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Councilman Mathis: Call to order the Public Works Committee meeting for Tuesday July 16th at 8:17. Quorum. We've already had a one-time [unintelligible 00:00:19] of the pledge of allegiance. Can I get a roll-call please?

Village Clerk Jacobi: Roll call. Chairperson Mathis.

Councilman Mathis: Present.

Village Clerk Jacobi: Vice chair Roman.

Councilwoman Roman: Present.

Village Clerk Jacobi: Member Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Here.

Village Clerk Jacobi: Present for the record, Yenise Jacobi village clerk, attorney Norman Powell and village manager Christia Alou.

Councilman Mathis: Any additions or deletions to the agenda? Okay, none. Can I get approval for the agenda?

Councilwoman Roman: I'll move approval.

Mayor Cubillos: Second.

Councilman Mathis: I'll have the move in second. All in favor?

All: Aye.

Councilman Mathis: Approval of the minutes.

Councilwoman Roman: Chair if I may. It's had me noted as--when Christia was speaking so, the minutes were-- like when you spoke, it had your own- [crosstalk]

Village Manager Alou: Okay, yes. It had your-- my name.

Councilman Mathis: It does happen once in a while. It some-

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Councilwoman Roman: It had it all over this place.

Councilman Mathis: [unintelligible 00:01:18] they thought I was her at one point.

Village Manager Alou: Maybe it's because we share a microphone.

Councilwoman Roman: Could be. I'm not sure.

Councilman Mathis: Other than the incorrect names, did you read through it or do you want to table it? Madam Mayor?

Mayor Cubillos: If there is a first, I'll second.

Councilwoman Roman: If we're moving it, I just don't know if that's confusing to-- how could we stop that from happening because it's continuing to happen. I just started noticing it.

Councilman Mathis: You know what I've noticed? When Councilperson Urbom speaks, he says his name and then he starts talking. He says, "This is Urbom speaking," and then he says what he has to say. I've noticed it in the meetings and-- in the minutes and I've noticed it.

Councilwoman Roman: Is that the fix? Is that, I mean, I don't know. I don't mind doing that.

Councilman Mathis: I don't think it's a person that is transcribing things. A dicta-phone machine just does it. I don't know.

Village Manager Alou: Does it hear the difference between our voices?

Councilman Mathis: I don't know.

Councilwoman Roman: I have no idea. I don't know but it just needs to-- if we're posting these on the website, it needs to say who said what. Otherwise, let's not have the minutes.

Councilman Mathis: Let's table these and then I will sit with the clerk and try to figure out what system moon and light they're using or whatever.

Mayor Cubillos: Two things. I'd be curious to see what the minutes of this meeting because you'll all be separated. The second thing, I think there's a greater conversation about the current subscribing court report type of minutes that we're getting that we may want to possibly have but not at this meeting.

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Councilman Mathis: I think it's less human. That's what I think the issue is.

Village Clerk Jacobi: No. I actually addressed it because I think it's been brought up several times. They also told me that you guys speak over each other. It's hard to tell. Christia and Councilperson Roman were sharing a mic, and I think that when you're too close to each other - like you guys are not speaking directly into the mic.

Sometimes you hear voices over each other. When I hired court reporter before, she quit on me from the first time because she said you speak and you know the court reporter I'm talking about. She's like, "You guys are talking out of turn." I think that Mayor addressed that in the last one that we need to speak clearly and we need to speak in turn and into the mic.

Now that they've been separated, it should be much better, but we have been discussing that maybe we're going to go another route for minutes, like other municipalities have with just action minutes, it's not minutes that are verbatim. This came about because, again, Councilperson Roman a while ago was addressing that one thing that she said that she didn't say and then it was like, "Let's do it where it's not handled by me." Other municipalities that they're discussing that, they do actions. When they want verbatim, they have to do it in this transcript because there's no way of catching everything you say, but action minutes is what is usually is done.

We have to do them because we get audited, but actions just for things that passed, not what she said or he said or they said or what the audience said. No. For that, you watch the video. That's where we may be looking into for the New Year. Right now, we have it as a package deal but I did speak to them and I did address them and that's when they saw that actually we're sitting differently. They're like, "Okay, it's going to work a lot better." But you still have to speak into the mic and you have to speak directly like when you're speaking to the audience, not to each other.

