th Street. That home was completely renovated recently. The other home is 8995 NE 4th. That's your neighbor, yes I think it's Todd and Steven. Those are the two homes that for this month received the signs and were awarded the Home of the Month.

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We do have nominations already for next month. I believe there's two homes that are already in running for it but we are still accepting nominations. Please encourage everyone to nominate whenever possible, thank you.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Thank you, that's a wonderful program you have. Before I close it out I just want to give a special shout out into the camera, speaking of Memorial Day, to Colonel Pace, the Mayor's husband who's a Colonel in the Military. We appreciate his service definitely. Thank you, madam manager.

Manager: Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Planning and Zoning I gave my report during the mayor's report and with the last Committee is Admin and Finance Chair Council Person Rome.

Roman: Thank you. For me I don't really have much. I think the Mayor covers and the village managers cover most of it that has to do with Admin and Finance. I'll reiterate the dates that are important which is June 30th, the Budget Town Hall that's going to be really important for our villagers to attend and see what's all about before we go into. the actual budget speaking and budget workshop is July 10th.

Please, if you're available please come to that event and so it's very important. Those are the two dates that I wanted to reiterate. I also want to share in the comments that the mayor and the vice mayor mentioning regards to the administration and everything that's being done right now where--

It's a breath of fresh air to see that items that were on our strategy session from over a year ago are finally getting put in to action. We're seeing the results in just- in the short time that our manager has been a full-time manager and so I do want to thank her as well for everything that she's doing and that's also very important.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you. You're up and I'm going to turn in over-- [crosstalk]

Male Speaker 2: I'll keep it brief and just give you the highlights we've been covering a lot of ground over the last month or months. Generally, working with the manager intimately to make sure that our resolutions are to be sufficient in both the council meeting and also the committee meetings. The main focus has been discussed earlier is working with our consultants to make sure the [unintelligible 02:26:29] project moves forwards.

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Including the specialist exceptions concerning the alcohol [unintelligible 02:26:36] including the hours and issues concerning those ordinance. [unintelligible 02:26:43] for the council's concern, consideration. The other major highlight involves the septic and sewer project. We've been working diligently with the various consultants in the village to strategize and to move forward with the agreement with the county as well as the committee with the--

Once it's scheduled at the commission of this district and then we'll have a later meeting with the staff concerning finalizing proposed, again which are about connection fees and associated aspects that we've been back to the [unintelligible 02:27:23] with the village.

As you mentioned also, and I would giving, we're looking at working with the financial planner to solicit [unintelligible 02:27:40] responses from lenders that the public financing to consider a loan from the village to allow us to bridge that gap or potential gap between the fee or reimbursement. That's a highly complicated process which will involve working with the council and also analyzing the proposed loan agreements that we we're receiving that will move that process forward.

Obviously, that will go through the administrative and finance committee for consideration. Minor items, we've worked that obviously, the Rules of Procedures. We have discussed that the last meeting, I did get some input from one or two residents that attended which are both very instructional. We come from that as proposing the time and policy which are definitely bringing back and finalizing it the next meeting. That's pretty much the highlight of my report.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay. Thank you. Any questions for the attorney?

Attorney: None.

Female Speaker 3: Okay. We're going on to unfinished business. Senator Champbell was supposed to be here with the legislative updates, so, we're going to cross that out and K2 is Councilperson Mathis is proposing that-- Will you take it on?

Mathis: Oh, those are on 4th of July. Here's my proposal, [unintelligible 02:29:10] the 4th of July.

[laughter]

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Female Speaker 3: Well, the last couple of years, we've not had it on the 4th of July, so I think that the proposal, we actually do it on the 4th of July which is a Wednesday. Okay. Is the council good with that?

Male Speaker 2: Yes. I think we should explain the reason why in the past we haven't done it in the 4th of July because we always look for a Saturday to do it, so most of the time that Saturday is not the 4th of July. This year, Councilperson Mathis wants to do on the 4th of July and just like most years it didn't fall on a Saturday, so that's why we're talking about this.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay. We all good with 4th of July? All right. Great. 4th of July, we don't want to miss out. Now, you know, the manager usually barbecues.

Mathis: Yes. [laughs]

Female Speaker 2: I don't want that.

Mathis: You don't want a barbecue?

Male Speaker 2: You don't want that.

Mayor Cubillos: I've got pictures. All right, chief, you know it's winning. You know, actually, actually, wait, wait, wait. I have to say this because in years past it's the chief and the manager that cook, so I have a great idea, Powell.

Male Speaker 2: I can warm-up pretty well. I'm really bad at cooking.

Mathis: How are your barbecuing skills?

