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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: All right, you guys. Good evening. Good to see everybody here tonight. The regular council meeting of the village of El Portal for Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021 is called to order at 7:01 PM. [gavel sound] Right now, we'll have a moment of silent meditation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

[pause 00:00:19]

Members: 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 Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much. Madam clerk, may I please have a roll call, please?

Yenise Jacobi: Roll call. Mayor Nickerson.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Here.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Vice Mayor Urbom. He's through Zoom.

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: Here.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Councilperson Pirela.

Councilman Luis Pirela: Here.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Here.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Councilperson Martin.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Here.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Also present for the record, Yenise Jacobi, village clerk, Christia Alou through Zoom, village manager, and the attorney is running late.

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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, Madam clerk, I appreciate that. I just want to point out that the reason why Vice Mayor Urbom and Manager Alou are through Zoom is because they're both out of town right now, so that's why they're joining us through Zoom. Next, we have approval of the agenda. Do I have a motion to approve the agenda?

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: So moved.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Motion moved by councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Do I have a second for approval of the agenda?

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Second.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Second by councilperson Martin. All in favor, say aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: All opposed, say nay. Hearing no nays. Approval of the minutes. We had three sets of minutes to approve, you guys. We had the last council meeting, which was May 25th. I'm going to ask for a motion for those minutes first. May 25th record council meeting minutes.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: You want a motion?

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: I move for approval for all three.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you. I have--

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: [unintelligible 00:01:58]. I move approval of the minutes with the scribbling notes being acknowledged as necessary.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much. I appreciate that. I have a motion for all three minutes. Do I have a second for all three minutes?

Councilwoman Darian Martin: I'll second.

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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: I have a second for all three minutes. I'll take those one by one for the ayes. First one is E1, May 25th meeting. All in favor, say aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: All opposed, say nay. Second one is E2, June 8th, special council meeting. All in favor, say aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: All opposed, say nay. Third one is E3 minutes for the executive session opening and closing June 8th, 2021. All in favor, say aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: All opposed, say nay. Hearing none. Thank you very much. Next is Good And Welfare. If anybody from the audience, anybody from Zoom has anything that they want to say right now at this time, you guys can come up. You have three minutes, say your name and address for the record, and you can say what you want to say about anything on this agenda.

We have another Good And Welfare at the very end where you can talk about anything at all. The first Good And Welfare is to say anything you want to say about any agenda item on this agenda right now. Anybody for Good And Welfare? We look on Zoom. Seeing none. Moving on to agenda items. The first one is G1, 4th of July, celebration discussion, the event's to take place on Saturday, July 3rd, 2021. Vice Mayor Urbom, the floor is yours.

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: All right. Good evening, everyone. If you hear me okay, thumbs up.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Sure.

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: All right. Firstly, [unintelligible 00:03:37], I would propose that we say Village of El Portal July 3rd in the park. I wouldn't want to call this event the July 4th event, that'll be confusing and people will be looking for the event on the 4th, and, of

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course, it won't be there because the event is taking place July 3rd, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Firstly, I think that July 3rd should be in the title of the event.

Okay, so the Women's club is helping out quite a bit with this event. They will be providing ice cream or frozen yogurt free to kids. They may provide it free to adults as well, at least to kids, they're going to be providing it free. They will need a generator, which the village has, or the small freezer that they use to hold the ice cream. They'll bring tents and tables as many as they have. I anticipate we really only need one tent and one table for them, one tent and one table for the village, and I don't know that we need anything more than that right now.

In terms of do we need chairs, I think that we should advertise this as BYO picnic to encourage people to bring their own blankets, coolers, supplies. We need to decide if we think we need a Porta-Potty. It's a three-hour event, but we should anticipate a larger turnout than say Arbor day, which was a decent turnout, but in a moment, I'll talk briefly about the projection for attendance. To consider a Porta-Potty for the three-hour event, I believe would be in the range of \$150.

Then in terms of activities, well, let me talk about food first. I essentially reached out to a **[unintelligible 00:05:43]** food truck booking website, waiting to hear back. If we did bring out a food truck, I would think it would be just one, and the residents essentially would be buying what they would be consuming. In that kind of bidding process online, I did state that there would be \$650 estimated revenue for the event, which means that in the event, we would agree to vote for whichever food truck answered the bid, we're essentially guaranteeing that they would make \$650.

To be aware of that, I don't know how the discussion-- but I don't know that we need a food truck at the event. It would be nice to have, but we are advertising BYO Picnic, then I imagine you would take that to mean bring food that you would want to be having as well. In that headcount for the projection of attendance, there was no event last year and we're just coming out of deep COVID this year, but my estimate is about 70 people turning out, between 70 and 100 for this event.

It's a nice event and the nature trail, the evening won't be as hot, and I think people want to come out and do something like that. I'm open to any suggestions, projections, or strategies

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on that projection of how many we do think will attend, because, of course, that will affect what we're doing. Then in terms of marketing, once we decide on the title of this event, the phrasing of BYO Picnic, essentially the location, and then the Women's Club also would like to have their logo as well as the Village of El Portal's logo on any outgoing media.

We have the website, we have email blast, [unintelligible 00:08:02], and so that's essentially the marketing at that point. Whatever other social media we'd have, which I know is a larger discussion yet to be had. The last item here I have in my notes is activities essentially for the kids primarily, however. I didn't know if we should say something like sparklers welcome or something to that effect, or if we want to go the other way and say, "Please don't bring any fireworks."

Additionally, maybe a beanbag toss. My original idea is horseshoes, but maybe beanbags are softer than horseshoes. If we're providing that activity, there you go. I was thinking just something like that, sort of like an outdoors socially distanced game, we could even do a little croquet set or something like this for the kids to do, because the nature trail has quite a bit of room to set up an area for their convenient activity.

Oh, last item, generator. I mention only to power the freezer for the ice cream. That same generator will also power the sound system. We're essentially going to do a Pandora mix, 4th of July mix over the speakers. The village has the speaker and the power supply through the generator, and then the generator will also be able to handle powering the freezer for the Women's Club. Then the food is really the last thing we're going to do in terms of strategy. Having said that, I'll open the floor to anyone who would like to ask a question or provide comments.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, Vice Mayor Urbom. I appreciate it. Just wanted to say really quickly, I think, however we decide to market this will go a long way to depend on how many people we have come out. In the past, when everything was fully open back in the past, pre-COVID, the budget for the 4th of July event was a couple of thousand, over \$2,000 because we would provide free hamburgers and hot dogs to all the residents, and I understand that we're not going that way this time, but I don't know.