Councilman Mathis: Mr. Attorney, I did a motion. I have a second-- first and second and I just decided to table it.

City Attorney Powell: You can just withdraw the motion.

Councilman Mathis: I move to withdraw the motion. We're getting the first and second for that too?

City Attorney Powell: No.

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Councilman Mathis: Permission to withdraw.

City Attorney Powell: I don't have a mic.

Speaker 5: That's the problem- [crosstalk]

Councilman Mathis: Again with the traffic report. The first thing I did was when I sent the team meeting was I said, "Just let it regularize. There's lots of it that was taken off. A lot of it was merged." But, we're going to discuss and I actually said, "I'm going to let the committee discuss what we want to see on the traffic report. I had to make sure that the nuts and bolts of the traffic report were still there.

Councilwoman Roman: Chair.

Councilman Mathis: Go ahead. You all about to check on my report. This is on you.

Councilwoman Roman: I think we should go line by line.

Councilman Mathis: Let's do it. Okay, Christia and I were on the phone for a while and then we were driving each other crazy. Street-scape and village traffic com. A lot of these projects should be one project although they're all over the village. I think that this will streamline a lot of this stuff. It was Christina's idea to put the storm water projects separately because it kept it clear on what was going on. Street-scape, sorry, going back to streetscape. All projects pertaining to the overall appearance of the village and village white beautification incentive for areas previously identified.

All those are going to stay within [unintelligible 00:06:36] put them back in. I just took them out. Denise still has the main one that we were working on, which is I think the that the Mayor had. That one.

Councilwoman Roman: No. This is the one.

Councilman Mathis: That different?

Councilwoman Roman: You just hold- [crosstalk]

Councilman Mathis: You're looking at the new one? Okay. All right. Do you have the current one?

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Mayor Cubillos: I'm looking at yours right now.

Councilman Mathis: Perfect. We're on the same page. The maintenance of village white street signs, road work and repairs, potholes and so forth. I'm going to be meeting with Christia and Jose and we are going to do a village property item. Everything will be identified as far as what's owned by the village, the cost to maintain it, the cost to repair it and so forth. Hopefully, I can get that before the Mayor's report because she's probably going to have that in her report. Any questions on that?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes. I had a meeting with the manager and the chief just-- I don't even remember what day. It was a couple of days ago, might have been yesterday. One of the things that we talked about, maybe tied in to this, well, not necessarily but it's a little bit. Let me see if I can bring it up. No. One of the things I mentioned because the players are different, when we had David Roseman and we had another chief, and it was right after I became the Mayor, I put together a Mayor's task-force-- No. After 2016. It was in my second term.

The purpose of the third year round of the Mayor's task-force was, we had a realtor, we had a police officer and we had two residents and myself and we walked the streets. We walked the streets in El Portal to really get a feel of what's going on. It was much different when you're on foot than when you're in a car. I didn't really come up with the idea, I'm not that brilliant. I took the idea from the Mayor of North Myrtle beach. They called it, "Eyes on the streets."

From that walk and tour that we did on foot, we created a three-page Excel Spreadsheet pointing out overall trees covering stop signs and potholes that you could be, catch your foot, twist your ankle, like I did when you're running and all that good stuff. Nothing came of that. What I'm offering and what we suggested and the manager and the chief and the Mayor, we said, "Hey, maybe it's something that we will put together again. We'll kick off and then pass the baton."

Have residents really be a part of that because I think that that really-- I think residents will like that. You can put a realtor on there, you can put a police officer on it and you put a designee from the manager on it and a couple of residents and then they put the spreadsheet and we have something to go on. We can't do everything. It's a little hard. Just an idea. I don't know if it's tied in to that but I think it was a great tool that was not well used, but again, we had different players at the time.

Councilman Mathis: I think that we tie it here in to this one too.

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Mayor Cubillos: It will really be helpful to the committee.

Councilwoman Roman: I agree.

Councilman Mathis: What was it called again? Eyes on the-

Mayor Cubillos: I did it as part of the Mayor's task-force but North Myrtle Beach calls it, "Eyes on the streets."

