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**Mayor Omarr C Nickerson:** Here we go. The special council meeting for Tuesday, April 12, 2022, is called to order at 7:09 PM. Going to stand for a moment of silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[silence]

[Chorus: Pledge of Allegiance]

Madam Clerk, may I please have a roll call, please?

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

**Mayor Nickerson:** Here.

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

**Vice Mayor Anders Urbom:** Present.

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** Councilperson Pirela.

**Councilperson Luis Pirela:** Here.

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward.

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

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** Councilperson Martin.

**Councilperson Darian Martin:** Present.

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** Also present for the record, Yenise Jacobi, Village clerk; Christia Alou, Village Manager; and Joseph Geller, Village Attorney.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Thank you very much, I appreciate that. For approval of the agenda. I do have something that I think that Vice Mayor Urbom wants to add. Vice Mayor Urbom, you can probably do that in good and welfare.

**Vice Mayor Urbom:** [crosstalk] welfare.

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**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes. That being said, we have the-- Do I have a motion to approve the agenda? Move by Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Do I have a second?

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

**Mayor Nickerson:** Second by Vice Mayor Urbom. All in favor say, aye.

**All:** Aye.

**Mayor Nickerson:** All oppose, say nay. Hearing none, moving on. Next thing is resolution/ordinance. This is the second reading for the ordinance. We already had the first reading. Attorney Geller, if you want to read the ordinance into the record for us, please?

**Attorney Joseph Geller:** [inaudible 00:01:41]

**Mayor Nickerson:** Thank you very much. I appreciate that, Attorney Geller. Any questions or comments from the council? Hearing none, any questions or comments from the audience? Come up, say your name and address for the record, and the floor is yours.

**?Speaker:** Mayor, [inaudible 00:03:00]

**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes. Thank you very much.

**Jay Robero:** Hi, Jay Robero, 225 Northeast 86th Street. I've been hearing a lot about this loan and payment pending from the state, from the federals and everybody. I would like to know, what is the actual balance of the loan today, because I know that 700,000 is not the loan amount that is outstanding. I'll like to know whether bank shopping was done. How come you're coming to pay 6.75% interest rate when average bank loans are at 3.50, bad credit 4.10?

**Mayor Nickerson:** The rate that we have left is \$679,750.56. The interest rate actually has dropped. I don't know if you guys can get into that.

**Robero:** To what?

**?Speaker:** [inaudible 00:04:14]

**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes, let her come in for that.

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**JoLinda Herring:** Good evening. Yes, the interest rate--

**Village Attorney Geller:** [inaudible 00:04:33]

**Robero:** Can't hear.

**Herring:** Okay. My name is Jo--

**Village Clerk Alou:** Come closer. It won't go. Then take the--

**Herring:** Okay, that's fine.

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** You're going to have come right here.

**Herring:** All right. That's fine.

**?Speaker:** Can you hear her [inaudible 00:04:49]

**Herring:** Hello. Can you hear me? Okay. My name is JoLinda Herring. I'm with the law firm of Bryant, Miller, Olive. My address is 1 Southeast 3rd Avenue, Suite 2200, Miami, Florida. Yes, the rate did drop to 5.73%, is what you'll be paying on that loan. The mayor did give you correctly the outstanding amount. The total amount that you were actually borrowing is \$697,532.99. That includes interests to date as of April the 14th, and legal fees associated with the transaction.

**Robero:** We have over \$20,000 give or take in legal fees and the interest to pay?

**Herring:** It's about 17.

**Robero:** Was there another bank shop for a better rate?

**Herring:** Does the mayor want me to respond?

**Mayor Nickerson:** What was that?

**Vice Mayor Urbom:** He's asking if we shopped for a different bank.

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**Mayor Nickerson:** She can respond. When we were going through this, we had meetings with other banks, and we had meetings with Synovus. Because of, first of all, the history of it, but second of all, because of the place that we're in with the whole thing with FEMA, and we have to get back the money from FEMA. Even though we repaired the relationship, we got some of the money back so far to where our new balance is.

Now in the millions anymore, thankfully, but at the same time, other banks that we don't have a relationship with, they weren't so open to doing business with us because-- A lot of people, when they look at it, in their mind, there's no guarantee that you're going to get back the money from FEMA. We could either have defaulted on our loan and just been in default, or we could work with the bank that was willing to give us at least one more chance.

**Vice Mayor Urbom:** Is that where I see here that the collateral for this loan is in fact the promised reimbursable FEMA funds?