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I don't know how residents are feeling, I don't know if they're expecting that the way we used to do it and the way we did it for so many years, but if we're going to do it a different way, we just need to really put that down, the BYOB, we need to really put those things down in the flyers and in the blasts that we put out so that our residents aren't expecting what they used to get, at least for this time around if we're going to do it like that. Then next year, then we could try, if possible to move back to what we used to do because I think a lot of residents really look forward to that. That's just my take on that. Anybody else from the council? No? Vice Mayor Urbom, everybody is from the council is good on this. Any last words or anything you want to say?

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: Madam Manager wanted to say something there.

Village Manager Alou: Yes, I do. I just want to say, I know we discussed the date and the time, but [unintelligible 00:11:41] records, what's the time of the event?

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: Okay. So the date and time of the village of El Portal, July 3rd in the park is July 3rd, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. That will be at Nature Trail in the village of El Portal, roughly 8701 Northwest, Second Avenue 33138.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: All right, sounds good. Thank you very much. Go ahead, Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: Yes, so okay. [unintelligible 00:12:17] here. I'd be looking for a motion to direct manager to advertise the village of El Portal July 3rd in the Park to be held at Nature Trail on July 3rd, 4:00 to 7:00 PM as a BYO picnic event with desserts provided and music and activities.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes, that sounds good. I'll take a motion and a second. I think Clerk Jacobi just mentioned, I think snow cones would be a good idea. I think that'd be a good idea also, summertime, so things like snow cones.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: We have a vendor, okay. Some of the things that we used to do, I'm not saying that bringing that all back, but at least having some kind of normalcy back to is I think that we had the snow cone. Cotton candy is too sticky, but I think snow cone

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would be something refreshing, and I don't think it's that expensive. I think the rental is \$60, something like that to have throughout. That's something to think about that you can also add on to bring on-- mix it in with the ice creams and stuff. I'm saying maybe for kids and adults can have that too.

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: You're saying this machine that [unintelligible 00:13:39] vendors?

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Yes, it's a machine. We have the vendor that we've used, which is the same one we use the bounce house and all the snow cones and the cotton candy and all that stuff. I think it--

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: [unintelligible 00:13:50].

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Yes, because I think a snow cone would be-- that's what we've done before, it works great because it's so hot and it's something refreshing, something to mix it in for kids who don't want ice cream or don't have ice cream.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Mayor.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: It's just a suggestion.

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: I'll put that as a [unintelligible 00:14:11] and see if we can incorporate that.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you. Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward?

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: In the event that there's inclement weather, any thoughts on that? Yes, I don't [unintelligible 00:14:25].

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: [unintelligible 00:14:27] rain or shine event on all advertisements, it's advertised as a rain or shine event.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: What? We're going to have people in the rain? Is it inside or outside?

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Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: It's outside. Well, people would make a decision to come. If it was rained out, no one would get out of their car, then at that point, [unintelligible 00:14:56]. The point is that this would not be rescheduled, it's going to be that day at that time, rain or shine.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Can we bring it inside?

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: Don't know if we have the capacity to do that with the current restrictions. If we do, we certainly could access those. I suppose, then does that require personnel that are not anticipating that part.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: All right. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you. Vice Mayor Urbom, if you're good with everything, I'll ask for a motion and a second, and then we'll take a vote for the 3rd of July event.

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: There you go.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: All right. Do I have a motion for the 3rd of July event?

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Moved.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Moved by Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Do I have a second?

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Second.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Second by Councilperson, Martin. Roll call, ma'am.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Roll call. Councilperson Martin?

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Councilperson Dr. Lightfoot-Ward?

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Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Here.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Councilperson Pirela?

Councilman Luis Pirela: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Vice Mayor Urbom?

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Mayor Nickerson.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Motion passes five to none.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much. Does anybody else have any comments or questions about the 4th of July event? How are we looking on Zoom? Thumbs up. All right. You guys let's go on to the resolutions and ordinances. The first one is ordinance H1, amendment for development agreement. This is the second reading, you guys, we've already passed the first reading. Attorney Geller, if you want to read that into the record.

Attorney Joseph Geller: An ordinance of the village of El Portal, amending ordinances number 2019-08, and the development agreement approved therein providing for incorporation of recitals, providing for conflicts, repealer, severability, codification, and an effective date. This is second reading and public hearing, Mayor.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, Attorney Geller. Any questions or comments from the council? This is the second reading, we've been over there before. Any questions or comments from anybody on Zoom? How are we looking on Zoom? Thumbs up. Do I have a motion to--

Attorney Joseph Geller: You got to open the public hearing, sir.

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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: This is the public hearing. Public hearing open at 7:18 PM. Anybody from the public have anything they want to say, any questions or comments about the development agreement? Seeing none. Public hearing closed 7:18 PM. Do I have a motion to approve ordinance 2021/03?

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: I thought we did that? Moved. I just moved.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Motion moved by Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Do I have a second?

Councilman Luis Pirela: I'll second.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Second by Councilperson Pirela. Any last questions or comments? Anybody from the audience? How are we looking on Zoom? Thumbs up. Okay. We're good. Madam Clerk, may I please have a roll call, please? Madam Clerk, may I please have a roll call, please.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Roll call. Councilperson Martin?

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Councilperson Dr. Lightfoot-Ward?

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Councilperson Pirela?

Councilman Luis Pirela: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Vice Mayor Urbom?

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Mayor Nickerson?

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes.

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Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Motion passes five to none.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much. I appreciate that. The next one is the ordinance H2, you guys, this is the water conservation ordinance for landscape irrigation. This was brought to us by the village manager last time. We passed it in the first reading, this is the second reading. We'll have Attorney Geller reading to the record and I'll have Village Manager, Manager Alou, I have you just say a couple of words about what it was about, just so to remind us, and then we'll do that. We'll go from there. Go ahead, Attorney Geller.