Councilwoman Roman: A lot of it fell on-- it was given to call it enforcement and-

Mayor Cubillos: It's a little of both.

Councilwoman Roman: Yes, and it just was involved.

Councilman Mathis: El Jardin of [unintelligible 00:10:15] project. If you noticed, I also took out identifying mark to initiate it. I thought it would be a little more inviting if we just put the department. I just thought-

Mayor Cubillos: That's fine. That's unnecessary. The only comment I have about El Jardin is just make note, it's good that you kept it as their own line item because that is funded by government. That's a project that you want tracked so they can see where the money is going and what is done, okay?

Councilman Mathis: Yes, I know we're going to be putting this one the website, and I didn't put the expenses in here, but do we want put those in here? I mean, we have a budget. It's just doubling the work. You want to keep the expenses in there?

Village Manager Alou: Let me circle back a bit and then we can see if- [unintelligible 00:11:06]

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you. Good idea.

Councilman Mathis: How do you, Peggy Smith, compensation location for the project, move forward, funding the project is untitled.

Village Manager Alou: Sorry, if I may, can you just change that word, it's not a pump station.

Councilman Mathis: I'm sorry, I did put pump station there.

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Village Manager Alou: I don't want to confuse with the other.

Councilman Mathis: I was talking to the other one- [crosstalk]

[laughter]

Mayor Cubillos: That's what I said.

Councilman Mathis: Christy and I were throwing stuff around, and she came up with park maintenance improvement which would encompass all of the parks. Seeing what needs to be revamped, what needs to be put into place and, it would also encompass the trash receptacles, the bus benches. What was the name of that? I call it Arbor Day Park. What is the actual name of that park?

Mayor Cubillos: The River State Park.

Councilman Mathis: That's the name of it? I thought that was the section-

Mayor Cubillos: Unless we decide to change it, have our name simple.

Councilman Mathis: That's also the development section of El Portal River?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes. The only thing you miss in here is-- I see you itemize everything. The little library, you don't have it on? The little library?

Village Manager Alou: That is something we're working on too.

Councilman Mathis: I didn't put it here? I'm sorry.

Village Manager Alou: I thought we talked about it.

Councilman Mathis: No, we did discuss, I just didn't.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes, we're looking to divide a new one, yes. Did you put here also the Village Hall? The front? I didn't bring my glasses.

Village Manager Alou: Let's put that on there. We should definitely have-- I don't see it.

Councilman Mathis: What are we doing?

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Councilwoman Roman: The Village Arbor Park? What's the Village Arbor Park?

Councilman Mathis: That's what I call it.

Councilwoman Roman: That's what you call it? [laughs] Okay, so you should add the Village Hall. The front of it.

Mayor Cubillos: All right, perfect. Got it.

Councilwoman Roman: While we're there, I've been thinking about this, and I thought about it a lot when we were at the Arbor thing, that park there. I don't know, could we maybe look at something, getting some monies and ID, I don't know, putting general equipment or something that's useful?

Mayor Cubillos: Well, you do know that the nature trail expansion got the money to put equipment out there?

Councilwoman Roman: Right, I understand that, but maybe something different in that area. It's just, there's a bench there, or two maybe. A little something to-

Mayor Cubillos: Listen, Councilperson Roman, you can recommend whatever you want as long as it's got a maintenance plan attached to it.

Councilwoman Roman: Correct. That was going to be my next-- Clearly, it has to be part of the maintenance, but it already is. So, if it's something-- I don't know. Artwork.

Councilman Mathis: The doors are that artwork.

Village Manager Alou: Maybe we can get a donated piece from someone?

Councilwoman Roman: Yes, I don't know, can we make it something that residents can go to aside from Arbor thing?

Mayor Cubillos: I had a resident, I'm not going to mention any names, that asked, if they donated X amount of money to facelift that park, if it can be named after them. I said, "That's something that has to go to the council." I didn't say, "Yes or no." It's not for me to say that but, they were willing to donate x amount of dollars to renovate or uplift that park.

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Councilman Mathis: I wasn't making fun of you. A lot of governments don't name things after living people, unless you're president.