**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes. When the FEMA money comes in as it did last time, as soon as it comes in, we don't even hold on. It comes in and goes right out to pay the loan. We don't even have a choice of what to do with the money.

**Robero:** Since it's on the public hearing, what is the status of the FEMA reimbursement? It's four years, five years now?

**Mayor Nickerson:** The reimbursement for-- Yes and I've been mayor for a little over a year. Almost two, a year and a half. The election's in November, so a year and a half. When I came in and when we got the new council in, we did get the \$400,000 and some odd dollar payment. We did get the \$100,000 and some odd dollar payment. At the particular time, thanks to Attorney Geller, thanks to Manager Alou, we were doing so many meetings, and at that particular time we built a relationship. These relationship have been broken in the past, but we repaired those relationships. We had a key person that was in charge of all of FEMA.

That key person has now retired and moved on. What was it? Last weekend this week, we're actually in talks right now with setting up the meeting with the new person who's the new key person. I have no doubt that once we get in there, we're going to be setting up that relationship also, and things will move forward in a positive way. We do hear positive things. It's just that, like we said, that key person that was there who was in charge of everything that we made that relationship with, Jared Moskowitz. I'm going to have Attorney Geller

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coming in in a second. Jared Moskowitz unfortunately stepped down from that position and has moved on. Attorney Geller.

**Village Attorney Geller:** Let me add to what the mayor said to try to fully answer your question. Originally, FEMA obligated to reimburse all the money. They made a subsequent decision that they wanted more documentation on a number of things, and we undertook to provide that additional documentation. We actually had to technically appeal a decision that they made subsequently. We're not alone in that. Miami Shores was in a similar situation. I think so was Florida City.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Florida City also.

**Village Attorney Geller:** We were a little more difficult with the provider than some of the other cities. They had arranged for counsel to handle the appeal. Miami Shores has been paying the bill for that. We felt that not having provided the documentation sufficient for FEMA was the responsibility of who we had hired to handle that. We made an arrangement where the counsel that the provider had selected would be paid not by the village, but by the provider.

They're paying the fees to that pretty high-powered law firm, but just so we would be sure we monitored it, I've also acted as co-counsel on the record for the appeal to be sure that we're notified of everything that we've done. Candidly, although my agreement says, if I'm handling litigation, I'm supposed to be paid separately for that, but because this is so important to the village and it's such a problem, I am not billing the village for my time on the appeal, I haven't submitted any bills.

We are pursuing this appeal at this point at no cost, we have an upside and not a downside. We should get it. I've looked at the documentation that we've submitted as part of our appeal. If there's justice, we'll get our money. Now, I know you've been around and I've been around, and not all the time does justice get done, but I've seen the documentation. They should pay us. If they don't pay us everything they owe us, I think we'll get more than we have. I'm hoping we'll get all of it. That would wipe out the loan 100%. It's been a problem.

One of the reasons, just off-topic but from your other question, is because by taking that loan, we had exhausted reserves which we're trying now to rebuild, but it left the village in a weakened financial condition in terms of getting other banks to loan us money. Fortunately, because frankly this council has acted very responsibly, in fact, the core of it, the three that

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were here and then the two additional ones that came on, we're able to rebuild the village's financial condition.

That's been happening. The bank we're at that already had the loan was willing to basically roll it over for a year while we try to get this money from FEMA. We're paying, is my understanding, and Ms Herring can correct me, it's interest only for this year. Is that--?

**Herring:** Yes.

**Village Attorney Geller:** Instead of asking us to be paying it down over this year, they're giving us the benefit of paying interest-only. That may be why it doesn't look as competitive with what another bank advertises, but they want to be paid down as you go and they might not give us a very long period. 700,000 for this village is a lot of money. They're giving us interest-only something very afford in the hopes that, it's been many months since we submitted this appeal, it would be nice if they would, if I can use colorful language, if they would act on the damn thing already.

We have, like I said, from my review and the review of the lawyers that we're not paying to handle this, that they're paying, that the provider is paying, they still feel we owe them some funds at the end of the day. We dispute that and think maybe they owe us some money, but everybody's interest is served by getting FEMA to pay, getting rid of this loan. We're focused on that at this point, the rest can sort itself out. Like I said, we can't say there's a guarantee, but the bank is confident enough to give us an interest-only loan for another year.