Attorney Joseph Geller: An ordinance of the village of El Portal, Florida, for providing for local implementation of the mandatory year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures rule of the South Florida Water Management District, rule 40E-24, Florida Administrative Code. Providing definitions, providing for the applicability of the ordinance, providing the landscape irrigation schedule, providing exceptions to the landscape irrigation schedule, providing for a requirement to operate technology that inhibits or interrupts an irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture, providing for variances from the specific day of the week limitations, providing for enforcement of the ordinance, providing for penalties for violation of the ordinance, providing for codification of the ordinance, providing for incorporation of recitals, providing for conflicts, repealer, severability, codification, and an effective date, second reading and public hearing, Mayor.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, Attorney Geller. I appreciate that. Manager Alou, do you have anything that you want to quickly say about this? I know you brought this forward in a first reading when we passed first reading.

Village Manager Alou: Thank you, Mayor and Vice Mayor. Yes, I just want to say again, and I did this when we had the first reading that this is a South Florida Water Management District's Mandatory year-around water restriction. The Village of El Portal was about doing this ordinance, and executing this option for our [unintelligible 00:20:17] [chuckles] the requirement for the residents, the Village. It is restricted watering, or irrigation not allowed or prohibited during the hours of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM any day of the week.

Even-numbered homes, addresses are only allowed to water or irrigate on two days a week [unintelligible 00:20:46] Thursday and/or Sunday, and the odd addresses Wednesday and/or

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Saturday. Again, no watering between 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM any day. The even addresses have Thursday and/or Sunday, and the odd addresses have Wednesday and/or Saturday.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: If this passes, we're going to have to definitely get that information out to our residents, and reach out to them so that they understand that information. We have to-

Village Manager Alou: Absolutely.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: -do our part to move that information forward. Do I have any questions or comments from the council?

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Yes.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Mr. Mayor, if this is a mandatory annual requirement, do we have to pass an ordinance every year? I don't see anything written in there that says that.

Attorney Joseph Geller: [inaudible 00:21:47]

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes, go ahead, Attorney Geller.

Attorney Joseph Geller: That's why it's an ordinance, Councilperson Dr. Lightfoot-Ward. We don't have to pass it every year. We just have to pass it this one time, unless and until it's repealed or amended, it'll continue to control now. If the South Florida Water Management District amends their rule, we may need to amend our ordinance to match. As long as theirs continues in force and effect by adopting it this way as an ordinance, it'll continue until it changes.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: The reason I'm asking is this isn't the first time, is it, Mayor, that we've done this before, right? It must have changed significantly because since I've been in the Village, I've always known that we have to abide by certain watering restrictions because we are Florida.

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Attorney Joseph Geller: They used to do it differently where they would just pass something here. Now, they encourage all of the cities to adopt it by ordinance as a model ordinance, because then the cities have more participation in it, it's not just, "They have a rule and we have to abide by it."

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: One last question, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Of course.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Penalties that I take whatever the attorney gives us and turns the ordinance I'd take it for what it is. It says, I know you can be fined, but it's according to the listing currently of violation of any ordinance. Do we have an overall? I don't see anything where it shows a penalty when you don't do it when we're not abiding we-- Notice "we" are abiding by the ordinance language.

Attorney Joseph Geller: Mayor.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes.

Attorney Joseph Geller: There are penalties provided, but basically what it says is it's punishable as any violation of our municipal code is otherwise punishable. It's not criminal infractions, so it's not those that the State Attorney prosecutes. Basically, we can fine people in accordance with our code for violation, and the same as breaking the code.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Good to know. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: No problem. Thank you very much, Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. The Village Manager can tell you guys that they've really been getting in contact with us in order for us to pass this ordinance. Manager Alou.

Village Manager Alou: Yes. That is correct. In fact, we are one of the last municipalities to get this ordinance passed. They've had 100% statewide or in the sense [unintelligible 00:24:38] South Florida Water Management District realm. I know this item had been introduced last year in our Code Enforcement Committee. In fact, I know at that time, the Chairperson Vice Mayor Urbom had introduced it, and discussed it. I think it fell through the

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cracks. We really need to move it forward. I'm happy that you all have allowed it and we would have the second reading as quickly [unintelligible 00:25:09] on this year-around water restriction.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, Manager Alou. I'm going to do that. Thank you very much, Manager Alou. Any last comments or questions from the council?

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: Yes, if I could?

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes.

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: Two things, one, perhaps our designer could develop a postcard, pictogram, whatever it is, of how these rules are concerning the even-number houses and days of the week that time is forbidden. That might be something she could pull up. If not, we should consider somehow accomplishing that where it's something that can be easily distributed in terms of social media, website, et cetera.

Additionally, if it was essentially designed as a postcard, then we could mail them as well to each individual household. Then, the other thing I was going to say was Section 12 in this document is where it outlines that really we probably have a responsibility to the codification of this, so I incorporated it as an article into the Code of Ordinances and then having the specific penalties attached to it where it is then enforceable by Code Enforcement. That sounds like it would be the next step as Dr. Lightfoot-Ward was saying, and that's it.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, Vice Mayor Urbom. Any other questions or comments from the council?

Councilman Luis Pirela: No.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Hearing none. I'm going to close this for the public at 7:28 PM.

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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Anybody from the public have anything that they want to say about this? Comments or questions? How'd we look on Zoom? Thumbs up, I'm going to close to the public at 7:28 PM.

[gavel sound]

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Back to the council. Do I have a motion for the Water Conservation Ordinance for Landscape Irrigation second reading?

Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: I'll do the second if somebody will do the motion.

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: I'll move it.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Moved by Vice Mayor Urbom. Second by Councilperson Lightfoot-ward. Madam Clerk, may I please have roll call, please?

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Roll Call. Councilperson Martin.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Councilperson Dr. Lightfoot-Ward.

Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Councilperson Pirela.

Councilman Luis Pirela: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Vice Mayor Urbom.

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Mayor Nickerson.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes.

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Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Motion passes five to none.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, appreciate that. Thank you Madam Clerk. Moving on, the next ordinance is H3, it's Design Review Board. Do you remember because of the new bill that was passed, we had to create a Design Review Board? Attorney Geller, if you want to read that into the record for us, please.

