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**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** All right, you guys. The special Council meeting for Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 is called to order at 7:03 P.M. Madam Clerk, we are going to first do the silent of meditation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**All:** "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, may I have roll call, please?

**Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi:** Roll call. Mayor Nickerson.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Here.

**Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi:** Vice Mayor Urbom.

**Vice Mayor Anders Urbom:** Present.

**Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi:** Councilperson Pirela's no there yet. Councilperson Dr. Lightfoot-Ward.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** [unintelligible 00:00:49].

**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, Village Manager. Interim Village Attorney's running late.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much, madam clerk, I appreciate it. For approval of the agenda, you guys, there's a couple of things I want to add. There was an oversight with a couple of items. One was the Juneteenth and the other was the air condition. This is what I'm going to do. Because of the way everything is lettered, I'm going to put those items under new business. We'll make new business h, after Good and Welfare, and then adjournment will become, Do I have any other additions or deletions to the agenda, or do I have a motion to approve?

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

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

**Councilwoman Darian Martin:** Second.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Second by my Councilperson Martin. All in favor say, "Aye".

**All:** Aye.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** All oppose say, "Nay." All right, hearing none. Next is Good and Welfare. Right now, if anybody from the audience has anything that they want to say, right now you come up and say it. I see nobody from the audience. We're going to move right on from Good and Welfare. Right now, you guys, we're at the resolutions and ordinances but because Attorney Geller's en route or in route, we will do the new business items first which is the Juneteenth, and the air condition which would be letter h.

Then when Attorney Geller gets here, by the time hopefully we're done with these two items, we'll bounce back and then we'll do the resolution ordinance section. Anybody have a problem with that. Are we good? Okay. We're going to jump right into item h. 1 which is Juneteenth. Councilperson Martin.

**Councilwoman Darian Martin:** We gave it a good try to execute what our vision was but at this point, my recommendation would be, first, to scale it back. The point for this celebration is to just acknowledge it and make sure that the Villagers are aware of what Juneteenth is, and I think that that is done. If we have a mural in the front, which now we have a muralist that's willing to do a mural in the front, and I think we should probably attach some QR code where our Villagers can scan it and get some more information about Juneteenth.

The seeds are planted for a really amazing celebration and partnerships in 2022 but for us to execute in 2021, our budget would explode, and actually, our budget would be completely insufficient. However, in 2022, I expect us to have to expend a nominal sum to make it happen. UM is interested in partnering, Pérez Art Museum is interested in partnering and we have at least three amazing artists that are not comfortable within indoor exhibits right now but would love to be a part of it in 2022.

My recommendation is for this year, we have the muralist complete an amazing mural in the front or if anything falls through with that, we can also do a banner and do the QR code, and possibly send out some email correspondence to the Villagers, just giving them the rundown

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on what Juneteenth is and letting them know the Village supports it, and recognizes it at a valid and worthy reason to celebrate the day. That's the update.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much, Councilperson Martin. Let me just say that we really appreciate you bringing this to the Village and everything that ends up being something wonderful, happens little by little until we get to the point to where it explodes and the finances are where they need to be, the partnerships are where they need to be, but we really, really appreciate you bringing this to the Village. It really means a lot and thank you very much for this.

**Councilwoman Darian Martin:** I appreciate you and thank you and thanks for working with me.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you. Anybody else about Juneteenth from the Council? Hearing none. Madam Manager, are you good, everybody good?

**Village Manager Alou:** Yes, good.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** All right. You guys, we're going to move right on to the air condition. The air condition, as we feel it currently, is not working. I believe it was a little over a year or two ago, we went through and we did some work. What part of the air conditioners did we do at that time?

**Village Manager Alou:** This is for the air-conditioned unit that is in the central zone.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** The central part.

**Village Manager Alou:** Which is the Clerk's office, the conference room, and the front office.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** When we did that, you guys, we went through the whole process of getting the three quotes and all that. We already did that a couple of years ago. The reason why this has to go on the agenda is because, even though we went through that process back then, and we chose the air condition company that we're going to continue to use to get this air condition fixed for this area that we're in right now currently, it's over the Village Manager's pay per view, which is \$5,000. This where- he will be \$8,300.

**Village Manager Alou:** \$8,646.

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**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** \$8,646 to get this air condition fixed in the room that we're currently in. We do have that budgeted. It is budgeted in the budget under Village Hall Maintenance, but we just need to do the vote, because it's over the \$5,000 that the Manager can currently spend. Any questions or comments from the Council.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Mr. Mayor.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Yes, Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Do we have a service agreement?