Councilwoman Roman: They should come and speak to us.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes, that was my recommendation. I said, "Come to the council."

Councilwoman Roman: That was my only addition for that little-- What do you call it?

Councilman Mathis: See, I didn't even think-- I wouldn't even know. I am meeting with Jason next week.

Mayor Cubillos: Well, which one?

Councilman Mathis: Both Second Avenue. I want Second Avenue done so bad.

Mayor Cubillos: Just keep in mind that the septic to sewer as it relates to phase one, it's not in the abyss, it's part of having the resiliency town hall is to bring the residents up to speed with that, and that's really the easement of scold. As we go in to legislative session, Northeast Second Avenue is a good priority. Just so you know, it has been part of our ask since 2015. It's not like it hasn't been, it just has not been funded.

Councilman Mathis: Any questions on said facilities?

Mayor Cubillos: No, just be at the resiliency town hall.

Councilman Mathis: Now?

Mayor Cubillos: At the town hall, Saturday.

Councilwoman Roman: I can't. Well, if my [inaudible 00:16:54] gets cancelled, I'll be there.

Councilman Mathis: I did want to look at the intern pilot program again. I want to see if we could possibly discuss getting that done. I know we do have a new employee and I think he's working great but, we have other projects that are coming along. He will need some help because, this man, he is working. I can see the difference.

Mayor Cubillos: There is a lot of programs with FIU, with Barry, with Manatee Community College where they really provide interns. I currently have two at my school that is being paid

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through a program that they came to me and gosh, in my 12 years, I've never had that. I say that for government, we really need to take a look at Barry, we need to look at FIU because there is opportunity in the public administration department that people want to be able to come in and get real-life experience and here, they're going to get it. A lot of other municipalities have that.

The Miami Dade League of Cities gives out three checks to Miami Dade College students, so I'm looking to see who are the recipients to see if they want to come in and intern here in the next couple of months. Definitely look at Miami Dade Community College, FIU, Barry. Lots of opportunity and man, these kids are young and they are smart.

Councilman Mathis: Next one is [unintelligible 00:18:30]. That's the property that we're maintaining, but it's the county's property and there's a permitting situation too, correct, or we're trying to sign the permit?

Village Manager Alou: Well, I brought this to the council a few months ago and we were approached by the county. We wanted to do some work on the North Miami Avenue Bridge, the replacement. They haven't started that work yet, and I came to you a little bit more back and forth. It turns out we did get permits for those median strips and put in those trees and put in improvements and, so they backed off.

At present, we're still maintaining, but they are counting on, and they can very well take over maintenance as they should but since we've improved it, we will continue to maintain it. I will keep you on post if there's something more from there because that bridge still needs to be replaced but at present, we are keeping our median strips or keeping the landscaping, that's all. We're maintaining.

Councilwoman Roman: We haven't been maintaining.

Village Manager Alou: Well, our contractor, [unintelligible 00:19:43] Landscaping, maintains-- but it may not be as well as it should be, and that's something we should talk about. They were saying we are still doing it even though it's really-

Councilwoman Roman: We're still responsible.

Village Manager Alou: We took it on ourselves, but we are continuing because of the program.

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Councilman Mathis: I know what the county wants to do. Then they have to deal with displacing those trees and then possibly putting the trees back.

Village Manager Alou: It's a permit. We have permits for the trees, so until they-

Councilman Mathis: Clear that up.

Village Manager Alou: -clear that up, they aren't going to touch the trees. We can maintain them or we just-

Mayor Cubillos: When this came up, the first thing I mentioned to the managers-- Listen, if they're going to take our meetings, they better take Miami Shores too. They're not going to come and take our three meetings and leave Miami Shores there. If they're telling me that they're there, that we cannot have those meetings, the managers are not going to have them either. Miami Shores has her edges where it is way like three feet to the palm tree and full, so they're taking that ours is blocking. Ours is a block where we don't even have any trees in it anymore because it's all dead. We just have the palm tree.

My recommendation would be, "Hey, if you're telling me that Miami Shores is okay because you're not going to touch theirs, well then let's do exactly what Miami Shores has done," and they did that whole full bush right underneath the palm tree. That's probably easier to maintain, because it's just green. Let's emulate and mimic what Miami Shores is doing because they didn't look to take down there's.