Attorney Joseph Geller: An ordinance of the Village of El Portal creating a Design Review Board running for incorporation of recitals providing for conflicts, repealer, severability, codification, and an effective date.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, Attorney Geller. Appreciate that. Remember, this had to be done by July 1st is when it kicks in, I believe. That's the reason why this would be the second reading for this ordinance. Any questions or comments from the council? Hearing none. Going to open it up to the public 7:29 PM. [gavel sound] Any questions or comments from the public? How'd we look on Zoom? Thumbs up.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Closing to the public 7:29 PM.

[gavel sound]

Do I have a motion for Ordinance 2021-05?

Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: So moved.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: The Design Review Board Ordinance moved by Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Do I have a second?

Councilman Luis Pirela: I'll second.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Second by Councilperson Pirela. Madam Clerk, may I please have roll call, please?

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Roll call. Councilperson Martin.

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Councilwoman Darian Martin: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Councilperson Dr. Lightfoot-Ward.

Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Councilperson Pirela.

Councilman Luis Pirela: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Vice Mayor Urbom.

Vice Mayor Anders Urbom: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Mayor Nickerson.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes.

Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi: Motion passes five to none.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, appreciate that. Next, we're moving onto the resolution, H4, Resolution for the Public Benefits Trust Fund Monetary Amendment. Attorney Geller, if you would please read that into the record, please?

Attorney Joseph Geller: A resolution of the Village Council of the Village of El Portal, Florida, authorizing the Village of El Portal to approve and accept the transfer of certain funds from the public benefits trust fund to general revenue for lawful purposes, providing for incorporation of recitals, providing for an effective date.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: This is a resolution, it's not an ordinance. For this, does anybody from the council have any questions or comments?

Councilwoman Darian Martin: I have a comment.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes, Councilperson Martin.

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Councilwoman Darian Martin: I notice that there is \$150,000 being transferred to the public benefit's trust fund. Some is for police vehicles, which I get, then it also notes "other infrastructure improvements." How much of that \$150,000 is going to the other infrastructure improvements?

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: One second. The first year payment for the police vehicles is--

Councilman Luis Pirela: It's actually infrastructure related to what attaches this money that's coming to the Kavista development.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: [crosstalk] I would just love to know the amount. This is my apprehension on this. I know that we're supposed to have a meaty discussion, the council's supposed to have a discussion at some point to decide how this money is being divvied up. What I don't want to do is get caught up in the piecemeal distribution of the funds, that will make it almost impossible for us to make a comprehensive plan based on the total amount that we're receiving. I just want to get in my mind how much we're spending on what. If someone can just refresh my mind on what we're spending on the vehicles. Then from that, I can deduce how we're doing for infrastructure.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Absolutely, Councilperson Martin. Absolutely. Great point. The first year of the police vehicles, the first year, total for everything, will be \$95,212.25. Thereafter, it's \$58,000 annually.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: For the police vehicles?

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: For the police vehicles.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Okay, then we're doing a little bit above-- I guess, that's like \$55,000 on infrastructure improvements tied to--

Councilman Luis Pirela: Which, in this case, it's not what the money was actually for. It was mostly for green spaces and stuff like that. I don't know if the lawyer has a point to what resolution is being worked on. I believe it was strictly for policing, like you were asking, and I agree with that.

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Councilwoman Darian Martin: I just want to figure out what infrastructure improvements are.

Councilman Luis Pirela: Exactly, what improvement is that it's related [crosstalk] to the money that it's going to be--

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Maybe the manager can let us know.

Attorney Joseph Geller: All I can tell you is that it must be used as Councilperson Pirela says, for matters that are related to the development. For instance, we're trying to do a pump station over by the middle school. That does not qualify. It's got to bear a relationship in the same way that the money from the gas tax that we get has to be used for things related to transportation. It's a legal requirement. The specifics of what the money beyond the \$95,000 for the vehicle is, I have to yield to the administration for that.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: If I can chime in-- Well, go ahead, Manager Alou, and then I'll chime in after you.

Village Manager Alou: I was just wanting to add that part of the impact of what is happening over at Kavista was also street signage. It's the things related to what will assist the-- I'm sorry, can you hear me?

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes, we can hear you.

Councilperson Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward: Well, we can't now.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Manager Alou?

Speaker 1: She's still there, she's--

Village Manager Alou: [unintelligible 00:33:57]

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Hold on one second, one second. Hold on one second.

Speaker 1: All right.

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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: We're good? Manager Alou, if you can start from where you were first speaking.

Village Manager Alou: I was stating that [unintelligible 00:34:12] infrastructure improvement that we would like to utilize any additional funds, I know it's not much, but we were looking to do the street signage, safety, that could be lighting, that could also be the signs that are necessary in the annex area to assist with the public safety. It's infrastructure in terms of just street maintenance and signage.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Okay. You guys have done the analysis on that and came up with \$50,000 being an adequate amount to do that, right?

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Not necessarily, no, because this is the thing. Let me just say for the record, the original agreement included police, it included street repair, it included other impact things. Then it was changed. Some councilmembers that used to be here-- It was changed to just say only green space. What I want to do is take it back to also add the things to where it will be impacted by these new businesses.

For example, not only police cars, because the police fleet is down, but also, you guys, there's things that-- Because the original agreement said the police department, because of the impact these things are going to have. This is an example, we have for a long time needed, and I probably even shouldn't even be saying this on the record, but we needed a second police officer at nighttime. We only have one police officer every night.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Let me say this. I'm not disputing that those things are needed, and I'm not disputing that it's a worthwhile and wholly sound, reasonable way to spend the money. I'm saying that the agreement, in the beginning, was that we would all make a decision on how to spend the money. Sometimes, when you get in the need of plugging up holes that rightfully should be filled, you dwindle that pot down so much that it's impossible to make a reasonable cohesive decision about the usage of the funds that all the villagers will feel in a way that makes sense. It takes away our ability to strategize on it.

For me, if you guys say that you've made the analysis and the \$50,000 is right and good, I'm willing to vote on it this time. What I am saying as far as my position, is that I will not vote

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on anything else in a piecemeal form. I just want to get together and strategize. If signage is the most important, that's fine. We can do that. Maybe something else is. I think we should have the ability to do it and see the whole pie. That's all that I'm saying on that.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: No, I hear you. When we're talking about piecemeal, we're looking for a whole-- we're looking to do \$350,000 over a million dollars. Because we're getting paid in three payments, we didn't want to take all from the first payment, we wanted to spread it out. We knew that our police department first and foremost needed help. We wanted to use the first piece that we took out to help the police department primarily. For the 350, we could have said it like, "Okay, we could take 100 from the first pot, 100 from the second pot, and 150 from the third pot." We just decided to take 150 from the first pot.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: It's not about the numbers, it's just about the procedure. From what I understood the entire council would have some sort of input on that. I'm just talking about the procedure. We have another member that joined. [chuckles] I'm just speaking towards the procedure and what I would like to see happen. Just going forward, I think it's just a sound way to move forward. I don't know if anyone else agrees, but that's my position.