**Village Manager Alou:** No, it's per quote or per invoice. We don't have a service agreement because the unit- we had one for the unit that was replaced by this company, but they didn't service this unit. We don't have an agreement for this unit only for the one that they replaced last year.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Is there a means to negotiate that quote so that it turns into a service agreement?

**Village Manager Alou:** I don't think. This quote is for the items that are needed to replace the unit completely. The service agreement would come with them being the ones who work on the unit moving forward as a new piece of equipment. They have serviced this many times at our request and we paid as we went but at this point, it's too many band-aids on this old unit that is from 1996.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Our real focus ought to be a new system.

**Village Manager Alou:** Exactly.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Do we know what we're talking about in terms of a new system yet? We're going to fix this one because it's not tolerable but I'm asking basic questions. If we've been had a unit since '96 and I think 2006 has gone by, 2016 has gone by, that's 20 years. It's like we're putting good money down a dry well. I have a problem with that, to the extent that this could be the forward movement toward a service agreement get three more quotes out there make this company provide for one, but this cut and paste-- You do know what I'm saying, It's not satisfactory. The unit's over 20 years old.

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I don't know that this is a good investment for \$8,000. I need your backup here. It's almost \$10,000 and, "If we had had enough time. If we had known. If, if, if", well, we don't have that now. Mr. Mayor you've made it very clear that the repair is necessary or is it between now and the regular Council meeting? And if the answer is yes, then we go forward with what we have but it's basically, to me-- and I'm not putting this hand on nobody. I'm just saying from the standpoint of Village funding, it ought to have been addressed holistically rather than patching and match. I think everybody's in agreement with that if we're going to do an \$8,000 repair job on a twenty-plus-year-old unit, so be it.

**Village Manager Alou:** Just for clarification, this is not to repair this unit. This is to replace that unit.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Thank you. I hadn't heard that at all and I have no material on it. If that's a replacement, we move forward but in moving forward, ask them for a service agreement.

**Village Manager Alou:** Absolutely, that would come with them and the installation, and I will require that.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** I didn't hear that. That's why I'm making it known that I don't want to go through this again without a service agreement. If this is a new replacement, we're in the right place at the right time doing the right thing. Thank you, that's what I'm trying to hear. Thank you.

**Village Manager Alou:** May I give a little more history to this as well? The Village has replaced the unit in the central part of the Village Hall. We also won a grant for critical facilities maintenance, and we will be replacing the AC unit in the Police Department when those funds are-- when we're completed with our contract with HUD. This would be the only AC unit that we would have to pay for, and it has been patched so many times, serviced by different businesses. We're, at this point now, where a new one is in order and to move forward we would definitely do service agreements as we have with the one in the central part of the offices.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** [unintelligible 00:10:58] Thank you very much, Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Thank you very much, madam Manager. Anybody else from the Council questions or comments air condition?

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**Vice Mayor Anders Urbom:** Yes, just to say I certainly agree with Dr. Lightfoot-Ward's thinking that, yes, we're going to get this fixed, we have to. This makes me think of the building fee-- not the building fees, the development fees again, because who knows if in the future the only option the Village has to expand green space, for example, is to redesign the Village Hall and build Village Hall, raise it and build Village Hall back maybe into a two-story building to gain some square footage for extra green space, right? That's going to cost more than a million dollars, so that development fee sure looks partially compared to a project like that.

I do agree that in Admin and Finance Committee, and Planning and Zoning Committee, things like these types of infrastructure should be tracked somewhere with a schedule of savings plan for example. Like, do we know what the life expectancy of this new unit is? Because then we could put it on paper somewhere for future committees to keep aware of.

To me, this also goes to the discussion of reserves, too. When something like this happens it's technically an opportunity. Do we have the reserves to be able to get what we want as; we have a chance here to replace equipment? Do we get what we want or are we left with what we can find under the couch cushions to scrape together and get--? More comments than questions on that one but I'm done.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much. I appreciate it, Vice Mayor Urbom. For the record, I just want to say that Councilperson Pirela did arrive while we were discussing these topics, and also Attorney Geller, and welcome to both of them. Anybody else from the Council questions or comments about the air condition? Hearing no more. Do I have a motion to approve for the Village Manager to go ahead with the air condition repair?

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

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Moved by Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Do you have a second no second?

**Vice Mayor Anders Urbom:** I'll second.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Second by-

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Would you vote?

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Yes.

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**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Since this is not in the agenda, you should specify that this an emergency and it's from the fact that we're also [unintelligible 00:13:41] and it's been approved on an emergency basis because otherwise [unintelligible 00:13:47]. Trust me, I [unintelligible 00:13:50].

