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Mayor Cubillos: All right. Good evening, everyone. Thank you for coming to tonight's very special council meeting. Today is Tuesday, April 16th and it is 7:10PM. I'd like to call the meeting to order, please. At this time, if I can please have a moment of silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[pause 00:00:19]

All: 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: Thank you. Madam Clerk, could I please have roll call?

Clerk: Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor: Here.

Clerk: Vice Mayor Nickerson.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Here.

Clerk: Councilperson Mathis.

Mathis: Present.

Clerk: Councilperson Roman.

Roman: Here.

Clerk: Also present for the record, Councilperson to elect, Urbom, Yenise Jacobi, Village Clerk, Christia Alou, Village Manager, Norman Powell, interim village attorney.

Mayor: At this time, may I have a motion for the approval of the agenda?

Roman: Motion for approval.

Mayor: Motion to be made by Councilwoman Roman. Is there a second?

Mathis: I second but I have an issue.

Mayor: Yes.

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Mathis: The \$85,000 drawdown.

Nickerson: On H2?

Mathis: F3. No, H2, yes.

Mayor: Can you repeat that, please?

Mathis: \$85,000 drawdown for the septic sewer project.

Mayor: \$85,000 drawdown? May I get a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment.

Nickerson: Motion to approve the agenda with the amendment.

Mayor: Motion are made by Vice Mayor Nickerson. Is there a second?

Mathis: Second.

Mayor: Second by Councilperson Mathis. All in favor signal by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor: Any nays? Hearing none, our agenda will pass this evening. May I get a motion to approve from the Council- do you have the time to review the minutes from March 26th?

Mathis: Madam Mayor, if I may?

Mayor: Huh.

Mathis: Madam, may I have-- There were a lot of things that weren't correct on it so I'm going to go back through. For example, for that meeting, there was a mix-up between they had for everything that was meeting and you're first for ages. Then, other [unintelligible 00:02:36] back and forth, so I'm going to go through that.

Mayor: Can we take a look to the venue?

Mathis: Yes, thank you.

Mayor: At this time, I want to say thank you and thank you all for being here. Tonight, we have a special evening. We are already swearing in our new Councilperson-elect, Anders

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Urbom. Then, we will be swearing in our Chief of Police, David- you know, I told the manager, we'll be calling you M- Magnusson.

Magnusson: Magnusson.

Mayor: Magnusson, perfect. At this time, I'd like to go ahead and swear in Councilperson-elect, Anders Urbom.

[pause 00:03:10]

[background conversation]

[background noise]

Mayor: If you can raise your right hand, please. I, Anders Urbom.

Urbom: I, Anders Urbom.

Mayor: Being duly sworn by the Mayor of El Portal.

Urbom: Being duly sworn by the Mayor of El Portal.

Mayor: Do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution.

Urbom: Do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution.

Mayor: And government of the United States of America.

Urbom: And government of the United States of America.

Mayor: And of the State of Florida.

Urbom: And of the State of Florida.

Mayor: That I am qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Urbom: That I am qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Mayor: And Charter of the Village of El Portal.

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Urbom: And Charter of the Village of El Portal.

Mayor: And that I well and faithfully will perform the duties of Councilperson to the Village of El Portal, Florida.

Urbom: And that I well and faithfully execute the duties of the Councilor of Village of El Portal, State of Florida.

Mayor: Which I'm about to enter.

Urbom: Which I'm about to enter.

Mayor: Congratulations.

Urbom: Thank you.

[applause]

Clerk: Congratulations. I'll have you sign this one.

Urbom: Okay.

Clerk: Did you guys want to come over to take a picture?

Mayor: It's all right. Now maybe join us if you like. They're all matching with our manager-[crosstalk].

Roman: We're all in blue and gray here.

[background conversation]

Mayor: Afterwards, we'll get mommy and the little ones up here. Want a picture too?

Kid: Yes.

Mayor: Bring the kids up.

Urbom: Oh, my goodness.

Mayor: What's [inaudible 00:06:13], right? Come on, girls. Are they- Oh, boys.

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[background conversation]

Congratulations, you all.

[background conversation]

[applause]

Mayor: Now, I have the honor of swearing in our new Chief, David Magnusson. Can you please follow me.

Clerk: Yours is a little longer.

Mayor: Raise your right hand. I, David Magnusson.

Magnusson: I, David A. Magnusson.

Mayor: Being duly sworn by the Mayor of El Portal.

Magnusson: Being duly sworn by the Mayor of El Portal.

Mayor: Do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States of America.

Magnusson: Do solemnly swear that I will defend and protect the Constitution and Government of the United States of America.

Mayor: And of the State of Florida.

Magnusson: And of the State of Florida.

Mayor: That I will, in all respects, observe the provisions of the Constitution.

Magnusson: That I will, in all respects, observe the provisions of the Constitution.