At the end of that, hopefully, it's reduced, wiped out. If not, we'll be looking at having to make some other arrangements. At least with development coming into the village, putting off these repayments to the bank as we have done and continue to do means that instead of having to raise taxes on homeowners, we can put off the repayment and let some of this development that's coming in like Vista, start to pay more property taxes. That way, deferring the money owed even at a slightly higher interest rate means no tax hikes now, and hopefully, none in the future as money rolls in. That's a window into the strategy we're trying to employ here.

**Robero:** Okay. Attorney Geller, and I'm sorry, I'm going to take up more time here since I'm the only resident here that's concerned.

**Village Attorney Geller:** We're here for you. We're here for residents, sir, so please.

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**Robero:** I would like this to be posted on the website because I got the email notice of the invite here, but I know some of my neighbors did not get it. All this documentation and updates should be on the village website, which is not. I would appreciate that to be out there for everybody to be concerned, because if this doesn't ever get paid, our taxes are going to go up again, kind of. Year over year.

**Village Attorney Geller:** Hopefully, sir, the development will mean that there will be money, and the fact that the village is also aggressively seeking grant and other kinds of money, hopefully those things mean there will not ever have to be a tax hike even if that has to be paid back.

**Robero:** Hopefully, but 5.73 on 700,000 balloon payment, you're talking about a lot of money. You mentioned there's an upside.

**Village Attorney Geller:** Let me correct one thing sir, it won't be a balloon, this is a interest-only-

**Robero:** Interest-only.

**Village Attorney Geller:** -but they said that if not, they would do what's called-- They would term it out over, I don't know, over five years, seven years, still subject to negotiation, where we would still have time to make small principle reductions as we went.

**Robero:** Now, you mentioned something about an upside. How much an upside on this money? How much does FEMA owe the village, because, again, I'm asking this because there are so many new residents here and people that do not get this email. Since this is, again, not on the website, nobody knows what's going on. I know because I've been here before and after Hurricane Irma. How much is FEMA right now, if they were to pay, how much are they supposed to be paying?

**Village Attorney Geller:** Someone maybe better than me.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Right now, if FEMA was to pay, they are paying \$679,750.56. Let me just say for the record, I opened the website, the very first thing I saw, and I'll go back to it, as soon as the website opens, is this public notice for this which also has the ordinance right there, the entire ordinance is right there.

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**Robero:** The public notice is there, but the history or documentation of the loan is not.

**Mayor Nickerson:** You want a certain area that says that-

**Speaker 2:** Financial status, in loans. Yes.

**Mayor Nickerson:** -in certain certain year, it hit, and then this year, this was passed, this resolution this year, this resolution this next year?

**Robero:** Yes.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Okay. We can do a whole history of it, but--

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** If you got the email as a resident, [00:19:19] then it should be on the website because when I send it to you guys, and I blind copy you, I also copy the webmaster.

**Mayor Nickerson:** No, it's on the website.

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** It's there.

**Mayor Nickerson:** It's on the website. It even says, it says the amount and everything. What he's talking about is he wants to see from the very beginning of when the hurricane hit up until now the entire history in-between, that's what he's talking about.

**Robero:** Right.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Like a book. He wants to see, the timeline. That's what he's saying. Which we could set up.

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** That can be public request too. You can request that, or you want it for the residents you mean?

**Robero:** I want it for the residents.

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** If they're interested, they--

**Robero:** Publish it on the website for every resident of El Portal.

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**Village Clerk Jacobi:** I don't have that information, once you get that information.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes. We just have to take time. It's going to take time to gather it all, because we have to gather all the past resolutions and all the past ordinances, and put them--

**Village Manager Alou:** Make sure [inaudible 00:20:02]

**Mayor Nickerson:** They're on there, but he wants it in order all together, like in a special place on the website, which is going to take a long time to gather all the resolutions, all the ordinances from all the different meetings overall these years, and put them in order.

**Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward:** Do you want 850 homes asking a public request?

**Robero:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward:** You know, the best part about your coming is because you're showing an interest.

**Robero:** Of course. It's my taxes eventually.

**Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward:** The best part of you coming is that you're showing an interest in terms of what it would have taken, because we're not going to utilize those kinds of funds or effort for every time we have something that's that critical. What we will have, and what we've always had, is a public records request long before. In that way, it gives the clerk time to put together the information. It gives us time to look and review. What we've heard here from the attorney has been a positive effort so that we wouldn't have to have this, but because FEMA did not do it, has not provided for that.