Councilman Luis Pirela: I was very specific of what I wanted with the money as well. Moving the money from a trust fund to the general account is like opening the door for the money to be spent on other things other than what it was intended for. That was one of the conditions I wanted to be there, that it was any single dollar spent from the money that we're actually transferring from these funds being overseen by the council. Not just deliberately just spending the money.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: This money comes out of this public benefit's trust fund. The budget it goes into is its individual line item. It's not going into the general fund. It's going to go into its individual line item. Everything that we would decide to do with this money, it has to come before the council.

Councilman Luis Pirela: Any single amount?

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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes. The same way we did with the police cars, you guys. You see what I'm saying? We didn't say, "We're going to take this money out, then we'll decide just what to do." We passed the police car resolution.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: The police car resolution was in the amount of \$95,000. This is \$150,000. That is different. As far as who came up with the number being sound and good for infrastructure improvements. I do not believe that he had any say in that. Not saying that I should, just saying that that is what we discussed and that is not how we're moving forward. If we have to look strictly at what it is we said we were going to do, this is a departure today, which I'm willing to depart if everyone says, "Hey, 50,000 is a sound good number. I am not willing to depart beyond today." After today, I would like the meeting that we discussed, where we would talk about the monies that we would be receiving and three parts we understand and how we would spend them when we do receive those funds. I understand that different events trigger different numbers. I think we can talk about it in a strategic way and talk about that whole number. That's my suggestion.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Would you like the first number to be the 100,000 for the first pullout instead of the 150 because then that will cover the 95?

Councilwoman Darian Martin: The manager is saying, if I'm correct, that there there's \$55,000 that's needed to do signage and other things that are supposed to go hand-in-hand with whatever it is that we're doing.

Councilman Luis Pirela: I'm sorry, but this is the first time I'm hearing about signage too. It's not what it was intended for and I understand. We should come to the agreement, like Councilwoman Martin is saying. The \$150 can be transferred if we're only going to be using the money to fulfill the contract with our police guards, then all that remaining amount could stay there until we decide what are we going to do. Like I said from the beginning, it was nothing about infrastructure or things that needed to--

It was more to fix the problems within that already exist in the village and the biggest one being the police. It's either reducing the amount to \$100,000, we have time to do everything else or the money is there, we all agree to \$350,000. It really doesn't matter whether we move

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\$100,000 now or \$150,000, it's just a matter of how we're going to spend it and the intentions for the money to be moved from the trust fund to another account.

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward.

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: Yes. I don't intend to stay on this but I think Councilwoman Martin has a good thought on this and to the extent that we can see the money where it's going before it's distributed, talk about it and make sure it's going where we want it to go as opposed to bucket list it out. That takes nothing from the manager. Let me be clear that it takes nothing from the manager, but this is the kind of money that we've not had recently in this quantity and we need to be caretakers. I see the attorney's hand, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes, go ahead, Attorney Geller.

Attorney Geller: What Councilperson Pirela stated was my understanding to begin with. What might help ensure that that's the case if you look at the text of the resolution, where it says, "To be used for the purchase of police vehicles.£ Obviously, you have a number, you know what that is and the council has voted specifically to do that. The remainder of the sentence says, "And also for infrastructure improvements as may be necessary in relation to the new development." If you amend this to add the words, "At the direction," or you could say, "Or with the approval." Maybe that's clearer. "With the approval of the village council that would clarify that the--"

I don't know if it's 55 or 54 and change, whatever it is, can only be expended pursuant to the village council-specific approval. If you wanted to make that abundantly clear, you can just amend this to say, after again, infrastructure improvements may be necessary, you'd add the words, "With the approval of the village council." That would make more clear perhaps than the way I wrote it, that 54 or 50, whatever it is, has to be presented to you and the council has to approve it.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, Attorney Geller. Let me just say really quickly, you guys, This would be going to a line item in the budget. This is a special fund so

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anything that comes out of this, we have to go before council to be voted on. Anything that we wanted to, we have to discuss it, we have to go before council be voted on. Let me say also that in April 2020, this is what the agreement said. The agreement said, "Developer intends to make the contribution to the village's public benefits program, including, but not limited to, the maintenance of public parks, open spaces and civil support spaces as well as roadway improvements, signage, and the village police.

It was changed after that. I didn't vote for that change, but I was outvoted when I was in the council to take out village police, take out signage, take out roadway improvements, and just go to green spaces. It was changed after that. All I'm doing is trying to bring it back to the original thing because I feel like we don't have impact fees put in place, but these new businesses and these things are going to provide an impact to our police department are going to provide an impact to our village.

We need to have a way to be able to fund the things we need in this village so that we're able to do what we can for not only our residents, but all the businesses that are coming in. All I'm trying to do is bring it back to the original. Go ahead, Councilperson Martin.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: I definitely commend that and I think that that's a good move. The only thing I'm saying is for us to step back and to bring some-- Now that we have this money, we can all take a minute, speak to residents, bring our ideas to the table and figure out a way to utilize this money so that the entire village feels like they have in some way experienced some of the benefits of these funds.

Sometimes when you get in the weeds of like who your signs and stuff like that, you might lose the opportunity to do something really big and really great for the village. In my estimation, I think that it will be a sound thing to reduce that amount to \$100,000 and then we can have a meeting to discuss how we think is the best way to use the remainder of the money.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Would you like it changed to \$100,000, \$150,000?

Councilwoman Darian Martin: No. I'm just speaking to the \$100,000 that we're authorizing move tonight. I understand that the police vehicles definitely are an emerging

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situation and 100,000 sheets of ice to take care of the 95, or would that be too little of an amount? I don't know. Maybe the manager can let s know.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: I don't know if the manager can.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Okay. Cool.

