

COMMISSION MINUTES

MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2021

(Meeting convened at 10:10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:37 p.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Commissioner Mark D. Bogen, District 2.

CALL TO ORDER was led by Mayor Steve Geller, District 5.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In memory of Al Nunez, Aviation Department Maintenance Superintendent.

In memory of Deputy Joshua Moyers, Nassau County Sheriff's Office.

In memory of our past and present brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who served our country and continue to serve our country at home and abroad.

In memory of first responders, who risk their lives on a regular basis.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thoughts and prayers for law enforcement personnel.

Present: Commissioner Mark D. Bogen
Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher
Commissioner Beam Furr
Mayor Steve Geller
Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness
Commissioner Nan H. Rich
Commissioner Tim Ryan
Commissioner Barbara Sharief
Vice-Mayor Michael Udine

Commissioner Holness participated telephonically for a portion of the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Sharief participated telephonically for a portion of the Regular Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Bogen, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Items 1 through 27. At the

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10/05/21
10:00 A.M.

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request of the Mayor, Regular Items 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45 and Supplemental Items 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55 were transferred to the Consent Agenda.

Each item voted on the Consent Agenda was passed by unanimous vote of the Commission unless otherwise indicated by record vote.

Public Hearing Items consist of Items 28 through 34.

The following Item was deferred: 46.

The following Item was pulled by a member of the public and considered separately: 14.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. MOTION TO APPROVE Board Appointments
 - 1A. MOTION TO APPOINT Elaine Blattner to the Commission on the Status of Women.
(Commissioner Ryan)
ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved with Regular Meeting Additional Material, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Commissioner Ryan.
VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.
ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.
VOTE: 9-0.
 - 1B. MOTION TO REAPPOINT Ramola Motwani to the Tourist Development Council.
(Commissioner Bogen)
ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved with Regular Meeting Additional Material, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Commissioner Bogen.
VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.
ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.
VOTE: 9-0.

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- 1C.** MOTION TO APPOINT Kerri-Ann Nesbeth to the Racial Equity Task Force. (Commissioner Sharief)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) *Approved with Regular Meeting Additional Material, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Commissioner Sharief.*

VOTE: 8-0. *Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.*

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) *Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.*

VOTE: 9-0.

- 1D.** MOTION TO REAPPOINT Darran Blake to the Broward Cultural Council. (Commissioner Ryan)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) *Approved with Regular Meeting Additional Material, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Commissioner Ryan.*

VOTE: 8-0. *Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.*

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) *Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.*

VOTE: 9-0.

- 1E.** MOTION TO REAPPOINT Deborah Kerr to the Broward Cultural Council. (Commissioner Ryan)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) *Approved with Regular Meeting Additional Material, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Commissioner Ryan.*

VOTE: 8-0. *Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.*

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) *Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.*

VOTE: 9-0.

AVIATION DEPARTMENT

- 2.** MOTION TO APPROVE Terminal Building Lease Agreement between Broward County and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for the lease and use of 315 square feet of office

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space on the ramp level in Terminal 3, at Broward County's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport without charge; commencing December 6, 2021, and terminating December 5, 2026; and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

3. MOTION TO APPROVE Fiscal Year 2022 Position Cap of 6,343 pursuant to Section 20.8 of the Administrative Code.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

4. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-467 transferring funds within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) for the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) in the amount of \$52,439 for the City of Margate to install license plate readers along the SR-7 corridor.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

5. A. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-468 transferring funds within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Broward's Sheriff Office in the amount of \$511,200 to fund operational and administrative costs of the Organized Crime Activities Sections Task Force.

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ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-469 transferring funds within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Broward's Sheriff Office in the amount of \$50,058 to fund operational and administrative costs of the Broward County Drug Task Force.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

C. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-470 transferring funds within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Broward's Sheriff Office in the amount of \$143,492 for the Narcotics Detection Dog Program.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

D. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-471 transferring funds within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Broward's Sheriff Office in the amount of \$173,420 to fund the operational and administrative costs of the Money Laundering Task Force.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically.