Male Speaker 2: I'm awful at it. My wife's actually pretty good at it, maybe I can enlist her help.

Mathis: Uh-uh.

Mayor Cubillos: Well, you know, officer Benitez [unintelligible 02:30:34] strike me as they would be really good at barbecue so I think we're going to be okay. We have husbands here that will come out and you know, but I do need a picture of the chief and the manager behind the grill because that's just tradition.

Male Speaker 3: That is tradition.

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Mayor Cubillos: Okay.

Female Speaker 2: Behind the grill.

Mayor Cubillos: Behind the grill.

Male Speaker 3: That is tradition.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, um, any new business?

Male Speaker 3: No, madam mayor, but I mean, [inaudible 02:31:00]

Mayor Cubillos: Oh, yes. Councilperson Mathis, we did not pass the approval of the minutes because Vice Mayor Nickerson had not have the opportunity to readily review them so there would have just been two of us here, have you had the opportunity to review the minutes for April 23rd, if not, we can move that to June.

Mathis: I didn't read it.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, so with that said, let's go ahead and move the minutes to June. Okay, thank you for that reminder, Vice Mayor Nickerson. Anybody, [unintelligible 02:31:23] would like to ask or say anything? Please take your name badge for the record.

Female Speaker 3: Hold up. Hold it.

Ronnie Hufnagel: Give your name. Oh, well, no. Interim Chief Ronnie Hufnagel, I just wanted to touch to some, two things. First of all, I wanted to go ahead and thank you, officers, for the 5K for part-timers and full-timers that actually came out and they did an amazing job.

Mathis: Thank you, that's good to hear.

Ronnie Hufnagel: Keeping the residents and everybody else that participated safe, and it went smoothly. It went smoothly.

Mathis: [inaudible 02:31:57]

Ronnie Hufnagel: Yes, maybe. Also, I also wanted to let the residents know that in the past years, I was always involved in the national Click It or Ticket campaign, and I've actually passed that torch down to Officer Burell. We are going to be out there and we started yesterday,

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stopping vehicles that do not have the seat belts on, and at the same time it helps us with stopping individuals that have no insurance, that have suspended license, either--

We've actually had arrests also, and the reason we do that is because, since all police departments join, it helps us if we do the most tickets, obviously, we're not compared to the big agencies, we compare with district part, we also get some goodies out of it. The city does not have to pay for lasers, equipment for doing traffic stops. That's all clean, and flashlights for the officers, we get to win those goodies, too. Just please put on your seat belts and what our officers just have to--

Mayor Cubillos: Are you going to do it on a long weekend?

Ronnie Hufnagel: Yes. I mean, it's good until June 30th. We have it until June 30th. We're going to be moving around spots.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay.

Mathis: Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you.

Ronnie Hufnagel: All right. Thank you.

Female Speaker 2: Yes, go ahead.

Mathis: [inaudible 02:33:22]

Odis: Good evening. My name is Odis [unintelligible 02:33:31] I live in 202 Northeast 90 Street, but it's not really a comment. Just about my house, because I've been to the office this after about like 2:30 and then I see board is meeting tonight. So with the last hurricane, my house was messed up, and my car.

When I tried to call the mayor, special number I tried to call, and then she were in an appointment and to talk with him so nobody, but now I try to find somebody to fix my house and my car, you know, I'm upset so I go to find someone, but I come to the city, I just want to know if those trees don't have any insurance to call if they hit your house or something your car, you'd think we call him, this a question I want to know.

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Mayor Cubillos: What's your address?

Odis: 202 Northeast 90 Atreet.

Mayor Cubillos: Oh, yes, you're right. Oh yes, I know.

Odis: Yes, she call you and then she make an appointment and then, she can find her.

Mayor Cubillos: You called to the office?

[inaudible 02:34:35]

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, yes, even though this is a matter that has to go to the manager, she would have to make a decision and then come to the council with that decision, to-- Go ahead.

Female Speaker 4: Well, I should say, we do have-- I do know about this situation. I know our crew enforcement officers do know where to give citations. I guess this is an extreme amount of vehicles. [crosstalk] There was a little bit of an alley. I now know about that. If your concern is fixing of the car please refer that to an insurance company and they'll refuse to pay that. They said this is a natural act the tree was removed by the contract.

Odis: You don't know how many complaints are made here for peop-- To trim the tree, you don't know how many complaints? I make like three, four complaints before the hurricane come in. Just to trim the tree, nobody do nothing, what happened?