Then we're going to come in and take our meetings to them. Well, they were going to come remove all palm trees and I said, "No. You're not going to remove it. if you're going to remove ours, you're going to remove Miami Shores too." The other thing on North Miami that probably needs to be redone is that electric box. I had that painted green. It was easily patched up a little bit.

Councilman Mathis: That's appealing.

Mayor Cubillos: [crosstalk] They're not taking our meetings.

Councilwoman Roman: We're putting our sign back?

Village Manager Alou: We haven't put the sign back yet.

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Councilman Mathis: We put it back in.

Village Manager Alou: No. That sign's been repaired and then taken down again because of another accident. We should look at something different maybe that won't be hit or some way that it doesn't get damaged again.

Councilman Mathis: It seems like it's car magnet.

Mayor Cubillos: Well, because probably the lighting was fixed because it used to have lighting and then it didn't have lighting because somebody came over this great idea to have these entryways without a maintenance program attached to it. Then, some few years ago, the maintenance company knocked out the electrical thing and it didn't get refixed. [crosstalk] No great loss in my opinion but, I'd like to see some entry point. Miami Shores has pineapples all over the place. We should have a peacock or something. I don't mean to determine what that's going to look like but it'd be nice to have an entry point design and it looks the same everywhere. Here and here the peacock.

Councilman Mathis: It's supposed to fashion here.

Village Manager Alou: I like nice, pretty signs. We could have someone mold down these signs, so we need someone to replace that one as well.

Mayor Cubillos: I recommend to the council, not tonight but maybe we have a conversation of this with Purpleworks meeting and that's a Purpleworks topic and really talk about what we maybe recommend to the council. Let's take a look at some designs that we want to be able to brand who we are. El Portal is going to look pretty in colors. We're going to have a new seal.

Councilwoman Roman: Coyotes.

Mayor Cubillos: Coyotes. [crosstalk] I really think that it'd be an opportunity to be able to negotiate with certain individuals that we want to brand our city and so that they know you just got into El Portal. I've got to make sure that I see the pineapple. It's not a matter of Baptist. I just don't know. As chair, I think branding and imaging should be inside the report.

Councilman Mathis: I can do that. You know what though? The street co-designation was a big, big project of mine. Part of that project was getting decorative street limits. We were able to get entry signs on Second Avenue. Something like that would be a great idea.

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Participant: You say you are?

Councilman Mathis: I'm a project manager of performance. Tree-trimming. This is Chris.

Village Manager Alou: Yes. That is active, I do not have the final numbers on this go-around on the tree-trimming. I hope to have that soon. That's on my log email to our CFO and his team for a response. I'm hopeful that we'll stay within the budget. Actually we did stay with the budget. I told the council before that I would be looking at that period to last year and seeing the next course of action for the plan for trimming for tree trimming.

Councilwoman Roman: I have to say that the timing is perfect and I know that everyone has their own opinions about whether it's being cut too much or too little. I feel a sense of peace in knowing that we've done that right before hurricanes. I do think it's something we should continue to do through the hurricane seasons. I personally think they do a good job but that's just me. Everybody has their own opinions. When I go through the streets and I'm walking my dog, there aren't branches hanging down. To me, that's important.

Councilman Mathis: I totally agree. In all, I didn't want to ask them to take a look at Mitchell. It's not my management. I don't want to say eight, nine? That edge is growing back again and you have to almost come out to the road to pass. I can't see.

Village Manager Alou: I'm sorry, that's 89?

Councilman Mathis: I believe it's 89.

Village Manager Alou: Northeast or both?

Councilman Mathis: North West.

Participant: That would be on-- Sorry.

Councilman Mathis: It's Northwest. What did he say?

Councilwoman Roman: Can I just mention that for a moment?

Councilman Mathis: Yes.

Councilwoman Roman: This was brought to my attention a while ago by the women's club, but I've forgotten. Do we allow residents to go and have parties there?

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Village Manager Alou: We do.

Councilwoman Roman: Do we charge?

Village Manager Alou: I've seen people say we could or we should but not at the moment.