Councilman Luis Pirela: We can do 125 and 100.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: That's what I'm asking. What do you guys want to do?

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: Let's hear from the manager because I'm on that. I can understand it if we want the police to have what they need. After that, I think that's what Councilwoman Martin is talking about.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Absolutely. I hear you guys. I don't know. Like I said, this was going into the budget in a line item, a fund to where no more money can come out unless the council votes on it. Once it's in there, it's in there, but we can have discussion on what it should be spent on, but nothing can come out of it unless we vote on it and it passes through. Regardless of what goes in there and when it goes in there, not one penny can come out if we don't vote for it the same way we did for the police cars. The same process.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: I get you. You're saying it moves into the fund, but before anything can be expended from that fund, we have to--

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Same thing we did for the police cars.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: I think that the village attorney would like to speak on that.

Speaker 6: I don't mean to interrupt, but it's not recording right now so we need to stop the meeting. Let's stop the meeting and then reconvene.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: We're going to put the meeting in recess. Do I have a motion to put the meeting in recess due to recording issues? Motion.

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Councilman Luis Pirela: Motion.

Speaker 3: Second

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Do I have a second to put the meeting in recess? Second. Motion by Councilperson Pirela, second by Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Meeting in recess, 7:50 PM.

Speaker 6: I'm so sorry about that. My computer--

Councilwoman Darian Martin: No worries, it happens. [background conversations]

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: That's always been the rule. It's not a question. It's a statement. It's always been a rule. Anything over 5,000 has come to council. You were going to do what? [unintelligible 00:51:59]. It would make a difference to me if you simply say let's do it right the first time. We still have technical difficulty, huh?

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: [unintelligible 00:52:51].

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: Okay. Can I go get an ice cream cone? No, doctor. Can I get an ice cream? Yes, sir.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: [unintelligible 00:53:07].

Councilperson Urbom: Mayor, let me just say [unintelligible 00:53:12].

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Okay. Thank you. All right. I'm calling the council meeting taking out a recess calling you back to order at 7:57 PM. Attorney Geller.

Attorney Geller: Yes, sir. I was just going to say, Mayor, that the last thing that you had said before we realized we were off is correct. If the money is transferred into general revenue, it can still only be spent for lawful purposes. Even if you transfer the full 150, the only purpose you have authorized so far are the police vehicles. You don't necessarily need to change the amount.

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The fact that it'll be in the general revenue account does make it easier to access, but that's why I suggested the amendment to it if you were to adopt that line. Again, you could certainly, there's nothing that says you can't just reduce the amount, but if you keep the amount, but added the language that says with the approval of council, even if it's a lawful purpose, which of course, it has to be, but nonetheless, that would specifically direct what I think was the intention, as it was expressed to me repeatedly by Councilperson Pirela, which is there can be if it's signage or whatever, all that's required is the manager comes to you and says, I want to spend 10,000 or 40,000 or whatever up to that cap of 150.

If the council says, okay, with the amended language, then it spent absent that it cannot be. You can go either route, you certainly could reduce the amount, but then you'd have to go to the issue of transferring it out from the public benefits trust fund into general revenue plus approving it. It would be a two-step process. Whereas if you just added the language of that or a similar amendment, it's in general revenue, it can only be spent by a lawful purpose, but that language would add the requirement that it takes a vote of approval by council to spend anything beyond the police vehicles you've already approved.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: Well, that satisfies the second option is to add the language. I don't know how everyone else feels.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: I think that's what we'll do. Let me just say for the record, I think I said this right before we got cut off that all this money was going into a line item in the budget anyway, to where nothing could be brought out unless it was voted on just like we did for the police cars, but to put that language in, I think it's very important also, even though that was where it's going to be anyway, but we'll put that language in the resolution also. Any other questions or comments from the council?

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: Yes, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward.

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: Thank you so much because at no time where we want anyone to think that, yes, the council just can vote anything they-- so please that's a protection that no, no, we actually thought about it. We gave it a lot of thought how the

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process work as opposed to attempt something comes up, that's it, just spend it. No, no, no. Thank you so much.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: No, absolutely. Thank you very much Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward.

Councilwoman Darian Martin: One more thing. Not to belabor the point, but I do think that maybe everyone on the council should take some time to speak to residents and just gather up some ideas of how we could best use this money and maybe a new innovative, impactful ways, and get together and have a meaty discussion about what we are trying to spend just because it's easier to go to the grocery store when you got a list. You spend less, more efficient, all those good things. Hopefully, everyone takes the time to do that, and I know that's what I will be doing for the next couple of weeks.

Councilman Luis Pirela: Yes, and that was because of general expenditure that the Village Manager's position has that no permission or no up to \$5,000, and that was my thing. I don't want not \$1,000, not \$10,000 be moved or spent from these funds if it's not approved by the council. Yes.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Again, you guys, this is a special situation, so this would be a special line item in the budget, which should be treated differently. That's how it was always [unintelligible 00:58:03], all right. Yes, Attorney Geller.

Joseph: Mayor, I just want to say again, what the Mayor says is accurate, and I just want to reinforce in terms of a couple of the comments. Not only does again, if somebody moves that amendment, not only does it accomplish Councilperson, Pirela's not just tonight, but stated purpose repeatedly, not \$1000 of this money can be spent. The mayor describes it accurately when he says, this is a special line item because it's not unrestricted-

Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward: There you go.

Attorney Geller: -general revenue. It is restricted, so in terms of thinking about things outside the box, you can think about anything outside the box, but remember any expenditure from this separate line item must be related to the development and its impact on the village.

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As to your point, councilperson, when you say not just at the whim of the village council, these are restricted dollars. They can only be spent for the purposes that are outlined in the ordinance, and even after transfer, they can only be spent for things related to the impact of the improvements. That's the case as the Mayor says already, but if you amend it to add that you also ensure that not only does it have to comply with the law and have an impact, but it is also subject as to all of it to specific approval of the council.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, Attorney Geller. I appreciate it. Any barriers from the council, any questions or comments from the council? Hearing none. How'd we look on Zoom? Anybody from the audience? We're good on Zoom? Thumbs up. Do I have a motion to approve the Resolution for the Public Benefits for the Trust Fund Monetary Amendment with the additional language that will be added to come before council for everything spent?

Councilman Pirela: Move.

Councilwoman Lightfoot-Ward: You've got it. You've got it.