Mayor: Of the State of Florida.

Magnusson: Of the State of Florida.

Mayor: And Charter of the Village of El Portal.

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Magnusson: And Charter of the Village of El Portal.

Mayor: And that I will well and faithfully.

Magnusson: That I will well and faithfully.

Mayor: Perform the duties of Chief of Police to the best of my ability.

Magnusson: Perform the duties of Chief of Police to the best of my ability.

Mayor: And will faithfully discharge the duties in which I'm about to enter.

Magnusson: And will faithfully discharge the duties which I'm about to enter.

Mayor: I do further swear or affirm.

Magnusson: I do swear and affirm.

Mayor: That as Chief of Police.

Magnusson: That as Chief of Police.

Mayor: I will faithfully serve and protect.

Magnusson: I will faithfully serve and protect.

Mayor: To the best of my ability.

Magnusson: To the best of my ability.

Mayor: All citizens regardless of race, color or creed.

Magnusson: All citizens regardless of race, color or creed.

Mayor: I accept by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

Magnusson: I accept by Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

Mayor: Of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

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Magnusson: The International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Mayor: As my standard of conduct.

Magnusson: As my standard of conduct.

Mayor: While on and off duty.

Magnusson: While on and off duty.

Mayor: And swear to faithfully abide by and defend the same.

Magnusson: And swear to faithfully abide by and defend the same.

Mayor: Congratulations.

Magnusson: Thank you.

[applause]

[background conversation]

Clerk: Go on, go. Sharp, go on. Of course.

Mayor: Officer Farrell, if you want to come up, of course. I can't see anybody, I don't know-

Roman: It's Officer Sandy Owen and Officer Baron.

Clerk: Officer Owen?

[background conversation]

You need to- yes, stand.

[background conversation]

Mayor: Cindy and Owen, you guys are- Can you see us all?

[background conversation]

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Roman: Anders, you might have to stand behind.

Mayor: Let's just get a little close. We're okay.

Clerk: You're good.

[Applause]

Mayor: The police officers are here. They came to support. If you want to come up and take a picture please do. [unintelligible 00:10:40] for that matter. We have support. We'll get one with all the police officers first.

[background conversation]

Now, we'll need you to come, right?

[laughter]

Magnusson: Whenever you need us.

Mayor: All right.

[background conversation]

Very nice.

Roman: You were asking for the picture.

[background conversation]

Mayor: Thank you for coming.

Female Speaker 4: No problem.

Mayor: Congratulations again.

Magnusson: Rosa, could you take one with [unintelligible 00:13:02]?

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Magnusson: I would like to say just a couple of words real quick. First and foremost I want to thank Miss Alou for having the confidence of facing me. Thank you.

[applause]

On a personal little slightly different note, I've been through this process before in another state and the only person there for travel reasons was my wife. I have to say and I have to look at everybody here to come full circle and see family and friends, colleagues, who I count among friends.

To be here it's really, really special so I want to thank everybody as well for being here. I know everybody came with really full heart and a lot of good wishes. At least most of them.

[laughter]

That being said, again, it's magnificent and thank you, and I'm really looking forward to working with each and every one of you. Again, councilmen congratulations to you too.

[applause]

Mayor: All right, thank you again. Congratulations and welcome to our new council person and to Chief Magnusson. I'm going to be saying that a lot, so I can make sure that I pronounce that correctly. With that said, we're going to go right into [unintelligible 00:14:43]. Anybody who'd like to come up at the side and bid welfare.

Here and then, we're going to go to first agenda item which is a legislative update. Legislative update for those of you who are new with us is what's happening in Telehasi with regards to any legislative action bills that we may have there. I do have this written out, so I will be sure that the clerk sent it to the entire council and, of course, the manager.

I literally received this two hours before the meeting from our lobbying team. There are three weeks left before the session ends. Most of the House and Senate committees have either stopped meeting for purpose of the [unintelligible 00:15:21] hearing bills. The only remaining committee meetings are the appropriation committees.

The hearing bills that impact the budget in some way or are required before the bill can go to respective chamber. Basically, what this means is most bills are dying or are already dead without ever been heard or only been heard in a committee at one time. Still alive with the bills

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such as Hurricane relief bills, **[unintelligible 00:15:43]** School Security Bill, and the priority bills being pushed by either the state senate, the senate president, or the house speaker.

Unfortunately, this includes some of the local government reaction bills dealing with vacation rentals, local tax referendum and growth management that our team is diligently working to protect overall. Some highlights of the bills that generally impact upon **[unintelligible 00:16:04]** are, driving while distract **[unintelligible 00:16:07]** maybe. It's a primary offence texting while driving. It means the law enforcement officer now can now stop someone if they're suspected of texting while driving.