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** It's being approved on an emergency basis, but I amended the agenda and added the air condition and Juneteenth is on the agenda.

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** That's fine, but Juneteenth was discussed instead of [crosstalk] this was never talked about but [crosstalk] emergency, you're entitled to do things on an emergency basis, I just wanted to [unintelligible 00:14:13] to be clear that that's the reason it's being done, it's an emergency because it's broken. It affects not just the Council and the staff; it affects the public who's going to sit here. It is appropriate to do that on an emergency basis. I just wanted to [unintelligible 00:14:31].

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much. I appreciate that, Attorney Geller. I do have a motion and I do have a second. Madam Clerk, may I 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.

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

**Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi:** Councilperson Pirela.

**Councilperson 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.

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**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much. I appreciate that. We're moving on back to the resolutions and ordinances, you guys, we're on f. 1 ordinance, which is the amendment for development agreement. Attorney Geller, if you want to read that into the record?

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Yes. F. 1, "An ordinance from the Village of El Portal, [unintelligible 00:15:11] Ordinance 2019-08 and the development agreement approve [unintelligible 00:15:18], provided for the corporation [unintelligible 00:15:20] provided for [unintelligible 00:15:21] date." Mayor, this is also a public hearing which you'll notice, so before we do anything else, have a motion or anything, you should go ahead and open the public hearing.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Open the public hearing up for this Ordinance 7-19. I'm seeing nobody. Closing the public hearing up for this Ordinance 7-19. Attorney Geller, if you want to briefly go over?

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Briefly?

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Yes.

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Okay. As you do know, Council, we-

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** [unintelligible 00:16:09], I have a suggestion, may I?

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Yes.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** [unintelligible 00:16:14] suggestion. Since we know that [unintelligible 00:16:16] something matter [unintelligible 00:16:17]. May I? [unintelligible 00:16:20] that at this point, [unintelligible 00:16:27] consider all items? If so, I'd like to have a second.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** We have general consent. We have a move for all three items. Do we have a second for all three items, general consent?

**Vice Mayor Anders Urbom:** I will second that.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** We have a second- Mr. Attorney?

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**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Let me just say that it's certainly appropriate to have a motion like that, but keep in mind you will have to vote on them individually.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** They are three separate items. Yes.

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Having said that. Just very briefly, I will remind you we already amended the public benefits program first and passed on second reading. However, in order to fully accomplish the Council's goal, we also have to amend the development agreement itself which was adopted by an ordinance. In order to amend the development agreement, we have to have two public hearings and since it's an ordinance it requires two readings.

This amendment is simply to add a few words to the development agreement in two places that basically says that what the funds can be spent on besides what was already listed include any other lawful purpose. In the previous amendment we did, we added to the list of what was lawful to spend it on to include things other than green space, but that are reasonably related to the development. They're not impact fees, but they're in the nature.

The developer has agreed to amending the development agreement, but it does take two public hearings, two readings. We've had the first public hearing. We're now in first reading. On the 22nd we'll come back; we'll have the second public hearing. It'll be advertised again. We'll have a second reading of the ordinance, which will also be advertised.

Once that passes, assuming it does, we can then at the next meeting also consider the resolution to transfer a certain amount of money, which you will decide, from the public benefits trust fund into general revenue to be used for the purposes that you specify. One of those being-- because of the impact on policing to assist in the purchase of new vehicles to assist the police department. The resolution will be possible once we adopt this ordinance after the second public hearing and upon second reading.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much, Attorney Geller. Any questions, comments from the Council?

**Councilwoman Darian Martin:** Just a quick comment.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Yes.

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**Councilwoman Darian Martin:** At the point where we actually talk about how much money we're willing to expend on what item, that is the resolution stage we're discussing. Okay.

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Yes, ma'am and let me just say that the Council has variously said that at different times the amount was specified out of the 1.1 million. The total would be 350,000, but that will be in three tranches because the money is paid into the public benefits trust fund in three tranches. The first has been paid. Really all you need to decide, I've heard that of the 350, I've heard the number 100 from the first tranche that's sitting there. I've heard 150, I've heard 125. I'm going to leave that blank on the resolution and the Council will decide how much you're going to take from that first tranche between hopefully those parameters. Once you voted, we'll fill that in and that'll complete the resolution once we've adopted this ordinance on second reading after second propaganda.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** [inaudible 00:20:34]

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Between 100 and 150. 100, 150, 125. Those are the three numbers I've heard out of the 350, but that's the pleasure of counseling.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Let me just be clear, that's something that we don't have to discuss right now you guys. We don't have to discuss that until a meeting in a couple of weeks. All right? Councilperson Martin, are you-

**Councilwoman Darian Martin:** That was it for me. I just wanted to make sure I didn't miss it.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Okay. You're good? Okay. Any more questions or comments from the Council?