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Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

E. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-472 transferring funds within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Broward's Sheriff Office in the amount of \$200,755 to fund operational and administrative costs of the Narcotics Interdiction Task Force.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

6. A. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-473 within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Broward Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$1,214,545 for the purpose of supporting the Forfeiture Unit for Fiscal Year 2022.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-474 within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Broward Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$391,561 for the purpose of supporting the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention and Intervention Program for Fiscal Year 2022.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

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VOTE: 9-0.

C. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-475 within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Broward Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$57,775 to provide matching funds for a Domestic Violence Program grant from the Florida Department of Children and Families.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

7. A. MOTION TO RETROACTIVELY APPROVE agreement between Broward County and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$8,760 to update hazardous material facility site plan data; the Agreement to be effective from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement; and authorize the County Administrator to execute addenda and amendments to the Agreement, subject to review as to legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney, and to take the necessary administrative and budgetary actions for the implementation of the grant award.

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, the Board's consideration of Item 7 is based on the amended Motion A under scrivener's errors.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved. (Scrivener's Error - See County Administrator's Memorandum:

Currently reads:

A. MOTION TO RETROACTIVELY APPROVE... and authorize the County Administrator to execute addenda and amendments to the Agreement...

Should read:

A. MOTION TO RETROACTIVELY APPROVE... and authorize the County Administrator to execute addenda and amendments to the Agreement that do not impose any additional financial obligation on the County,...)

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VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-476 in the amount of \$8,760 within the hazardous materials grant fund for the Emergency Management Division for the purpose of updating hazardous material site facility plan data.

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, the Board's consideration of Item 7 is based on the amended Motion A under scrivener's errors.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

8. MOTION TO APPROVE settlement agreement in the matter of *Broward County v. Illinois Union Insurance Company*, 17th Judicial Circuit, Court Case No. CACE20-008893(08); and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute same.

(Transferred from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:41 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

REQUEST TO SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING

9. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-477 directing the County Administrator to publish Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.,

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in Room 422 of the Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to consider the application of Hirsch Stevedoring, LLC, for the granting of a renewal of a nonexclusive franchise for a ten-year term to provide cargo handler services at Port Everglades.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

10. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-478 directing the County Administrator to publish Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to consider the application of Hirsch Stevedoring, LLC, for the granting of a renewal of a nonexclusive franchise for a ten-year term to provide stevedore services at Port Everglades.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

11. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-479 directing the County Administrator to publish Notice of Public Hearing to be held on October 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 422 of the Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida to vacate a portion of that certain 50 foot Right-of-Way for S.E. 2nd Ave. (25 feet of Right-of-Way for S.E. 2nd Ave., "Amended Plat of Enger Park", according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 16, Page 44, of the Official Records of Broward County, Florida, and 25 feet of Right-of-Way for Dania Road, "Hallandale Park No. 2" according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 8, of the Official Records of Broward County, Florida), all included in the Official Records of Broward County and is generally located at 118 Southeast 7th Street in the City of Hallandale Beach; Petitioners: Solaris Apartments Ltd.; Agent: Pulice Land Surveyors, Inc.; Application for Vacation and Abandonment: 2021-V-03. **(Commission District 6)**

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

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VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT **DEPARTMENT**

HOUSING FINANCE AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- 12. A. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE County Administrator to execute all agreements, subject to approval as to form and legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney, related to additional gap financing in the amount of \$800,000, for a total gap financing amount of \$4,250,000 to be provided to Solaris Apartments Limited or an affiliate of Solaris Apartments Limited, for new construction of 78 affordable (low and very low area median income) multifamily residential units in the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida; and authorizing the County Administrator to take the necessary administrative and budgetary actions related to the gap financing. (Commission Districts 6 and 8)**

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-480 within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the amount of \$800,000 for the purpose of providing additional funding for the new construction of the Solaris Apartments Project.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PURCHASING DIVISION

For Human Services Department

13. A. MOTION TO APPROVE most reasonable source designation and the expansion of the Transitional Employment Program with Opportunities Industrialization Center of South Florida (OIC-SFL), for Hospital Grade Cleaning Services, for the Broward Addiction Recovery Division.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO APPROVE Agreement between OIC of South Florida, Inc., for Hospital-Grade Cleaning Services, for the Broward Addiction Recovery Division, in the annual estimated amount of \$300,000 and authorize the Director of Purchasing to renew the contract for two one-year periods, for a three-year potential estimated amount of \$900,000; and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute same. The contract shall begin on the date of award and terminate on September 30, 2022.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

BROWARD MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISTRICT

14. MOTION TO APPROVE Shoppes at Dillard, Inc. for participation in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) Economic Development Program ("Program") for the commercial property located at 2711 W. Sunrise Boulevard, and authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute all necessary documents, subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney, to effectuate participation in the Program provided the total County financial commitment does not exceed \$200,000.