The second bill is a ban on fracking for oil or natural gas extraction. Continues to permit a specific kind of method called matrix. Matrix **[unintelligible 00:16:26]** which dissolves raw rather than high-pressure methods which are also banned in the bill. School safety bills that would allow classroom teachers to be armed by giving more flexibility to the school districts that want to participate in the controversial **[unintelligible 00:16:43]** program and expanding mental health services in schools to assist students with suicidal intentions, trauma, and violence.

Lastly, Hurricane Michael relief efforts in the panhandle which total close to 500 million out of the proposed budget proposal in just one Senate bill. Both the house and senate have passed the respective budgets last week. Governor DeSantis had submitted a proposed \$91.3 billion budget for the legislator to consider.

Neither the House nor Senate budget proposals reached that high water mark. The Florida senator is proposing a total spending of \$90.3 billion while the House has an \$89.9 billion budget proposal. The \$400 million difference in addition to how the dollars will be spent will, ultimately, be resolved in the annual exercise called the budget conference which is what **[unintelligible 00:17:39]**.

In which designated **[unintelligible 00:17:42]** represented each chamber in the closing days of the session to, basically, handle out their differences between the **[unintelligible 00:17:49]** towards the final agreement. To date, no budget conferences have been announced and no indication as to when the budget conference will begin has been given to either chamber.

However, budget conference is likely to start April 22nd or April 23rd. Session ends Friday, May 3rd. Meaning the budget must be completed and distributed by sometime on April 30th in order to meet the midnight deadline to end session on time. Missing from either the House or Senate proposals is the project funding for El Portal.

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The village submitted two requests. One for the quarterly important sewer connection to the county system along North East Second Avenue and the other to complete the flood mitigation project in the El Hadi area. While it is far more difficult to accomplish, every task is being made to include some planning for at least one of the two projects during the project conference negotiations.

If new projects are added which is anticipated, El Portal has a fighting chance to be included at that time. Sincerely, has been submitted by Richard Pinsky, Eddie Gonzales, and [unintelligible 00:19:00]. I emailed the focus today, so print, I'll make sure that you all get it as well and it will be included with the minutes. Then any questions on it from the council? With that said, H2 is an agenda item that Councilperson Mathis was asked to please add and I will-- 85,000.

Nickerson: This is with regards to pending negotiations between [unintelligible 00:19:32] with regards to the 85,000 that they're requesting throughout the [unintelligible 00:19:39]. We don't want to be obligated with regards to any monies that we can get from the state. I thought it would be important that we ask for the money, we sign up for the money.

We don't have to do anything with it, we can hold on to it. I just want to look good to the state and we're not giving back money but it's better that we take the money and with Norman and Pennoni going through the negotiations because we're not actually taking the \$85,000 and giving it back, we're just saying that it's a possibility that we're going to use it. We're putting you on notice that we want it so we don't lose our chance. That's right.

Mathis: Yes sir. [unintelligible 00:20:28].

Mayor: The \$85,000 we're talking about is the money we owe Pennoni?

Roman: No. Just a little clarity. If I may because I know [unintelligible 00:20:39] described the better detail but I can explain it this way. The \$85,000 was requested of FDP to pay Pennoni the additional \$85,000. We did not sign off on that. We didn't even really move that because we still were in negotiations with Pennoni. We're still there in negotiations.

We haven't decided but that money is still waiting and FDP says we're going to de-obligate it and put it back. We don't know what we're going to end up doing with it. or how much money we'll end up working with Pennoni. We're working that out but we want to have it just in case we need it. We don't have to use it.

Mayor: The \$85,000 that's currently obligated is for an item that they have not done yet?

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Alou: No, its an additional funding because we can use all of the money that we got from the state. This is additional funding.

Mayor: For continuation of the project?

Alou: No, for the project.

Nickerson: This is the \$85,000 that was for the continuation what they called [unintelligible 00:21:43] work. That we were discussing at the last public works committee meeting. There was a back and forth in terms, I think it had come down to \$45,000 some sort of agreement. Is that correct? [crosstalk] Then we didn't agree.

Mayor: I need clarity because I missed that public works. I know we'll not read that. If the money is obligated by the state to be able to pay Pennoni is that what's considered a loan that El Portal will have to pay 20% off? I guess the question I have is that if we owe Pennoni that money and the state is obligated to pay it, why are we paying it? That's why I need clarity.

Nickerson: Let me clarify a little bit with [unintelligible 00:22:30]. There's two parts. The first part is the loan that has to be paid back. The initial loan that was provided was \$435,000. Then we had a grant for \$348,000 which we don't have to pay back. When the issue came up with Pennoni concerning the [unintelligible 00:22:53] loan, I don't know who made the application, who made the request but I believe Alias. [unintelligible 00:23:00] went back to the state and requested both what would be called [unintelligible 00:23:06] agreement which would be to add additional funds that the village could tap into if necessary up to \$85,000 to pay for the [unintelligible 00:23:20] work that they did.