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** [inaudible 00:21:11]

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** If I can answer that, Dr. Lightfoot-Ward. Until the ordinance is passed on second reading after the second public hearing, you really cannot vote on how much you're going to transfer. Can you discuss it? I guess you could, but you're not allowed to vote on how much tonight or anything until it's lawful for you to do so, and that requires the amendment to the development agreement to be done.

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**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much. Do we have any more questions of comments from the Council? Hearing none. We have a motion. We have a second. Madam Clerk [unintelligible 00:22:02] can I have roll call please.

**Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi:** Roll call. Council Person Martin?

**Councilwoman Darian Martin:** Yes.

**Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi:** Councilperson Dr. Lightfoot-Ward. 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, Madam Clerk.

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** [unintelligible 00:22:17] Mayor?

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Yes.

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** This is the landscape irrigation. An ordinance of the village of El Portal, Florida providing for local implementation of the mandatory year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures rule of the South Florida water management, district 40E-24 of 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

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incorporation of recitals. Providing for conflicts, repeal, or severability codification and an effective date.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much. Madam Manager you want to give a little synopsis really quick, please madam.

**Village Manager Alou:** Yes, I will. Thank you very much, Mayor. This is a water conservation effort from South Florida Water Management District we're required to follow. The village is being presented with this year-round and permanent landscaping irrigation restrictions, separate and independent from water shortage declarations. This will be enforced always. It is regardless of whether the water comes from ground, or surface, or private well, pump, or public or private utilities. It will be enforced.

They're asking that local governments adopt this as a measure of conservation for the state of Florida. Some details about it. Your days of when you can water will be determined by your address. Even addresses, even numbers will do two days a week, Thursday and or Sunday. The odd-numbered addresses will only have watering opportunities on Wednesdays and or Saturdays. You cannot water between the hours of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It's early morning or after 4:00 PM. This is something that is going through statewide. Actually, we're going to be probably one of the last if this moves forward. This is a measure that all of the municipalities are taking to conserve water.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much Madam Manager. Any questions or comments from the Council? Good. We have a motion. We have a second. Madam Clerk, may I please have a roll call, please.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** No. I'd like to say something. I didn't hear what you said about these comments from-

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Sorry about that. Go ahead, Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** I just wanted to make sure that you were reading, Madam Manager, from page 5, on the day of use of utility, right?

**Village Manager Alou:** Yes.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Page 5 and Page 6?

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**Village Manager Alou:** Yes.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** That's my first question. My second one is, if the village attorney has quoted number nine, law enforcement officials who says the village should include the definition of a law enforcement, code enforcement, or any local government employees who may be responsible in enforcing this ordinance. Do we need to correct that number nine right now, Mr. attorney?

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Yes. If there's a technical error in it we should actually amend it so that we correct it. Thank you for catching that. Like I said, if there's technical error you should move to amend it.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Yes. I move to amend that section 9. You know I'm a reader, Joe. Yes, I've reviewed it quite extensively.

**Village Manager Alou:** [unintelligible 00:26:10]

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Do I need to say it again?

**Village Manager Alou:** No.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Okay. It reads very simple. It says the village should include the definition of a law enforcement, code enforcement, or local government employee who may be responsible for enforcing. Who are we going to designate, the code enforcement person for something that is water conservation?

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Let me say, I think your point is well taken. I would offer the following as the language that it should say, "Law enforcement officials shall include police officers, code enforcement officers, and then pick up at the end there, or any other local government employee", we could just say village employee, who may be responsible for enforcing this ordinance.

You're correct saying what we should do is improper. We should simply say what we are doing. The precatory language is improper. You're correct. That would be my statement of what the amendment should state if that's how you want to move it.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** We got it in a recording, right? Okay. Very good. I'm good Mr. Mayor.

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**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Mr. Mayor, you need to second before you move on.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** No problem.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** I'll second it.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** I'm going to use you as the motion, Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward for the amendment. Do I have a second for the amendment?

**Vice Mayor Anders Urbom:** I will second.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Second for amendment by Vice Mayor Urbom. Madam Clerk, may I please have a roll call with the amendment.

**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.

**Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi:** Motion passes five to none.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much, Madam Clerk, I appreciate that. Next is F3-

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**Attorney Joseph Geller:** No Mayor, you've amended it, so now you need to vote on [crosstalk] [unintelligible 00:28:22] the ordinance as amended on the first.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Let me have the roll call for the ordinance with the amendment. Madam Clerk, please.

**Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi:** 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.

**Village Clerk Yenise Jacobi:** Motion passes five to none.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much. F3 ordinance for the design review board.

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Yes, sir. An ordinance of the village of El Portal, creating a design review board providing for incorporation of recitals, providing for conflicts, repealer, severability, codification, and an effective date.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much. I appreciate that. You guys know we were talking about this because of what was coming down from Tallahassee goes into effect I believe July 1st. Any questions or comments from the Council?

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**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Mr. Mayor.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Yes.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** I think we're going to overlook all our typographical on this one. There's one right in the title on the word design.

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** I think that's only on the agenda. I don't think-

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Okay. No problem.

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** I don't think so, but that doesn't make me right. What we could do on scrivener's errors, though-

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Scrivener, that's what it is.

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** Is if you would compile a list, there is no issue with correcting second reading as to scrivener's errors. If you or any other member Council does see any and compile a list and get it to us, we will introduce the ordinance as amended to correct for scrivener's errors when we get to second reading, but it would be obviously better if we get them so when we pass it on second reading it doesn't have any scrivener's errors.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Very good, very good. Moving forward, Mr. Mayor.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much, Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. You guys, all keep in mind these are all ordinances, which means that they all have to have second reading. All of these are going to be coming back in front of us again for the regular Council meeting. Do I have any more questions or comments for the design review board ordinance from the Council? I'm hearing and seeing none. We already have a motion. We already have a second. Madam Clerk, may I please have a roll call?

**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.

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**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. As I say all these are ordinances, we will see them again in a couple of weeks. Next, we have good and welfare. This is the time where anybody from the audience can come up and say anything they want to say. Three minutes name and address for the record. I see nobody. I see none. Moving right along, we already did the first items. Now, we're down to adjournment. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Point of order.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Yes, Councilperson.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** I'd like to say thank you to those of you that showed up this past Memorial Day. It was very simple as it should be and we learned some things, didn't we, Vice Mayor? We learned that we really do want to have a repair on the front-- what's that thing out there called? Marquee. On the marquee, it looks like it works. It doesn't work. We do want to have the tree trim back from the flag. Do we have other flags here, Madam Manager? Do we have a United States flag? Because the one that was given to me we're going to properly dispose of it. It was raggedy. It didn't work and we need the pole to be repaired. Did I get everything?

**Village Manager Alou:** There's a new flag hanging on the flagpole right now.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** How do we get the flagpole to work? Do you know?

**Village Manager Alou:** Yes, myself and the officers went out and put the new flag up.

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**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Very good.

**Village Manager Alou:** But we do need to have a service, or something done where it's a better opportunity. I have to also mention the flagpole. By law, we're supposed to have that light on that flag.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** That's exactly what I'm talking about.

**Village Manager Alou:** Lowering flag and we don't do that. We do need to have some renovations made to that area, but as you see we have a line item for village hall repairs, and we have \$10,000. Now we're going to have less because we're going to repair this AC. I would like to look into to making some adjustments to that and making a better presentation for our village hall. I'll look into it. I'll get some prices, but know that we're a little limited now that we're spending this for the AC.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Mr. Mayor.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Yes, Council--

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** If I might.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Of course.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Village attorney, is there any way that someone could do something gratuitously? That would not be in violation of anything, would it?

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** No, if anybody wants to make a donation of a flag or help with renovations to the flagpole or something like that, we're certainly eligible to receive something if someone wants to contribute to the public good. Nothing wrong with that.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Okay, because the Vice Mayor and I were looking at the marquee and we were disdained. Is that a good word for it? We were very much wanting to be on the manager side and say, "Yes, that needs to be fixed." It's pretty, but it's not functional. We have a few people-- we don't. He and I don't. It's just that it came up while we were doing the actual observation on Memorial Day 9:00. Mayor was there with us and we all noticed it, isn't that right, Mayor? We all noticed it.

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**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Yes.

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** Just want to know if anybody could [unintelligible 00:34:05] because we really do have people that just want to do, just want to fix it. If they don't change their mind, you just want to fix it. Don't want to look at it and just want to fix it. We don't always have to pay something. A lot of times there are even people that live in the village, they want to fix it. Yes, all right, very good. Thank you, Mayor.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Thank you very much, Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Appreciate it. Do I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

**Councilwoman Dr. Anna E. Lightfoot-Ward:** So, move.

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

**Councilwoman Darian Martin:** Second.

**Mayor Omarr C. Nickerson:** Second. Any last questions or comments from the Council? Are you good? All right, this special Council meeting for Tuesday, June 8, 2021 is adjourned at 7:38 PM.

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