(This item was pulled by a member of the public.)

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ACTION: (T-10:56 AM) *Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

VOTE: 8-0. *Commissioner Sharief was not present.*

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) *Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.*

VOTE: 9-0.

QUASI-JUDICIAL CONSENT HEARING

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT DIVISION

- 15.** MOTION TO APPROVE plat note amendment to Sunset Lakes (093-MP-95). (Commission District 8)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) *Approved the plat note amendment subject to staff's recommendations as outlined in the Development Review Report for a Plat Note Amendment.*

VOTE: 8-0. *Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.*

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) *Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.*

VOTE: 9-0.

- 16.** MOTION TO APPROVE non-vehicular access line amendment on Sunset Lakes (093-MP-95). (Commission District 8)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) *Approved the non-vehicular access line amendment subject to staff's recommendations as outlined in the Development Review Report for a Platted Non-Vehicular Access Line Amendment.*

VOTE: 8-0. *Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.*

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) *Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the*

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affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 17. MOTION TO APPROVE non-vehicular access line amendment on 621 NE 1 Avenue Development (004-MP-19). (Commission District 2)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved the non-vehicular access line amendment subject to staff’s recommendations as outlined in the Development Review Report for a Platted Non-Vehicular Access Line Amendment.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL CONSENT HEARING

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS/BOARDS SECTION

- 18. MOTION TO APPROVE appointment of Marcia Barry-Smith to the Racial Equity Task Force in the category of “Urban League of Broward County.”

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 19. MOTION TO APPROVE appointment of Tiffany Csonka to the Racial Equity Task Force in the category of “Broward County residents who are engaged in racial equity work in one of the County’s systems of care for child welfare, housing, and homelessness, or health care services, each nominated by the Director of the Human Services Department, or designee.”

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

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VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 20. MOTION TO APPROVE appointment of Carnell Staples to the Racial Equity Task Force in the category of "Broward County residents who are engaged in racial equity work in one of the County's systems of care for child welfare, housing, and homelessness, or health care services, each nominated by the Director of the Human Services Department, or designee."**

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 21. MOTION TO APPROVE appointment of Dolores H. Crawford to the Racial Equity Task Force in the category of "Broward County residents who are engaged in racial equity work in one of the County's systems of care for child welfare, housing, and homelessness, or health care services, each nominated by the Director of the Human Services Department, or designee."**

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 22. MOTION TO APPROVE appointment of Anthony A. Sanders to the Racial Equity Task Force in the category of "Broward County residents who are engaged in racial equity work in one of the County's systems of care for child welfare, housing, and homelessness, or health care services, each nominated by the Director of the Human Services Department, or designee."**

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ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

23. MOTION TO APPROVE appointment of Christina Romero to the Racial Equity Task Force in the category of "Broward County residents who are engaged in racial equity work in one of the County's systems of care for child welfare, housing, and homelessness, or health care services, each nominated by the Director of the Human Services Department, or designee."

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

24. A. MOTION TO APPOINT Kathleen Cannon to the Racial Equity Task Force in the category of "United Way of Broward County."

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- B. MOTION TO APPROVE waiver of conflict under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes for Kathleen Cannon who holds an employment or contractual relationship with an entity who receives funds from Broward County.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically.

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Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

25. A. MOTION TO APPOINT Lorenzo C. Robertson to the Racial Equity Task Force in the category of “one member nominated by the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Inc., better known as the Pride Center at Equality Park.”

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- B. MOTION TO APPROVE waiver of conflict under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes for Lorenzo C. Robertson who holds an employment or contractual relationship with an entity who receives funds from Broward County.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

26. A. MOTION TO APPOINT Tatiana Williams to the Police and Criminal Justice Review Board in the category of “one member nominated by the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Inc., better known as the Pride Center at Equality Park.”