The best way to look at it is we're just basically increasing the loan amount just in case we have to pay additional funds to Pennoni which as it stands right now we did reach a good principle but they're [unintelligible 00:23:43] at the committee meetng because at that point in time Pennoni advised us that if the site changed in any way even if it was in the same location that they would expect further compensation doing that.

The directive was, let's not do anything further in terms of authorizing work with Pennoni until we've actually secured the actual location from the school board and then we'll move forward with that. In terms of where we are in negotiations with Pennoni, we have a number of principles that we agreed to but until we lock down the site the directive is not move any further with Pennoni.

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Having said that, I think it's incumbent upon us to talk about it, the council talk about whether or not it would be practical to have the lane open just in case we have to pay Pennoni additional funds for the [unintelligible 00:24:47] services. This is one of those things if we don't accept it, it will just be lost [unintelligible 00:24:53].

Mathis: Let me add. The manager asked me to reach out to the state to confirm everything. I spoke to Tim Banks from the state on Monday. Essentially it's this, they have the 85,000 amount. It's open. If we sign it and execute it that just means they're going to keep it open that 85, and then at the point that we sign the agreement or whatever agreement we sign with Pennoni then we would increase that amount but say its 40,000 and not 85,000. Then we would increase it by 45,000.

The only reason it's important is if we do not obligate it by the main meeting that the state has they will close it out. They'll say, "We don't need it." So they'll open it up back again in August. Our goal is obviously between now and August for the school district to agree to a site, then they can agree to site we can restart the conversation with Pennoni to get to some agreement.

If we didn't do that then we would have to go to August and waste all those months. Let's say tomorrow the school district says and we say, "No, we don't want the 85, close it out." Pennoni, tomorrow they say, "Here's the site location." Well, we can't finalize with Pennoni until August because Pennoni is going to say, "Wait a minute, you don't have money even obligated to pay us because it was canceled out." This just says to the state, hold on to that money for us and whatever amount we will need we will draw it down and then you'll do a loan agreement based on that amount and also for my colleague. I will be attending the school [unintelligible 00:26:53] tomorrow morning at 6:30.

Mayor: One more point of clarity, and I apologize this is redundant. To be clear, the money that's obligated cannot be used for the monies that we potentially owe Pennoni right now? Suppose we owe them money for the design project that's not complete, correct?

Mathis: Yes.

Alou: That's a way of saying it. I'm not going to say it that way, but we've paid everything. They have a percent left in the project to complete in terms of the design. This could potentially be used to pay for that. [crosstalk] whether the negotiation is worth [unintelligible 00:27:42].

Mayor: Perfect.

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Mathis: If you go back to them, you could sign this and then go back to the state and say, "You know what? We only want 30, or 20, 10." Then that's all you draw down.

Mayor: One more question for public works. Let's say the conversations continue and public works is not happy with their avenue that Pennoni is going with regards to the project. That's a possibility from what I'm hearing. Is there the ability legally to be able to explore with another firm or are we tied to Pennoni? I don't know if there's another conversation. Have you guys heard that or are we there yet?

Mathis: I had that conversation with the representative, the engineer from Cap. He said it would almost be impossible for another engineer to come in at this point without having to recreate everything from scratch because their signature and their seal, their license is going to be on the line. We have to finish this part with Pennoni. We're kind of stuck. [crosstalk].

Mayor: Got it. Let us know how that goes.

Mathis: Well, I have to make a motion for us to go ahead and approve this so we're not de-obligated.

Mayor: Any questions before he requests a motion from the council?

Nickerson: Just one [unintelligible 00:29:07]. Thanks man [unintelligible 00:29:12] bringing this to us. If we earmark, so there's 85,000 [unintelligible 00:29:17]. Let's say if we go through and negotiate the document well and we earmark this 85,000. There's nothing in it to where it doesn't get used within a certain amount of time. How long would it be earmarked?

Mathis: In the fiscal year.

Nickerson: By the fiscal year it doesn't get used, there's no penalty?

Mathis: No, They just don't want it to be sitting there without them being able to use it somewhere else.

Nickerson: Then what do you think, they're like, "Oh gosh, we earmarked it for you guys, you guys didn't use it. We could have earmarked it somewhere else, therefore you guys [unintelligible 00:29:55] the holding office."

Mathis: No, they were actually very nice. They were like, "Okay, if you want it or not--"

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Nickerson: That's my only question. Thank you very much, thank you Councilman.

Mayor: Is it this fiscal year or the coming?

Nickerson: I'm sorry, what is it?

Mayor: Do we have to use it by the end of this fiscal-

Nickerson: No, not at all. It's in their fiscal year.

Mayor: In their fiscal year.

Nickerson: In their fiscal year.

Mayor: Got it.

Nickerson: Yes, we don't have to use it in this. [crosstalk]. No, as a matter of fact, we don't start paying the loan until after construction is done so that won't be till 2021, probably.