Mayor Cubillos: The tree fell, I don't know what happened before I came on, you could have built it, but I do know that we are now paying them now. I know that the insurance company said if they are-- Maintain, it doesn't have to do with some regular schedule. If they are normally right maintained, if they are in good condition and health, that they would refuse. I know they did come out and look at that, your damage and the difference is to cater. That's really--

Mathis: A tree uprooted and fell on the car?

Mayor Cubillos: No, it didn't uproot. I think it just fell. Like a big branch or something. I remember it was a blue car, a blue car.

Mathis: Exactly.

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Mayor Cubillos: [crosstalk] It's a blue car.

Female Speaker 2: If your insurance company [unintelligible 02:36:22]

Mayor Cubillos: Was your car totaled?

Odis: Not really totaled, you know it's out there.

Female Speaker 2: But it's in the driveway, the parking lot.

Odis: Yes, exactly.

Mathis: What about your insurance company?

Odis: The [unintelligible 02:36:33] it's too low for the bid table as a father.

Female Speaker 2: So you're a customer?

Odis: Yes. For the cars I got their baby and as a father. I come to the city like three four time, make the same complaint for this tree. Then the big branches over my house. Before the hurricane coming, I come here and then I talked to the lady in the front but however she's not - It's an obvious sign. I keep complain- [crosstalk]

Female Speaker 2: I followed them when this happened.

Odis: I keep complaining for the trees, nobody say nothing and now you're sorry.

Female Speaker 2: I can't answer for what's happened before is an idea that one tree [inaudible 02:37:22]

Mathis: The tree is in the runway?

Female Speaker 2: [inaudible 02:37:37] The village cannot pay for that.

Odis: Take the car first and leave me alone till I find money to fix my car, because I don't have money to fix the car. When you passed by my house and keep comparing [unintelligible 02:37:54] [crosstalk]

Female Speaker 2: Not just the car, it's also the many cars that are in the driveway.

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Odis: Right. I have three daughters, each of them have a car. Which is why I can [unintelligible 02:38:09] they live there and I can't tell them, "Hey, you cannot park. Go out and move somewhere else."

Female Speaker 2: This is the house right next to--

Odis: On the corner.

Female Speaker 2: Right next to Ruth Aguilera. What's the corner of 2nd and 90th?

[inaudible 02:38:44]

Odis: If I try to trim or cut the tree, the city going to be- charge me or whatever. It's what they say. I can do nothing and we're all the same. This way when I come here to complain. They never do nothing.

Female Speaker 2: But the tree is not there anymore.

Odis: No, it's fallen my house, they cut it down now. The city cut it down now.

Female Speaker 2: Now the issue here--

Odis: The damages belong to me now. That's my problem now, it's not the city problem, because my car is messed up, my house is messed.

Female Speaker 2: Is the car blocking the sidewalk?

Odis: No, it's not blocking the side. There is only driveway.

Female Speaker 2: There is no issue with the car getting damaged on the street?

Mayor Cubillos: Do you have a time frame when you think you can possibly get it repaired and then maybe the manager can work with law enforcement and not put in fines. Is there a time frame that you think that you could get the car fixed? What's the estimate at fixing the car?

Odis: It's about \$3,500.

Mayor Cubillos: Irma hit in September.

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Female Speaker 2: Are you planning on fixing the car?

Odis: Yes.

Female Speaker 2: When do you think will be finished? By when do you think it will be [unintelligible 02:40:14]

Odis: Probably that will take me six more months, something like that.

Mathis: Six more months?

Odis: Of course.

Mathis: Has he been cited or given a warning?

Female Speaker 2: He's been cited.

Mathis: Okay.

Odis: What's your inciting? I cannot fix a car, nobody will fix it. [chuckles] It's the tree. [unintelligible 02:40:35] to cut the tree another day. I come here many times, like three or four times, nobody telling nothing. It's me now?

Mayor Cubillos: That's why we have a new administration to provide services.

Odis: Is this some administration or is it when I was complaining?

Mayor Cubillos: I'm sorry?

Odis: That administration, was it when I kept complaining?

Mayor Cubillos: That everybody upfront is new except the last one.

Odis: I don't know but I don't been there for like more, something like that, two weeks, I don't know, but when I came here, I know he was there. I know that he's the sitting manager. I don't even know who he is.

Male Speaker 2: Did you check also your home monitor, sir?

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Odis: Yes, sure. You got maybe this table is to remove, I'm not sure.

Female Speaker 2: It's impossible.

Odis: Exactly. That can be [inaudible 02:41:21]

Male Speaker 2: Well, I think we can't do anything except for this tree.

Odis: They found that complaint for the tree this time. I kept complained, complained every day, nobody say nothing.

Mathis: Was the tree dead?

Female Speaker 2: No.

Odis: No, they cut it down now.