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

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VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO APPROVE waiver of conflict under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes for Tatiana Williams who holds an employment or contractual relationship with an entity who receives funds from Broward County.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

REAL PROPERTY SECTION

27. MOTION TO APPROVE Easement granting Florida Power & Light Company a perpetual, non-exclusive underground and overhead utility easement on a portion of County-owned property located at 3403 McIntosh Road, Hollywood, FL 33316; authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the easement; and authorize recordation of same. (Commission District 7)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

28. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-481 to vacate a five-foot utility easement lying within Lot 1, a three-foot utility easement lying within Lots 2 and 3, and a three-foot utility easement lying within Lot 15, all lying within Block 1 of Sunnyside Estates, as recorded in Plat Book 19, Page 35 of the Official Records of Broward County, Florida, located at the southwest corner of Washington Street and South Dixie Highway in the City of Hollywood; Petitioner: Bert John Anderson; Agent: Schwebke-Shiskin and Associates; Application for Vacation and Abandonment: 2021-V-04. (Commission District 6)

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ACTION: (T-11:18 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 29.** MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-482 to vacate a ten-foot utility easement and 12-foot roadway easement lying with Parcel A of Wyndham Lakes Plaza (Plat Book 163, Page 21), a 12-foot utility easement and 12-foot roadway easement lying within Parcel A of Windsor Square (Plat Book 158, Page 26), and abandon a variable width roadway easement (Official Records Book 26654, Page 424), a portion of Wiles Road right-of-way (Official Records Book 3330, Page 162), and a portion of Wiles Road right-of-way (Official Records Book 14536, Page 965) all included in the Official Records of Broward County, Florida, and generally located on the north side of Wiles Road, between Coral Ridge Drive and Sawgrass Expressway, in the City of Coral Springs; Petitioner: Coral Springs Development, LLC; Agent: Cynthia Pasch, Greenspoon Marder, LLP; Vacation Petition No. 2020-V-15. **(Commission District 3)**

ACTION: (T-11:19 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 30.** MOTION TO ENACT Ordinance adopting a Small Scale amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan map (PC 21-8), located in the City of Sunrise **(Commission District 1)**, as an amendment to the Broward County Comprehensive Plan, the substance of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A SMALL SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AMENDING THE BROWARD COUNTY LAND USE PLAN WITHIN THE CITY OF SUNRISE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: (T-11:20 AM) Filed proof of publication and enacted the Ordinance to become effective as provided by law. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 7-0. Commissioner Ryan was out of the room during the vote. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

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ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 8-0.

- 31. MOTION TO ENACT Ordinance adopting a Small Scale amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan map (PC 21-10), located in the City of Pompano Beach (Commission District 4), as an amendment to the Broward County Comprehensive Plan, the substance of which is as follows:**

AN ORDINANCE OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A SMALL SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AMENDING THE BROWARD COUNTY LAND USE PLAN WITHIN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, the Board's consideration of Items 31 and 32 is based on the replacement pages distributed as Additional Material.)

ACTION: (T-11:21 AM) Filed proof of publication and enacted the Ordinance to become effective as provided by law. Public Hearing Additional Material 31 and 32, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Planning Council will travel with the Ordinance. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 32. MOTION TO ENACT Ordinance adopting a Small Scale amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan map (PC 21-11), located in the City of Pompano Beach (Commission District 4), as an amendment to the Broward County Comprehensive Plan, the substance of which is as follows:**

AN ORDINANCE OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A SMALL SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AMENDING THE BROWARD COUNTY LAND USE PLAN WITHIN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, the Board's consideration of Items 31 and 32 is based on the replacement pages distributed as Additional Material.)