Councilwoman Roman: We don't require a police officer for that? [crosstalk] We have for the women's club events. It comes back to consistency. I want to make sure we have consistency. I do think personally that we should charge for events at the top block, that if we're going to have-- every park charges a fee. If we're going to have requirement for a police officer, that needs to be for every event. That's something that we definitely need to look at.

Village Manager Alou: I agree with that. We have to pay for our parks as well. I think that would be appropriate.

Councilwoman Roman: That's additional revenues that can come into our village.

Mayor Cubillos: It may coincide with why the revenue and why there's been a decrease in the village hall. Why would the whole utopia, just go to the park for free and still use the bathroom inside. Even more importantly, when they are done with the park whoever they are, do they pick up the garbage after use or is it our public works who do that?

Village Manager Alou: I don't know because I don't live here. If it's a weekend, I wouldn't know unless we were having an event but our public works person might be [unintelligible 00:28:34]

Mayor Cubillos: I never really thought of that but I really think that that's a missed opportunity because it costs to maintain the park.

Councilwoman Roman: It does.

Councilman Mathis: It's true.

Mayor Cubillos: There's wear and tear on the little kids toys on the tarp. You all just replaced the bench, didn't you Jenna?

Jenna: Yes.

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Mayor Cubillos: You all replaced the bench so there is wear and tear. You need to factor in what the wear and tear looks like and instead go back to the cost. If it's in a park and it's outside in the bright light with no, now it requires and you don't know when the train's coming. They need to have police.

Village Manager Alou: I'll add that.

Councilwoman Roman: Thank you.

Councilman Mathis: A single project?

Mayor Cubillos: It's been like that for a little while. You've written that a lot. That's a whole lot of conversation with resiliency and the septic sewer and all that. It's a whole new slew of residents that live out there-

Councilman Mathis: It could have been done but, everybody wanted something different.

Mayor Cubillos: You're the chair. We'll open the door. Maybe have a meeting with them there. There's all new residents. It's nowhere near the same resident anymore that lived out there. Maybe a missed opportunity to go meet them. Maybe they want. I don't know but that's-

Councilman Mathis: You know what? That's the town hall.

Mayor Cubillos: That's the town hall.

Mayor Cubillos: You know what? Let's go ahead and mention that and then you're going to be doing the townhall with C. Wall. It's part of resiliency. We're spending on infrastructure.

Councilman Mathis: I don't want you to volunteer me doing that.

Mayor Cubillos: You didn't say that on Saturday.

Councilman Mathis: Don't cosign on anything.

Mayor Cubillos: Because the C. Wall. It's a better time before it comes up.

Councilman Mathis: That's true. I asked for that, but I didn't really know what that was.

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Mayor Cubillos: Northwest 3rd Avenue is an award that came to me probably about, my goodness, five years ago, if not four. She gave me drawings to what she would like 3rd Avenue to look like because it's-- she lives right there, right?

Councilman Mathis: At Horseman.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes, it's Horseman. I really think that our priority with Horseman needs to be the easement and the nature trail, but that's your call, but that's why it is there. She gives a whole to design for it.

Councilman Mathis: She wanted us to do plantings or something on-

Mayor Cubillos: On Northwest 3rd Avenue.

Councilman Mathis: On the school?

Mayor Cubillos: No, not on the school. There is the school the fence, and then there is a median that belongs El Portal and then there is a sidewalk and then the street, so at that whole green area that's outside the school, that's where she wanted that.

Councilman Mathis: Oh, I'm thinking about-

Mayor Cubillos: It's behind the school.

Councilwoman Roman: I know what you're talking about.

Mayor Cubillos: Maybe there is a sidewalk. There is a green space.

Councilman Mathis: It's like a little ditch?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes, it's like a whole area.

Councilman Mathis: She wants it done there?

Mayor Cubillos: She wants us to just do something to that property, so that's why it's there.

Councilman Mathis: You know what, that is a citizen's initiative.

Councilwoman Roman: Well, when we do the cleanup, that's an area that we really-

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Councilman Mathis: The village-wide clean-up?

Councilwoman Roman: Yes.

Councilman Mathis: Oh, yes, because everything is all-

Councilwoman Roman: Yes. It looks terrible. I saw that.