Mathis: It could have been completely fine, but call that part of the tree that-- I mean if the tree has been dead--

Female Speaker 2: That wasn't everything. It stood the weather until the next time [unintelligible 02:42:01] not as itself but the part of the [unintelligible 02:42:05] Again, the insurance-- It wasn't met.

Female Speaker 1: As part of preparation with the hurricane, I mean think there was something that was mailed [unintelligible 02:42:21] for this year because we have cars near trees. It's advisable that you move them because things like that can happen, but unfortunately we're not like--

Odis: What about the top of my wall? She's missed that too? I cannot hold it. [laughs]

Mayor Cubllos: No. Yes, we all suffered a lot of damage. Let's just all pray and hope that have a better season this year.

Odis: What? I don't know what you're [unintelligible 02:43:01] Code Enforcement because I don't know anymore how to fix nothing so far. Then I knew one thing, I kept complained, complained, complained, there's nobody say not. Now, you see now? You're totally against me because we file a complaint. Nobody say nothing. Now, you try to send the Code Enforcement or whatever to say something? You see what really happened?

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Female Speaker 1: He did warn you a couple of times before [unintelligible 02:43:27]

Odis: I don't see the citation. You emailed the citation for me or you have the office on me?

Female Speaker 1: Yes. I think we [unintelligible 02:43:36]

Odis: Anyway, I'm going to call at my lawyer because you've got the power but I don't have any power, because I kept complained from this tree, many, many, many times. Nobody say nothing. Now you switch even what you going to do? Get my house?

Write the signage and you will get my house or something like that? Do you think it's fair? No, it's not fair. I filed my complaint for the tree, because the big branch is also at my house. I came here like three, four times. I said, "Please, before the hurricane, can you send somebody to trim the tree?" Even though nothing.

Roman: Correct me if I'm wrong, madam manager, but when he's getting the citations, is it for the damage to the car? The other cars are there.

Odis: Absolutely.

Roman: But is he given--

Manager: That was the car under the tarp there. [inaudible 02:44:36] It's like abandoned there.

Roman: Yes, now I understand--

Odis: I still got interest for this car.

Roman: I understand.

Odis: I'm still paying insurance for this car because I'm trying to fix it.

Roman: I understand. Just looking at it logically, if anything, the most that we can even look at is the violation for the car under the tarp. You know what I mean, and say that we could do something about those charges, but it's not going to take care of the overall of the other charges though, sir. You know what I mean?

Mathis: We enforced the law of not--

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Odis: I understand.

Mathis: So we wouldn't tarp on it allow to cover cars.

Odis: I understand.

Mayor Cubillos: In closing, because you want resolution and we're not going to be here all night.

Odis: Okay.

Mayor Cubillos: Because there's a couple of things that we're talking about. First, we're talking about the damage to your car. Then we're talking about the covered car and the citations for the covered car.

Odis: Yes.

Mayor Cubillos: If you ask me, she's right here, you call her tomorrow and if you guys can meet. This is really up to the manager's discretion, and I don't want to put the pressure on you, but it's not something that the council-- It's something that she may come to us and see, but we're not in the ability to say, "Yes, we're going to pay it," or "No, we're going to remove the fines."

You know what I'm saying? I apologize that you went to the former administration and you went to the other managers and they never cut the tree. I mean, we're cutting trees extensively now in preparation for hurricane season. We may have been here but that's part of what the administration does.

I can tell you now, the administration is pretty active in getting things done. That would be my recommendation, because we all were affected, we all had fences down, cars were damaged. I had to move my car because I was afraid the car port was going to fall on it. The village took a big hit. As a village, as a whole we're working on. I'm paying that back as you offered to see me.

Odis: Like you say, we are not going to be here all night. I understand that, but I could [unintelligible 02:46:53] with your city manager or something. I have to go to the office tomorrow, I'll call you or something like that?

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Manager: Yes, please. If you wouldn't mind calling early, call after 9:00 AM.

Odis: You got your car inside the office, you have to take someone tomorrow. All right.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay. What is your name again?

Odis: Odis.

Mayor Cubillos: Odis?

Odis: Yes.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, Odis.

Odis: All right. Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, thank you. Any other public comments? Hearing none, I have the motion to adjourn.

Roman: I motion.

Mayor Cubillos: Motion's been made by Councilperson Roman. Is there a second?

Mathis: Second.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by Councilperson Mathis, all in favor signal by saying aye.

Everybody: Aye.

Mayor Cubillos: Any oppose? Hearing none, the Tuesday, May 22nd council meeting concludes at 9:51 PM. Thank you.

Mathis: Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: I got to tell you something.

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