Mayor: Okay. Got it. Any other questions for either Robert or Councilperson Mathis [unintelligible 00:30:31]?

Urbom: I just have one general question with the senate decided on this 85,000, is there anything in terms of the loan agreement that is different than the other amount, the original loan amount, is it the same terms essentially in agreement?

Mathis: Well, I think that it will be a little bit tighter because the village attorney has been involved with it and didn't like the way the agreements were going previously, so I think that it will be the same terms but it will just be a bit tighter on the engineer and [unintelligible 00:31:03].

Urbom: You guys left the villages agreement with [unintelligible 00:31:07] or you just leaving this with the state?

Mathis: No.

Urbom: With state, the changes would be the loan amount and there would be a service fee, an additional service fee, I had to look back but I think about \$1,700 service fee and, obviously, the total amount re-capitalised on a large principle ought to be a small annual percentage to

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pay back based upon the interest rate but I just don't have all of that [unintelligible 00:31:37]. [crosstalk].

Mathis: Welcome council chairman.

Urbom: Thank you.

Mathis: Congratulations.

Mayor: Any other questions? Okay. [unintelligible 00:31:45] to make the motion.

Mathis: Motion to contact, is there an acronym?

Roman: FDEP.

Mathis: FDEP for the 85,000.

Mayor: Motion's been made by Councilperson Mathis to be able to contact FDEP with regards to ensuring that that the 85,000 are obligated into the village of [unintelligible 00:32:05].

Roman: I'm sorry, I can contact but we need to sign an agreement that's what I think this is about, the agreement with FDEP. Is that kind of that thing?

Mathis: Yes. Well-

Roman: Should we be specific?

Mayor: Okay. [crosstalk].

Mathis: It should be that the managers sign, authorized to sign or authorise that agreement without throwing down the funds of the agreement.

Roman: Just might need amended or-

Mathis: All right, I need to amend the motion or can I [unintelligible 00:32:33]?

Powell: I think you need to simply state a motion to direct the village manager, to take whatever steps perhaps that are necessary to secure \$25,000 conditional funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

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Mayor: Okay. Motion's been made by Council Person Mathias, directed by the verdicts made by the village attorney. Is there a second?

Roman: I'll second.

Mayor: Second were made by Councilperson Roman. Any questions? Madam clerk, do you think that the recording got what the attorney said? Okay. All in favor say aye.

Male Speakers: Aye.

Mayor: Are there any nays? Okay here we're none, the manager has authority to be able to contact FDEP and execute the agreement as accordingly with the approval of the attorney [unintelligible 00:33:20].

Mathis: Thank you all. Thank you.

Mayor: We're going to go right into village reports. I do not have a quick and record like I did last month and I only have one thing that I want to discuss briefly with the entire council, especially with a new member up here. In the last two council meetings, I have asked or really tried to encourage the committee chairs to start doing a summary report.

The reason why a summary report is important is because none of us really probably read all the minutes to the committees unless we're in it or unless we're chairing it. As a result, we can't really be in tune with what's going on and how we're going to be prepared but even more so on that, I wanted to be able to take those reports with the correct and updated track and report, and actually start putting it on the website. I've only received it from Council Person Roman and no one else on the [unintelligible 00:34:18].

This is really a service to us and it's really a service to the residents in terms of being able to know what happened at village committee because most of the time, by the time a topic gets here, it has been completely gone through one or two committees. So by the time it comes to the council meeting, we're are like the third or fourth time listening to an item, whereas the residents are going to be like, "Why are you guys making a decision when this is the first time we're hearing it?"

If there's a way that you all can start recapping it, and the great part about that is that you can use it for the news letter article. If we can get a recap of what-- I was waiting to bring that up again, if I don't get it, I'm just going to have to click the icon up there with regards to and have

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it dropped by [unintelligible 00:35:07] committees. The report will come down in the accurate type of report by Urbom.

Urbom: Thank you.

Mayor: Again, this is just really for us to have a better plan and for us to be able to better track what we're doing so we don't forget or things don't fall through the cracks. I think at the last council meeting I was not here and I sent out this email on the correspondent and then she sent a list of everything that's going yo go to the next meeting. Things like that just really help us to follow through.

If all of us can really follow that in terms of do a summary- There's one committee you chair, that's the committee that is, basically, your responsibility in terms of being sure that the council knows what's going on, the residents know what's going on, but more importantly you know what's going on and you're able to convey that message and work with the manager whether it's for the safety, whether it's code enforcement or whether it's public work or whether it's plain endowing or whether it's public affairs, that and administratiion and finance.

You chair one committee and the goal is to be able to do everything that happens in that committee, bring it to the manager, work with the attorney, whatever it is you have to do so by the time it gets to the committee, then it gets to the council, we're much more sure aware and prepared to be able to make better and educated decisions. I wanted to reiterate that, especially with the new member up here.