ACTION: (T-11:21 AM) Filed proof of publication and enacted the Ordinance to become effective as provided by law. Public Hearing Additional Material 31 and 32, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Planning Council will travel with

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the Ordinance. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 7-0. Commissioner Furr was out of the room during the vote. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-11:26 PM) Through Mayor Geller, Commissioner Furr requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 8-0.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 33.** A. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-483 to transmit a proposed amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan map (PC 21-9), in the City of Hollywood, as an amendment to the Broward County Comprehensive Plan, to designated State review agencies pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, as amended (**Commission District 7**), the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TRANSMITTING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY LAND USE PLAN OF THE BROWARD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITHIN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD TO DESIGNATED STATE AGENCIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: (T-11:25 AM) Without objection, the Board voted to amend the item, as stated by County Attorney Andrew J. Meyers, with the DRC revised to provide 10 percent instead of 7.5 percent. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 7-0. Commissioner Ryan abstained from voting. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 8-0.

ACTION: (T-11:25 AM) Approved as amended. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 7-0. Commissioner Ryan abstained from voting. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the

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affirmative.

VOTE: 8-0.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-484 to transmit a proposed amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan text (PCT 21-5), establishing the Oakwood Activity Center, in the City of Hollywood, as an amendment to the Broward County Comprehensive Plan, to designated State review agencies pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, as amended (**Commission District 7**), the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TRANSMITTING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY LAND USE PLAN TEXT OF THE BROWARD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REGARDING THE HOLLYWOOD OAKWOOD ACTIVITY CENTER TO DESIGNATED STATE AGENCIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: (T-11:25 AM) Without objection, the Board voted to amend the item, as stated by County Attorney Andrew J. Meyers, with the DRC revised to provide 10 percent instead of 7.5 percent. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 7-0. Commissioner Ryan abstained from voting. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 8-0.

ACTION: (T-11:25 AM) Approved as amended. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 7-0. Commissioner Ryan abstained from voting. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 8-0.

34. A. MOTION TO WAIVE Section 18.5(e)(1) of the Broward County Administrative Code, which requires that the Board first direct the Office of the County Attorney to draft a proposed Ordinance.

ACTION: (T-11:32 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

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ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO ENACT Ordinance, the title of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ALLOWING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SERVE AS VOTING MEMBERS OF AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEES; AMENDING SECTION 1-19(c)(6) OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners)

ACTION: (T-11:33 AM) Filed proof of publication and enacted the Ordinance to become effective as provided by law. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

END PUBLIC HEARING

REGULAR AGENDA

COUNTY AUDITOR

- 35. A. MOTION TO APPOINT AND APPROVE following Board of County Commissioner members to the auditor selection committee ("Committee"): Mayor Steve Geller, Vice Mayor Michael Udine, Commissioner Nan H. Rich, Commissioner Mark D. Bogen, Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher, Commissioner Beam Furr, and Commissioner Tim Ryan.

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, the Board's consideration of Item 35 is based on the proposed amended Motion C distributed as Additional Material.)

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ACTION: (T-11:09 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO APPROVE following constitutional officer appointments to the Committee: Clerk of Courts Brenda D. Forman, Property Appraiser Marty Kiar, Sheriff Gregory Tony, and Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott.

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, the Board's consideration of Item 35 is based on the proposed amended Motion C distributed as Additional Material.)

ACTION: (T-11:09 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

C. MOTION TO APPOINT AND APPROVE County Auditor Bob Melton as financial advisor to the Committee.

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, the Board's consideration of Item 35 is based on the proposed amended Motion C distributed as Additional Material.)

ACTION: (T-11:09 AM) Approved as amended with Regular Meeting Additional Material, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Commissioner Fisher. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

AVIATION DEPARTMENT

- 36.** MOTION TO AUTHORIZE County Administrator to execute amendments to agreements to waive certain fees owed by rental car companies operating at Broward County's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport; the form of all amendments being subject to

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review by the Office of the County Attorney for legal sufficiency; and provided the County Administrator notifies the Board of each such waiver.