Councilman Mathis: Number 11, your Honor?

Mayor Cubillos: Is that me? I want a dog park. That's no big secret, right? I know that we're going to have a dog park somewhere. Just where and I'm working on it. We've been in lots of conversations. Could be one right down here, so a dog park, I want a dog park.

Councilwoman Roman: You remember a state park?

Mayor Cubillos: By the way, I just came back from a conference, and now you can certify your city to be pet-friendly. There is a lot of money. I sat there and watched cities of our size and a little bigger get money from Walmart, from Petco, lots of money with projects that they were coming up with. I've mentioned this to the manager. I'll be very honest, I know I've said it again and I'm going to say it again, but we've been in a lot of different meetings and this is one that is on my queue that I want to touch base because it's fantastic to make your city pet-friendly. They're saying pet improve the quality of our lives. It makes people happier overall. They say that it's-- I forgot the word that they used. I will be bringing that for you. [foreign language]

Councilwoman Roman: How do we move forward with this?

Village Manager Alou: Can I say just about the little river states park, it is too small for requirements for the dog park?

Councilman Mathis: It's like that.

Councilwoman Roman: I've seen some really small ones.

Village Manager Alou: It depends on the park that has to come with the dog park.

Councilman Mathis: The water is right there too. The run-off.

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Village Manager Alou: Yes, we can look into--

Councilwoman Roman: How do we follow up so that we can become a pet city that you were saying?

Mayor Cubillos: I'm going to share the information. I've got to tell you, I have not done it yet.

Councilman Mathis: What's the perks of it?

Mayor Cubillos: Excuse me?

Councilman Mathis: What are the perks of it?

Mayor Cubillos: You get money, so you have to come up with a way to make your town pet-friendly, whether it's put something at the village hall, the doggy-do stations was one of them, we've got to upscale what they are. They put a water area. There is a whole sleuth of them that, again, I have not shared with the manager, but it's going to be part of my report, but because we have been working on so many issues and meeting with, that we just have not gotten into that just yet.

We were talking about cybersecurity and we were talking about development agreements and we just haven't gotten into that yet, but I do have it, I'll scan it. Denise, I'll send it to you and then we can take a look at it, but I really think that if the five of us put our thoughts together on how we can come up with a project, I think that that might be a quick nice win for the town.

Councilman Mathis: For the land first?

Mayor Cubillos: No. It's not even just the land. It's not just the coming up with the dog park. There is other ways that you can get monies. Like, you came up with a great idea of how you just made your city that much more pet-friendly. There is a whole slew of them. I will send-- you know, what I'm going to do it right now. I'm going to send it to you. I just looked at her, and I'll said, "I'm going to send you the link."

Councilman Mathis: Send me and her.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay.

Councilman Mathis: I didn't know what this one was, Rayon, Northwest 86th Street.

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Mayor Cubillos: I have no idea what that is. When Jason was here, we had talked about a dog park-- oh, no, but that's northwest. Oh, that's because it was broken.

Councilman Mathis: What was broken?

Mayor Cubillos: There used to be a rail and a car hit it. I asked if they were going to fix it and I think he fixed it, and it cost 8K.

Councilman Mathis: Wait.

Mayor Cubillos: It cost 8K to remove it and put a wall there, I believe. I believe because it was taken out and now there's a wall there.

Councilman Mathis: Oh, the park?

Mayor Cubillos: The Little River States Park.

Councilman Mathis: Okay.

Mayor Cubillos: That what it was.

Councilman Mathis: I didn't know what it was, and Chris was like-

Mayor Cubillos: Yes. I'm sorry, that's what it was.

Councilman Mathis: Okay. Can we take it out? Completed. That concludes the tracking report. I wanted to ask you, I've been working on Short Park. Oh, well. I mean, I wanted. Good. Would anybody like to come up and say anything? You already agreed to everybody.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Omar Nickerson-

Councilman Mathis: I can't hear you.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Omar Nickerson, 88 and 66 North East 2nd Avenue. How's everybody doing? The only thing I wanted to say was, what Councilperson Roman said was what I needed to talk about because it will bring more money in. Only thing I wanted to say was, just to be proactive in our thoughts. You just have to find a way to, when that happens-- like there is two things, right?