Councilperson Urbom, I did get from the clerk your request for committees. I will be sending out the memo with the additions of adding you onto some of the committees. You may not get everything you request, but you are going to chair code enforcement, but that's where we are always at.

I'm, basically, not going to change too much, I'm going to keep it pretty much the way it was and where they were, I'll be putting you in there unless there's an incredible committee you want to be in and then we'll take a look at that but committees are changed every December and it's generally designated by the mayor.

Please, again, just be mindful of the committees because, I think, the attorney uses what-- It's basically where we workshop a lot of agenda items so if I'm not in that committee, I may not attend that night and I'm not going to have an idea of what happened unless I read six, seven, eight or ten pages of the minutes because, basically, I'd want you to split it into paragraphs. That's the only thing on my report that I wanted to be able to- but I'm going to put that in

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writing for the May report and since the committees are not on here, I wanted to know if any of you in your committees wanted to be able to- Are you going to say anything about your committee?

Mathis: Well, I haven't submitted mine yet because I have the meeting with the school board so I'm going to [unintelligible 00:37:44] school board tomorrow.

Mayor: Okay, so by Friday maybe? Well, Friday is the deadline anyway for the newsletter.

Mathis: Well, I'll probably have it after the meeting.

Mayor: Anybody wanted to speak up on behalf of the committees, I know you have admin and finance, you have public affairs, you have public works, code enforcement, we'll be gentle on you this time around.

Mathis: I'll be submitting also for code enforcement that I did do one for [unintelligible 00:38:04].

Mayor: Okay. Then make sure he gets all you need. Did you need to say anything?

Nickerson: Yes, very quickly. Normally for the council, before council meetings just to let you know council person, the CFO is usually here and we use it with like a check up on the finances, the reason why they're not here tonight is because tomorrow they're starting the audit. They were here briefly earlier and then just to get ready and then tomorrow they're going to be here nonstop, so that's the reason why, just for this particular council meeting, but every council meeting after this we'll be back at normal.

Urbom: May I get that report in my email.

Nickerson: We'll happily get it starting at June.

Mayor: Does that conclude your report for admin and finance?

Nickerson: Yes.

Mayor: Anybody else? Public affairs.

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Roman: Just wanted to advise everyone that the Easter egg hunt will not be taking place, we were short in resources and the time came very quickly. We're going to allocate the \$1,000 to the website for the AD-- Or is it the- I just went blank.

[laughter]

Mayor: ADA compliance?

Roman: Yes. The ADA compliance. I'll review that with our finance team because I think we already have money for that but we didn't have the [inaudible 00:39:23].

Mayor: But the money allocated has come from monthly fees. She sends you a bill at the end of the year generally. There's somebody.

Roman: Okay, but let me review with that because maybe it's for something else. [crosstalk] You never know, we'll review the budget first.

Mayor: Because we were a little bit on a budget this year, I just wanted to make sure that the money is allocated and because the website falls under public affairs, that was an area, I mean, where the proposal that came in for ADA was \$1,000. We are moving forward with the 5K, we did have a sponsor that was committed to that so we are moving forward. The planning is in the works and the village manager is assisting me. I ask her to get through Councilperson Mathis for some information that's required so that I can move forward and it looks like we are having a resident who will design the t-shirts. He's an artist and he lives on 90th Street, so more on that as we go.

Mayor: Okay, great. Public affairs, public works, code enforcement, anything?

Mathis: You wanted to make me [unintelligible 00:40:39] code enforcement, I will get all that information over to the new Councilperson Chair.

Mayor: Then council, did you want to say something?

Powell: Nothing.

Mayor: Two more things that I want to say. I went to an event in Miami Gardens and I met Ms. Pearson, she left her home in Northwest 94th Street. I just wanted to put on the record, the home in 91st, that's Northwest 1st avenue is completely dilapidated that [unintelligible 00:41:10] caved in. I met the owner and they will start renovations on the home in the next

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couple of weeks or so. When I was introduced, she came up to me at the end and I was like, "That's great." Really, really nice. She bought the home probably six, seven months ago and they're going to start on it next couple of months so I thought that would be great.

I wanted to please remind the council that Saturday, May 4th, is the installation [unintelligible 00:41:38] for the Miami-Dade [unintelligible 00:41:39]. I know I've sent two emails out for each of you to please- it's been sold out for a while so they're getting really particular with names so please, please, please if you have a plus one just who the name is. The other reason being is because if there is room in the table, I was going to send it to the new chief. I was going to talk to you about sending it to anybody else in the village so with that said, if we can really get that deadline, I believe the deadline in the email says Friday the 19th.

I've gotten confirmation from Councilperson Roman, I've gotten confirmation from the clerk, Norman has his own table. I really have not gotten confirmation- the clerk gave me some confirmation from him and some from the manager but if you all can really put it in writing because it's going to go directly to them once I receive it. I believe the clerk has already advised you so just let her know if you're going there [unintelligible 00:42:36] and then--

Roman: Send an email to me because the league wants the names. I sent one, I think, yesterday that they want to make sure.