ACTION: (T-11:34 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PURCHASING DIVISION

For Aviation Department

- 37. MOTION TO APPROVE Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. PNC2123313R1, Construction of Airport Terminal Connectors, as Step One of a Two-Step (RFQ/Bid) procurement process, for the Aviation Department.**

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 38. MOTION TO APPROVE final ranking of the qualified firms for Request for Proposals (RFP) No. PNC2120437P1, Professional Consultant Services for Broward County Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and North Perry Airport, Building Projects, for the Aviation Department. The ranked firms are: 1 - Cartaya and Associates Architects PA dba Cartaya and Associates Architects; 2 - ACAI Associates, Inc.; 3 - Saltz Michelson Architects, Inc. dba Saltz Michelson Architects; 4 - Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.; 5 - Exp U.S. Services Inc.; and 6 - Zyscovich, Inc.**

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

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ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

For Public Works Department

- 39. MOTION TO APPROVE** Agreement between Broward County and R.J. Behar & Company, Inc., for Request for Proposals (RFP) No. PNC2120376P1, Consulting Services for Pine Island Road from Griffin Road to Nova Drive, in the maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$2,338,086, which includes reimbursables in the amount of \$77,245 and optional services in the amount of \$111,337 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute same. **(Commission District 5)**

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

For Transportation Department

- 40. MOTION TO APPROVE** Request for Proposals (RFP) No. TRN2122974P1, Transit Advertising Program, for the Broward County Transportation Department.

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

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- 41. A. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE** Contract Administrator to reallocate \$1,299,720 of previously

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approved funds for an exterior stair tower project, based on the Amended Master Development Agreement Between Broward County and Matthews Holdings Southwest, Inc., for the Convention Center Expansion and Headquarters Hotel Project (RFP No. N1337414R3), to the Owner's Contingency Account, and to use approximately \$1,293,556 of these reallocated funds for the reconfiguration of site utilities and related earthwork to support GMP 2 site civil infrastructure work that was originally carried in GMP 4 but was delayed due to the project suspension.

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE Contract Administrator to reallocate \$3,408,475 of previously approved funds for temporary landscaping, based on the Amended Master Development Agreement Between Broward County and Matthews Holdings Southwest, Inc., for the Convention Center Expansion and Headquarters Hotel Project (RFP No. N1337414R3), to the Owner's Contingency Account, and to use approximately \$2,674,395 of these reallocated funds to reposition an existing FPL duct bank which is in direct conflict with the Convention Center East Expansion piles.

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS/BOARDS SECTION

42. A. MOTION TO APPROVE reassignment of the category "one citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing" from an at-large position to a categorical appointment filled by Commission District 2 on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

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ACTION: (T-11:35 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO APPROVE reassignment of current appointee in the category of "One citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing" from an at-large position to a categorical appointment filled by Commission District 2 on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

ACTION: (T-11:35 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

C. MOTION TO DISCUSS appointment of one County Commissioner to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

ACTION: (T-11:37 AM) Following discussion, the Board approved appointment of Commissioner Rich to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

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- 43.** MOTION TO DISCUSS Broward County Board of County Commissioners' "Parking Garage". (Commissioner Bogen)

ACTION: (T-11:38 AM) With respect to the Solid Waste Working Group, Commissioner Furr reported that the ILA between all the cities is now in the hands of the lawyers for wordsmithing and thanked Assistant County Administrator Kevin Kelleher for his assistance. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.) (See Regular Meeting Additional Material, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the

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request of Commissioner Bogen.)

ACTION: (T-11:39 AM) Commissioner Rich inquired as to the status of the HUD Improvement Plan. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

In response to Commissioner Rich, County Administrator Bertha Henry assured its continued inclusion within the "Parking Garage." (Refer to minutes for full discussion.) (See Regular Meeting Additional Material, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Commissioner Bogen.)

ACTION: (T-11:39 AM) In relation to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), Commissioner Rich inquired as to the percentage of monies spent. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

In response to Commissioner Rich, County Administrator Bertha Henry advised that percentages of monies and programs will be provided. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

In response to County Administrator Bertha Henry, Commissioner Rich vocalized concern as to release of ERAP funding. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

In response to Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Ryan relayed concern in regard to renters and landlords experiencing difficulty in navigating through the ERAP application process and suggested coordination of proactive assistance and counseling. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

In response to Commissioner Ryan, County Administrator Bertha Henry reported intercession at multiple points, including on-site application assistance as well as numerous modifications and exploration of alternative programs. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.) (See Regular Meeting Additional Material, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Commissioner Bogen.)