Now, we're being responsive. As the words of the village attorney has indicated, we're doing a proactive thing because this should have gone away a long time ago. Your interest in it, not because we haven't paid it, but because it was owed to us. Now that we are on the receiving end of trying to move forward, what Attorney Geller has indicated is the best results, because we are not satisfied either, that it's still existing here almost two years later when it was really a FEMA disposition. Your presence is probably the same frustration that we had as a council, but what we have to do now is make things right regardless.

**Robero:** Right. Again, I know the history, I've been in majority of all these meetings, but since Hurricane Irma to today, I would say at least 25% of the village is new. The history of

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this outstanding money with FEMA, and the loan going back and forth, people need to be aware of that. If you could build a bucket on the website so that you don't have 850 people coming in here asking for it, you're working proactively not reactively. It's my suggestion for that.

**Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward:** Suggestion acknowledged. Very much so.

**Robero:** The FEMA payment is \$679,000. The loan that's being done is \$697,000. We're going to be upside-down. Do we have the money to pay that difference if FEMA reimburses the village completely?

**Vice Mayor Urbom:** Yes, I believe we do in the reserves at the moment. We're talking a difference of \$20,000. Yes, we do have that in the reserves and would be able to--

**Robero:** Eventually, I do not expect a percentage of taxes going up?

**Vice Mayor Urbom:** Yes. I would like to take the opportunity and remind the public, certainly yourself included, that when this-- Originally it was a line of credit, it was supposed to last, right? That meeting when that line of credit was approved, we had more than assurances. We had a verbal guarantee from the provider, DP&O, Gabrielle Benigni, told the council that we would be made whole within 120 days.

Just as you said, here we are four years later, untold costs. I absolutely understand what you're saying about you're going to be paying the taxes, because even if the millage rate does not go up, we still have less power to get things done for the village. It's essentially still an extra tax when you look at it that way in terms of not being able to take advantage of opportunities and get things done because of the ongoing costs that this is inflicting upon the village. I'm with you 100% on this.

**Robero:** Regarding the weakened financial conditions, do we have the financial reports from the CFO yet?

**Mayor Nickerson:** We're working on the financial reports. As far as the audits, you mean?

**Robero:** Yes.

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**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes. We're still working on the audits from the CFO. We have one year completed, I believe, but we're still far behind on that. We're catching up fast from when the new CFO got in.

**Vice Mayor Urbom:** Which year is it this completed?

**Mayor Nickerson:** The year it's completed is 2019, I believe.

**Village Manager Alou:** Yes, it's just two items away from completion for 2019. Just two items left to remaining.

**Vice Mayor Urbom:** We are still two items away from having that completed, though? We don't have a full completed audit yet then. Is that right?

**Robero:** That's what it sounds like.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes, that's correct. If you remember, last meeting, I told you guys that we were having problems with our previous CFO, with getting information that we needed. That's part of the slow-up, but we started to fix that as some information has started to come in. I told you guys we were handling that. Since last meeting, which was a couple of weeks ago, a week and a half ago, we moved forward in a highway.

**Robero:** Has that previous CFO received a legal demand letter to provide the information or whatever? Has there been any legal work against them?

**Village Attorney Geller:** My information is if you ask about sending a-- but I was told they did respond, I saw the response, we furnished the information, there was a little confusion, but I don't send letters like that unless somebody refuses, and they cooperate. Apparently, we did. There were some confusion over some passwords, but we provided everything else. I think that's what some of it is [inaudible 00:26:31] The currency about my understanding is going through it, but nothing was not received from the former guys. There are some things I think I may need more, I think the two items are things that the county has to furnish us that are [inaudible 00:26:48].

**Robero:** Thank you very much for the update, and hope to see information on the website for new residents to see. Thank you.

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**Mayor Nickerson:** I do want to say that, if you guys remember when I first became mayor, I had the village clerk send out a letter explaining just how much money we got back, how much money is left over, so that did go out to all the residents. All right. Thank you very much, everybody. Any more questions or comments from the council? For the second reading of the loan renewal, remember, as was stated up here by not only JoLinda, but by our resident, JR, remember the bond council payment is also part of this, the \$700,000, the \$10,000 bond council payment is also part of this which there was the-- I'm bringing that up because there was attachments also. It was in your agenda package for that.

**Councilperson Pirela:** Thanks for that because that was my question. If that was including the \$10,000 for the bond.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes, it's part of the \$700,000.