Mayor: With that said, I told you to please, please, please be mindful of that. A few things upset me but when we take the time to go to events and there is empty seats, it's just not a good sign. It's an opportunity to invite the resident, I actually have the table of residents going, a few. With that said, I don't want empty seats.

I really, really, really, really don't want empty seats. So, please, if you're not with companions, if you're not going to use it, it's okay. We'll be able to fill it up with somebody else from El Portal. It's not going to be anybody else, it'll be somebody from El Portal. Any questions about that? Nope? Okay. I'm going to go ahead and move over to our Manager.

Alou: Thank you, Mayor. Welcome new Councilperson Urbom. I'm going to be very brief, I provided our council with my manager's report but if others are interested, please do contact my office and you're welcome to receive it. As we hire the brand new police chief after many months of vetting, and interviews and discussions we sworn Chief David Magnusson this evening and I'm really looking forward to working with him. He's already given me some good ideas about what he wants to do with the department.

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He and I have been working on an article for the newsletter that- in fact it's ready, we'll just submit one of the photos from tonight with the article that's done. I'm excited to have the community to get to know him as well and to see him work with our staff who, by the way, have been doing a very good job in holding down the fort and making sure we move forward.

Sadly, we did lose one of our full time police officers, Officer Alejandro Martinez, resigned two weeks after he was sworn in. I'm sorry that he had personal issues that he cited for his reason for leaving so now we have a full time position open and I will work with the new chief in securing a person then he too could participate in the hiring up.

We continue to work on our priorities within the department with I think, Chief Sharpe and Officer Borrell leading some of the initiatives or just taking care of some of these things that we have to work on. The background check application is very detailed and precise so they've been working on that and as well as identifying new staff. We've also interviewed four new reserve officers, we did that on April 2nd or 3rd and all four were pretty good. We have more women so happy to get that kind of interest in our department and we will continue with reserve interviews as well as full time position that we will be looking for filling as well.

We did win our labor case that stemmed from some labor issues for many years ago [unintelligible 00:45:52] we got a direct report on that. Last week was just good news. We continue to work on our administrative matters in terms of fine-tuning the way we track and the way we keep our routines with administration documents and we're staying on top with that. Let's see here, I'm going to try if I can see through. We'll be working on the village's comprehensive plan with Plusurbia. We have some Plusurbia that was in there last week to discuss some of the process we need to take place for us to update that comprehensive plan.

They're envisioning something that looks like the shreds from 2012 and '13. Stay tuned for meetings that we're asked in the community to come out and participate in so that we can update our comprehensive plan and move the village forward with new development that we're envisioning for our city. We continue to work on our land agreement, we're trying to obtain that so that we can move forth with our sewer line. We had the meetings in townhouses with the mayor, Councilperson Mathis and myself and we will continue to work with our lobbyist to try to get some funding for our sewer line on Northeast 2nd Avenue and also more projects.

Lastly, I'll just mention that yes we are working on ADA compliance for our village website and we're about two weeks away from completion give or take a few days. Sarah Herbert is working on that now and we will be entertaining proposals or I will be seeking the proposals to update the entire site altogether but that will be a more timely process. In the mean time,

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we'll have to be ADA compliant by the end of this month. That concludes my report, if anyone has any questions please do contact my office.

Mayor: I have a question with ADA and this with you and Norman is at the last meeting that I was out with the board of league. The other thing that was brought up besides the website is the video of the meetings. These are put up on the website without **[unintelligible 00:48:22]**. It's something that we need to take a look at because that's the other thing coming down the pipes with regards to hitting up the cities that don't have that and it started in North Florida.

What some of them have done which really kills our transparency but they've taken all of the videos off the website until they are able to make a compliance so that it mitigates the town, the city of the village ensue for not being compliant. That's just one more thing to take a look at that's coming on the the pipes as well. Our attorney, Norman Powell.

Norman: I'll just keep it brief. The main focus this past month has been to look at the future developments that are proposed for the village with the focus of looking at whether or not we should amend on code to provide for impact fees. We've booked and then we will consult with the consultants and we'll be acting at least for the first parts if it's coming online to utilize the development agreement which will give us more flexibility in terms of passing the document that would be encompassing impact fees and also getting additional adds and perks for the village for policing and infrastructure.

I've had conversations, I think I sent out an email today with the developer's attorney and so we should be expecting to get back in the next few days. If proposed, the government will be able to come back to the **[unintelligible 00:49:53]** only committee for the council's consideration and input as we move forward with that project.

Mayor: Any questions from the council to either the manager, the attorney or anything else? I'm hearing none. There's no unfinished business. The only reminder again and we all got the email, the newsletter article, Councilperson Urbom, you're welcome, what have you, you need to email.