- 44. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-485 urging airlines that fly into Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) from countries with high prevalence of new variants of the COVID-19 virus to cease flights to FLL from those countries until medical experts confirm the current COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective against the variants spreading in those countries. (Commissioner Bogen)**

ACTION: (T-10:27 AM) Without objection, the Board approved the item as amended, as stated by County Attorney Andrew J. Meyers, deleting Section 1 and the introductory clause of Section 2 in relation to suspension of flights. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the

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affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 45.** MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-486, the title of which is as follows:
(Commissioner Bogen)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NAMING A COURTROOM IN THE BROWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ("COURTROOM") IN HONOR OF CHIEF JUDGE JACK B. TUTER, JR.; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE NAMING OF THE COURTROOM; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, the design for the naming of the Courtroom is still being determined, and the estimated fiscal impact is less than \$10,000, dependent upon the final design.)

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved. (See Regular Meeting Additional Material 45 and 45(2), dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department and Regular Meeting Additional Material 45(3), dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Office of the County Attorney.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 46.** MOTION TO AUTHORIZE County Administrator to establish a program for taxicab and jitney drivers who are registered chauffeurs under Chapter 22½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances to provide grants of up to \$5,000 per chauffeur to mitigate documented financial losses arising from the COVID-19 public health emergency, utilizing funding provided to Broward County under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to the extent legally permissible, with total program funding of up to \$5,000,000; and to authorize the County Administrator to take any administrative and budgetary actions and execute any necessary agreements to effectuate the proposed program, subject to review by the Office of the County Attorney for legal sufficiency. (Commissioner Sharief)

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness would like to be added as a cosponsor.)

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ACTION: (T-12:47 PM) Following discussion, the Board voted to defer this item until the October 19, 2021 Commission Meeting to allow amendments to be drafted consistent with the Board's comments. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-1. Commissioner Holness voted against deferring this item.

- 47. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE County Administrator to negotiate and execute a funding agreement, subject to review by the Office of the County Attorney for legal sufficiency, with Choices Children's Academy to provide up to \$104,780 in funding for designated expenses, including facility improvements and technology for advanced educational instruction. (Commissioner Sharief)**

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness would like to be added as a cosponsor.)

ACTION: (T-12:23 PM) The vote failed. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 4-5. Commissioners Furr, Rich, Ryan, Vice-Mayor Udine and Mayor Geller voted no.

- 48. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-487, the title of which is as follows: (Mayor Geller)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., TO GRANT TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS EXTENSIONS TO VENEZUELAN NATIONALS AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CREATE A MORE EFFICIENT AND STREAMLINED PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, Commissioners Dale V.C. Holness and Nan Rich would like to be added as cosponsors.)

ACTION: (T-10:35 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 49. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEMS DIRECTIVE

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ACTION: (T-1:32 PM) *Without objection, Mayor Geller directed the County Attorney's Office to draft amended rules for the Board's future consideration, to the extent legally permissible, which would prohibit supplemental agenda items from being distributed to Board members after the Wednesday prior to the Commission meeting, with the proviso that the Wednesday deadline may be waived by the Mayor in the event of a time-sensitive emergency. Commissioner Sharief requested being added as a cosponsor to the item. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

B. BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

ACTION: (T-1:34 PM) *Mayor Geller announced that Thursday is the birthday of Bina Fink, Mayoral Aide. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

C. FIU REAPPORTIONMENT

ACTION: (T-1:34 PM) *Mayor Geller confirmed attending all reapportionment meetings to date and relayed being impressed with FIU staff and the job they have been doing. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

D. BROWARD LEADERS WATER AND CLIMATE ACADEMY

ACTION: (T-1:35 PM) *Mayor Geller reported giving opening remarks at the Broward Leaders Water and Climate Academy as Mayor and also Chair of the Broward Water Advisory Board. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

E. SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ACTION: (T-1:35 PM) *Mayor Geller noted attending a South Florida Regional Planning Council meeting with the Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation in which condominium safety was discussed. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

F. COVID-19 UPDATE

ACTION: (T-1:35 PM) *Mayor Geller provided an update on current Florida COVID-19 numbers as a reminder to everyone that the COVID-19 epidemic is not over. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

50. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

(No report given.)