**Councilperson Pirela:** What we have in front of us is the bank's statement or--

**Mayor Nickerson:** The letter?

**Councilperson Pirela:** The letter from the bank, and it shows that 6.26. Is that going to-- Even if it passed today, that's going to be fixed on the-- Okay.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Any last questions or comments from the council? Hearing none, may I ask motion to approve ordinance. The ordinance number for this, Madam Clerk, is 2022-02. May I have a motion to include--

**Village Manager Alou:** Again, please? I'm sorry. What was the ordinance?

**Mayor Nickerson:** 20,

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** 02.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes, 02.

**Village Manager Alou:** 2022-02. Thank you.

**Mayor Nickerson:** The reason--

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**Village Attorney Geller:** Give them an opinion there's no council, when I give an opinion, there's barely a council.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes, of course. The reason why, you guys, we do the ordinances like this just so everybody understands is that when we do resolutions, the number usually is already there, of that of what resolution for that year. Since the ordinance takes second, two readings, we don't know if it's going to pass the second reading. Until it passes the second reading or is it announced the second reading, then we give it a number. This is the second ordinance of 2022. Do I have a motion to approve ordinance number 2022-02?

**Councilperson Martin:** Sold.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Moved by Councilperson Martin. Do I have a second?

**Councilperson Pirela:** I'll second.

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

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** Roll call, Councilperson Martin?

**Councilperson Martin:** Yes.

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward?

**Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward:** Yes.

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** Councilperson Pirela?

**Councilperson Pirela:** Yes.

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** Vice Mayor Urbom?

**Vice Mayor Urbom:** Yes.

**Village Clerk Jacobi:** Mayor Nickerson?

**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes.

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

**Mayor Nickerson:** Thank you very much, I appreciate it. Moving on in Good and Welfare, if there's anybody in the audience [unintelligible 00:29:52] Vice Mayor. If anybody from the audience has anything they want to say, you come up, say your name, address for the record, and you have three minutes to say so.

**Village Attorney Geller:** Mayor, didn't we have the bond council agreement?

**Mayor Nickerson:** We did.

**Village Manager Alou:** We just added it to the whole.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Yes.

**Village attorney Geller:** We should take a quick vote on that, as well, approving the bond council agreement.

**Mayor Nickerson:** The bond council agreement, the \$10,000, is part of the \$700,000. There was an attached document. There's a separate document.

**Village Attorney Geller:** It does not need separate approval?

**Village Manager Alou:** No.

**Mayor Nickerson:** There was a separate document.

**Village attorney Geller:** Okay. I have approved it legally so that's fine.

**Mayor Nickerson:** All right, [unintelligible 00:30:31] Vice Mayor Urbom. The floor is yours for Arbor Day.

**Vice Mayor Urbom:** We will be posting online and getting the word out, but we do have a date for the Arbor Day Festival, which will be April 30th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We will be back to the original format of a Representing Your Roots Potluck. People will be encouraged to bring a dish. There will be a self-serve buffet of potluck. If you would like to bring a dish that represents your roots, you'd be more than encouraged to do so. The El Portal

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**Village of El Portal  
Regular Commission Council  
Date: 04/12/2022  
Meeting Start: 7:09PM  
Meeting End: 7:41PM  
Meeting Length: 00:32:00**

Women's club will be helping the Tree Board put on the event. April 30th, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the nature trail.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Thank you very much, Vice Mayor Urbom. Here, anybody else for good and welfare? Hearing none, do I have a motion to adjourn here?

**Village Attorney Geller:** Before you do, let me just say, there's some documents that our bond council need signed-

**Mayor Nickerson:** We'll sign.

**Village Attorney Geller:** -that requires everybody's signature. On your way out, please stop and sign. I've reviewed all of those documents. They're prepared by very excellent bond council. If you have any questions before you want to put your name on it, I'll be happy to answer any. Just please stop over here on your way out the door. Thank you.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Thank you very much. I appreciate that, Attorney Geller. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

**Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward:** Moved.

**Mayor Nickerson:** Motion to adjourn moved Councilperson Lightfoot-Ward. Do I have a second?

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

**Mayor Nickerson:** Second by Vice Mayor Urbom. The special council meeting for Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 is adjourned at-- Oh, all in favor say aye.

**Council:** Aye.

**Mayor Nickerson:** All opposed say nay. I appreciate it. The special council meeting for Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 is adjourned at 7:41 PM.

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