[unintelligible 00:50:22].

Any new business? Okay, hearing none. Anybody from **[unintelligible 00:50:33]**. Jennifer also ran for office. Congratulations.

[applause]

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Very nice. It's been a long time, we're glad to see you.

Mathis: Yes, thank you. So excited about this wonderful invitation [laughs]. It's just like democracy works.

[laughter]

[unintelligible 00:51:03]. Maybe feel so good about privilege for the enthusiasm that [unintelligible 00:51:07] these guys. Anyway, but I do have something to ask about and say about which is a little river to clean up, which happens every year. I don't know if Christian McClain has talked to anybody about it. But we're kind of been in a bind this year because we've been behind we have to set a date, which we did to start coordinating.

But it's like it's not the best day, I know of conflicts on May 4th with the event you've talked about. But we do feel it's very important to do simply because everybody expects that it's very important for following up on the incredible meeting that the mayor in question organized and it's an opportunity for us to coordinate informally with the Miami units going on for the canal and the county resilience offices and particularly the city of Miami.

But realizing that this is last minute, and things are tight, we're wanting to-- our plan, we've gone ahead and worked with Water Management District and I don't know what's going on the village. But we feel like this is not a time to ask for the village to contribute funds or anything, we're going to do it, this is my thinking of it. But we're going to do it on those low key basis in the sense of people who will raise money on our own ahead of time, so that people who want us to [unintelligible 00:52:44] can do so.

But they'll pay us a small fee there to do it will handle it. Other people will bring their own but I think it's very important to have it. This is good like the only day that worked out for everybody to schedule it. I really apologize for this Christine, she's been really busy and I know she's been helping a lot with a lot of things and Adam is incredibly busy. But we really want to do it on that date. I just found I'm letting you know that--[crosstalk]

Mayor: Yes, you all going to do it before.

Mathis: Yes, so anyway, thank you.

Mayor: May 4th, for the little cleanup. Seven o'clock down, it's seven o'clock [unintelligible 00:53:36].

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Roman: Is there a flyer? You guys can fly because you guys usually do have a flyer. Do you have a flyer?

Mathis: Yes, Christine and I are meeting on Saturday. We're going to get everything to you that you need for the election, the website and all our usual stuff and our list of people and everything.

Mayor: We do have some money allocated for that, so we are able to contribute.

Mathis: If you can, that's wonderful but we all didn't want to come in at this the same way. [unintelligible 00:54:14].

Mayor: Should I contact you or Christine to discuss that?

Mathis: She's like the business center [unintelligible 00:54:21].

Mayor: Perfect, all right.

Mathis: Yes, I will be in touch. If you need it sooner, otherwise, for sure we meet on Saturday.

Mayor: Okay, great. Perfect.

Mathis: Thank you so much.

Mayor: May 4th, the little clean up, nine o'clock. Anybody else that's been on welfare?

Lilian: Good evening, Lilian, free call 181 at Northwest 87 street, [unintelligible 00:54:50]. Do we have an Easter egg hunt? Council, members, anyone?

Roman : No, we do not.

Lilian: Okay, why?

Roman: We did not have the proper resources to put it together for a short time.

Lilian: Okay. You have Jennifer's through now to do it.

Roman: We don't have employees or committee that handles that.

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Lilian: Okay, how about Armed Forces events that is happening? Do we have enough people to help with that?

Roman: I think already innovated, pretty much done the same every year, so all the resources-[crosstalk].

Lilian: Always the Easter egg hunt as well, the family field events?

Roman: Correct, but that is not equally the same every year and then there's a different chair.

Lilian: Okay, so it wasn't the budget, what are we doing with that money?

Mayor: I'm going to say two things. I think one of the things we talked about at the council meeting are a couple of things. Good of wealth for us on a time to quiz the or ask the council. That's when we email is most appropriate. I'm going to go ahead and we will answer the questions but good of wealth is really specific issues. But to go back-

Lilian: Okay, I will email the council.

Mayor: Councilperson Roman has discussed this in the committee already, and there wasn't a compliance that came in the [unintelligible 00:56:10] of money that we did. I just believe did not have planned and that has come down the pipe since January. It's probably going to cost of anywhere about \$1,000. So instead of using the \$1,000 for Easter egg hunt we're going to-[crosstalk].

Lilian: Can we not take that from the Armed Forces event, which is- was it 2,000 budgeted versus 1,000 for the Easter egg hunt event?

Mayor: Other than that, anything else?

Lilian: No, thank you.

Mayor: Any other questions [unintelligible 00:56:38]? Very nice. Can I have a motion to adjourn?

Roman: All motion to adjourn.

Mayor: Motions were made by Councilperson Roman, is there a second?

Mathis: I second.

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Mayor: Second by Councilperson Mathis. All in favor, say aye?

Participants: Aye.

Mayor: The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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