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One thing is when that happens, we may in the future have residents-- let me say the first thing. The first thing is, one thing that may happen with people that rent it out may not want residents to be able to access that day. It's like when you're renting out this hall, like you're renting out your car, your thing. I don't know. I'm just saying, this might be the thought.

Councilman Mathis: You can rent the pavilion but you can't rent the whole park.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: See, that's why I am saying, I don't know. Because, when we're talking about clean-up or we're talking about upkeep and stuff like that, and so, if I'm renting it and a bunch of come and they are making the mess, and it's just like, "Omar, you've rented the park and you've made a mess," and it's like, "Well, no, there was 20 other people there. It's not my fault." Do you know what I mean? That might come up, I'm just saying.

Councilperson Roman, what I was saying was, that idea I think is wonderful. I just wanted us to be proactive in our thoughts. I just wanted to say, just think that maybe down the line, it might come up to where people who rent the park, it might come to a point to where they may not want other people in the park while they're renting it because they're like, "We're paying a ton for this hall, you can't just come into my party." What Councilman Mathis was saying was, "No, they're renting the pavilion but not the whole park."

I said, "But we're talking about upkeep and things like that." They might say, "The park is messed up." We might be able to blame them, but they're also could be-- you cant say who-

Mayor Cubillos: Right.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: This might be something we have to think about.

Mayor Cubillos: I think the space is small enough that if we have to rent it out and close it for the rest of the people for a couple of hours, I don't think that would be a big deal.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Yes, I agree. That's why I said, the second thing is, then later, we might-- probably there are a couple of people that are here like we're going to the park that think, "When did you guys start locking the park up?" I'm just saying that this probably might come up. That's all I'm saying. I'm just putting it out there, that's all. I try to see the future sometimes on what will be up there and what people might say. That's all. Thank you very much, you guys. [crosstalk]

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Mayor Cubillos: May I say something? I'm almost inclined to say that we don't rent the park because, guess what? It's going to get rented every Saturday and Sunday, and then the residents can't use their own park. I don't know. We really have to think about that because you would have to close it. If we had more parks and it was bigger, then the village can use it as a resource for the 4th of July, but if I had kids and I wanted to go to the park and I pay taxes to maintain that park and you're telling me that I can't come because it's rented to a person that doesn't live here.

Councilwoman Roman: No, but I think that everyone needs to. You can't rent the hall unless you live here, right?

Mayor Cubillos: No, there's a, there's a fee. There's a higher fee if you don't live here.

Councilwoman Roman: I wouldn't rent the park to someone who doesn't live here.

Mayor Cubillos: I don't know. It really needs to be thought out because, the park will be rented out all the time? Then, one of the parents couldn't use the park, they can't use the money, the party doesn't work.

Councilwoman Roman: Right. It should be just for resident. In my mind it was already just residents. Let's say that we don't rent it. We need to stop the party instead.

Mayor Cubillos: Only use the village hall. Only the village hall they could rent it. Excuse me, only the village hall not the park.

Councilwoman Roman: Right, but there are parties happening currently and on weekends.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes, of course.

Councilwoman Roman: How do we stop those parties from happening?

Village Manager Alou: I don't know

Mayor Cubillos: Police Officer? First, I think we have to educate the residents and then take it from there. Because maybe, there are outside people come in and have a party. We don't know. Guess what, the time we're only going to find out, when an accident happens I guess.

Village Manager Alou: Yes. I don't know.

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Mayor Cubillos: This is why the conversation is important and I really think it needs to be thought out. It needs to be thought out. [crosstalk] [chuckles] All right. Good job.

Village Manager Alou: My counterparts thought that and [unintelligible 00:41:35]

Councilman Mathis: Anybody else, you're welcome. Just to note, I have spoken with Miami Gardens. They don't have any vehicles currently to donate to us but I'm still waiting to hear back from Pine Crest. Might be as they may have, Palmetto Bay, Miami Lakes and that Meghan, the German.

Mayor Cubillos: I'll second.

Councilman Mathis: The move in second, all in favor? All opposed? Nine o'clock.

Mayor Cubillos: 8:59 PM

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