Councilman Pirela: [poof]

[chucking]

Councilwoman Lightfoot-Ward: Second.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Who moved it first? Councilperson Martin, did you save so move.

Councilwoman Martin: No, Pirela.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: [crosstalk] Councilperson Pirela was motioned. It was second by [crosstalk] Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Sorry about that. It's hard to know who's saying what. [crosstalk]

Councilman Pirela: If you could read it for the record.

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Attorney Geller: In that, an amendment is discussed, it's really not required that you take a separate vote on the amendment itself. Since Councilperson Pirela in essence is offering that amendment,

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: He moved it.

Attorney Geller: -normally you'd take a separate vote. If every member of the council is agreeing to the amendment you can just say, "The amendment language which I've read into the record is incorporated by unanimous agreement," and you can move right to your vote on the resolution with that unanimously agreed to amendment.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: The amendment is unanimously agreed to. First motion by Councilperson Pirela, who introduced the amendment. Madam Clerk, may I please have a roll call, please?

Speaker: Who was the second.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Second was Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward.

Speaker: Thank you.

[silence]

Village Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson Martin.

Councilwoman Martin: Yes.

Village Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward.

Councilwoman Lightfoot-Ward: Here.

Village Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson Pirela.

Councilman Pirela: Yes.

Village Clerk Jacobi: Vice Mayor Urbom.

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Vice Mayor Urbom: Yes.

Village Clerk Jacobi: Mayor Nickerson.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Yes.

Village Clerk Jacobi: Motion passes five to none.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much you guys, appreciate that. A long time coming, very important for the Village in our future. Next, the reports. First is the Village Manager Report. Madam Manager, you did e-mail your report out.

Village Manager Alou: Yes.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: I don't know if you wanted to go over, just hit a couple of things on it?

Village Manager Alou: No. I'm going to get two things. I'm going to pick up this **[inaudible 01:02:15]** I feel like I'd like for you to just take a look at it. I can keep contact if you have any questions. It's also been placed on the Village website for resident review as well. I will touch on two things. One is the [crosstalk] El Portal Tot Lot that we are begging the contractor to please come to install. They did install a portion of the fence on the backside. I have not needed the fabrication of this with our department. We are still awaiting to be called every single day. I've gotten so many questions and concerns. I ask with those questions too, I ask. It's taken so long, but I understand that in this book with the Copilot contractor **[unintelligible 01:03:02]** and that it hasn't fabricated. We did pay deposit, so we are in it, and waiting for this to be done. I just have to have Councilperson Pirela go with me. We contacted the contractor and he said, "Oh, it's all right," that when we got the material it was holding a piece for the back part of the fence. I just ask for patience, and just know that we are calling daily trying to get this contractor to move on getting either a temporary piece or a permanent he said. They keep telling me yes they are working on it when they answer. Most days they don't answer. We're going to keep pushing. Moving forward you may have to think [chuckling] if we know another fencing company.

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They make fences in the first place, so they are the ones who are doing the piers. I appreciate your concerns, I understand. Believe me, I don't want them to plot

[clicking sound]

for at least another movement longer than it needs to be, but I cannot open it until then. This is this group here. That is the status of the Tot Lot.

I also want to just touch on the fact that we are in hurricane season. The Village of El Portal's Vice Mayor and Emergency Management Team most do the Hurricane Preparedness Town Hall on June 12th. It had been recorded and placed on the Village website. It should pull up information, really good stuff. I hope that those who are able to join us on this town new hall review meeting. I think it was just under an hour-long, so it won't take up much time, but it will be a lot of help, being preparation that can assist you in any emergency situation.

Also note that we are about to undergo our tree trimming and our scheduled annual maintenance of our storm drains and working with new management who will be hosting a Citizens Crime Watch who want the Captain to launch his readiness training the first week of July. The El Portal Police Department has secured our nest to the respond equipment and materials in the event that there is a hurricane. I have updated and trained staff on the internal response that pertained for municipal collaboration. Those are the elements that I really wanted to touch on. Please, take a look at them. Staff is working as hard as ever in delivery service here, making some improvements in our Building Department, and we were excited about that, and hoping that that **[unintelligible 01:05:58]**. Our residents will be happy, as well as [chuckles] our council. If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to me. That concludes our

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, Madam Manager. I appreciate that. As you guys always know, myself and the Manager, our reports are usually so similar. I'm going to pick out a couple of things, and make it very, very quick. The first thing I do want to say though is I don't know if Councilperson Martin wants to say anything about Juneteenth, but we appreciate this.

Councilwoman Martin: Of course.

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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: For the first time ever the Juneteenth celebrations were all around the county, all around the nation. Thank you very much for bringing that to us. If you want to say anything about that you can.

Councilwoman Martin: No, I think you summed it up. I thought we got some great feedback on it, and looking forward to scaling it up next year. Thank you very much, Councilperson Martin. We really appreciate that. The Manager went on a Native American historical review through Sherwood Forest just to look at-- I don't know if Manager you want to speak on that really quickly-- how the land of Sherwood Forest should be treated. There's artifacts there in the land that go back 1,000s of years. We had an archeologist come and he did a review of Sherwood Forest for the Native American history and the artifacts and the land, and what's under that land that's there. Madam Manager, you want to quickly touch on that.

Village Manager Alou: Yes, absolutely. That is a key point, and it's placed on the website. All of Sherwood Forest is designated and archeological. With that zoning means the county's required to review plans before any major renovations can happen on any of the properties in Sherwood Forest, so that is key. I done talking with the Vice Mayor as well as Councilperson Pirela about public information meetings with the residents and doing some kind of outreach, so residents are aware that those homes are archeologically zoned land. Digging and renovations are to be monitored very carefully.

The Tequesta Burial Mound is to undergo with renovation that you all are even discussing the renovation as well by parts. There's so many parts. Each part has it's own special meaning that I'm

[coughing]

Tequesta Burial Mound is another key archeological property that we'd have to be very careful; no digging, no planting, of anything, and no disturbance of those lands. There are bone, pottery, all kinds of artifacts just one level down. If you take me you we will definitely touch on some things. We don't want to disturb anything, and we want to preserve our rich history in Sherwood Forest.

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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much. I appreciate that, Madam Manager. I'm going to sum this up, but I quickly do want to say that I was lucky to attend, lucky, and I was honored to attend the very first LGBTQ flag-raising event by Mayor Levine Cava

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: 2nd. We had a Crime Watch meeting also that evening. Crime Watch continues to go on. You guys heard the manager speak about it a little bit earlier before. At the very last minute, the manager and I were invited to Horace Mann's 8th-grade graduation. We attended that. We got there like I said it was last minute. We got there a little bit late but we were there right on time it seemed when everything is starting to pick up. That was the 8th-grade graduation. That was on June 4th. Next month, I will have a couple of Horace Mann students come to Village Hall to receive awards. The two most outstanding 8th graders of the year. That will be happening next month.

We did on June 5th had the Little River Cleanup. That's a big event. It's an annual event that we always do. Thank you very much to the Little River Conservancy Adam Old, Kristen McLean, Hugh Gladwin. Thank you very much to the Woman's Club. Thank you very much to the S&R Task Force. Sustainability & Resiliency Task Force Chairperson Carpenter. Vice-Chair Maribel Fruitstone is also the president of the Woman's Club. We appreciate that. With the Little River Cleanup, they said that it was cleaner than it had ever been. We really went through it. Really got to it.

This year after year cleaning the river is really making a difference in improving our environment here in El Portal. We really appreciate that event. Pretty much it, you guys. I do want to say rest in peace to former state Senator Daphne Campbell's son. I did attend that funeral on behalf of El Portal. I was very sad [unintelligible 01:11:40] what happened with her son, you guys. That's pretty much it. Everything else we can just keep away, you guys right now just because the rest of my report is based more or less was in the manager's report that we attend all are the means the same. Attorney Geller.

Attorney Geller: Just one item. I want to report that to the council and I'll put this on the record. We have a tentative agreement with the PBA. The matter will now be submitted by the PBA to its membership for ratification. At one point we were hoping that they would be able to get that done in time for us to bring the final agreement to this meeting tonight but their council was away, and he wanted to be personally present, Mr. Coyle, to help with the

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presentation and ratification vote. He'll be back I think in another few days. He's going to present it to the unit.

If they ratify it will be before us whatever our next meeting is. I presumed that's the regular July meeting. Perhaps there'll be some reason that we'll be meeting sooner than that. Presuming that they ratify it we'll bring it here for final approval. They have the first step. We don't vote until they have their ratification vote. We do have a tentative agreement between our bargaining team and their bargaining team. As I said, they'll present it to the membership of the PBA bargaining unit for ratification, and presuming they do so we will bring it before you.

I think you're familiar with the general outlines of what we've discussed. Hopefully, we will have a final approval sooner than later. I did want to put that on the record so you know. A, that it was accomplished as we discussed and B, so you understand why he was not in front of us tonight just a matter of vacation schedules. With that said, I'm happy to answer any questions on that or anything else but that concludes my report.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Thank you very much, Attorney Geller. We appreciate it. Before I moved to Good and Welfare, I just want to say one last thing. You guys are [unintelligible 01:13:49]. I just want to thank the Chief. I was able to this past weekend go to Pan-Asian Father's Day celebration. None of you guys know but I did my schooling overseas in the Middle East and in Asia. I've been to China many, many times and lived over there for a while also. I was lucky enough and honored enough to be able to go to this Pan-Asian celebration because they were rewarding Officer [unintelligible 01:14:19].

Officer [unintelligible 01:14:21] got recognized and he was honored there. I was able to go there and speak for Officer on his behalf at this Pan-Asian celebration. So if you guys see Officer [unintelligible 01:14:31] congratulate him. It was a nice event. I was really honored to be asked to be there speaking on his behalf. Spoke some Mandarin too while I was there. It was a good thing, you guys. I really appreciate that. That being said I was going to move on to Good and Welfare council. Are you guys good? Have any questions for Attorney Geller? Are you guys, all right?

Councilman Pirela: All right.

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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Very, very good. I appreciate that. As I move to Good and Welfare. Before we get to Good and Welfare, we do have a birthday. [sings]

[laughter]

Village Clerk Jacobi: Thank you, everyone. We'll sing it.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: We do this.

Crowd: Happy birthday to you. Happy birthday to you. Happy birthday. Happy Birthday.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Happy birthday dear Councilperson Pirela.

Crowd: Happy birthday to you.

[laughter]

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: We appreciate Councilperson Pirela. Happy birthday my brother.

Councilman Pirela: Thank you all. Thank you all.

[laughter]

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Make a good wish. Blow it. I guess you gotta really blow out. You can't really blow out.

Village Clerk Jacobi: No. No blowing. No blowing.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Make a wish.

Councilwoman Lightfoot-Ward: Make a wish.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: As it goes down, make the wish.

Councilwoman Lightfoot-Ward: And it's done.

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Village Clerk Jacobi: I would buy those. I think it's best. I don't like Korean cakes even before COVID.

Councilman Pirela: There you go. Thank you, guys.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: There you go, Vice Mayor Urbom. Vice Mayor Urbom [unintelligible 01:15:56] brought the sparkles that we're going to be allowing it out at 3rd of July.

Village Clerk Jacobi: Yes. We'll get more.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: There you go. We'll get more. We appreciate that. Very happy birthday, Councilperson Pirela. We appreciate you being here with us. Thank you very, very much. Moving on you guys. Good and Welfare, is there anybody from the audience that has anything they want to say right now? It could be about anything at all just say your name, address for the record three minutes. Seeing none. We're moving on to a motion to adjourn. Any questions or comments from the council before I ask for a motion to adjourn?

Councilwoman Martin: No.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: You guys good. Can I have a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting?

Councilwoman Martin: Motion to adjourn.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Motion by Councilperson Martin. Second by.

Councilwoman Lightfoot-Ward: Pirela.

Councilman Pirela: Pirela.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Councilperson Pirela. The Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, June 2nd, 2021-

Councilwoman Lightfoot-Ward: Is a record-breaker. [laughs]

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Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: -is adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Councilwoman Lightfoot-Ward: All right.

[applause]

?Audience: Happy birthday.

Village Clerk Jacobi: You can take that cake home.

Councilwoman Lightfoot-Ward: Because it's your birthday.

Village Clerk Jacobi: You can take that cake home. There's cupcakes for everybody else.

Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson: Very important-

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