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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

51. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Addendum to Collective Bargaining Agreement between Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida and the Federation of Public Employees (AFL-CIO), representing the County's Blue Collar Unit employees, for Fiscal Years 2020/2021, 2021/2022; to amend wages for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and to add a third year (Fiscal Year 2022/2023) to the current agreement; delegate authority to the Director of the Human Resources Division to execute Letters of Understanding, if necessary, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Addendum to the Agreement.

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

52. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Addendum to Collective Bargaining Agreement between Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida and the Amalgamated Transit Unit, Local 1591, representing the County's White Collar Unit employees, for Fiscal Years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022; to amend wages for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and to add a third year (Fiscal Year 2022/2023) to the current agreement; delegate authority to the Director of the Human Resources Division to execute Letters of Understanding, if necessary, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Addendum to the Agreement.

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

53. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Addendum to Collective Bargaining Agreement between Board

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of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida and the Government Supervisors Association of Florida, representing the County's Professional Unit employees, for Fiscal Years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022; to amend wages for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and to add a third year (Fiscal Year 2022/2023) to the current agreement; delegate authority to the Director of the Human Resources Division to execute Letters of Understanding, if necessary, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Addendum to the Agreement.

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

- 54.** MOTION TO APPROVE Addendum to Collective Bargaining Agreement between Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida and the Government Supervisors Association of Florida, representing the County's Supervisory Unit employees, for Fiscal Years 2020/2021, 2021/2022; to amend wages for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and to add a third year (Fiscal Year 2022/2023) to the current agreement; delegate authority to the Director of the Human Resources Division to execute Letters of Understanding, if necessary, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Addendum to the Agreement.

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

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- 55.** MOTION TO APPROVE Second Amendment to the Broward County Convention Center Expansion and Headquarters Hotel Master Development Agreement ("Master Development Agreement") between Broward County and Matthews Holdings Southwest, Inc. ("MSW") (RFP No. N1337414R3) for the Convention Center Expansion and Headquarters Hotel Project (Project), in substantially the form of Exhibit 1, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract amendment on behalf of Broward County provided it has

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been reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney.

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, the Board's consideration of Item 55 is based on the amended Motion distributed as Additional Material.)

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved as amended with Regular Meeting Additional Material 55, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of County Administration. (See Regular Meeting Additional Material 55(2), dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Office of the County Auditor.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Holness voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

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56. MOTION TO DIRECT Office of the County Attorney to draft a Resolution amending Section 18.61 of the Broward County Administrative Code to eliminate the requirement that the County's independent auditor be changed after five years. (Commissioner Fisher)

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, the Board's action under this item includes direction to the County Attorney's Office to draft three versions of the proposed code amendment for the Board's later consideration, with one version based on the original motion statement and two versions based on the proposed amended motion statements distributed by the County Auditor as Additional Material.)

ACTION: (T-10:42 AM) Approved with Regular Meeting Additional Material 56(2), dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Office of the County Auditor. **Commissioner Bogen requested being added as a cosponsor to this item.** (Refer to minutes for full discussion.) (See Regular Meeting Additional Material 56, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Office of the County Auditor.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-12:11 PM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative and **being added as a cosponsor to this item.**

VOTE: 9-0.

57. MOTION TO DIRECT Office of the County Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending

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Chapter 22½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances (“Code”) to allow wheelchair accessible taxicabs operating under certificates issued pursuant to Section 22½(a)(3) of the Code to pick up passengers at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and at Port Everglades. (Commissioner Holness)

ACTION: (T-11:47 AM) Approved. Commissioner Furr requested County Administration provide additional data as to numbers of wheelchair accessible taxicabs currently providing services under programs consistent with Board discussion. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.) (See Regular Meeting Additional Material 57 and 58, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department.)

VOTE: 7-3. Commissioners Bogen, Fisher and Sharief voted no.

ACTION: (T-12:19 PM) Without objection, the Board reconsidered this item. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

ACTION: (T-12:20 PM) Approved. The Board directed the County Attorney’s Office to coordinate with staff to explore development of potential alternatives. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.) (See Regular Meeting Additional Material 57 and 58, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department.)

VOTE: 9-0.

58. A. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-488, the title of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO MOTOR CARRIERS; WAIVING PERMIT FEES AND ABANDONMENT OF CERTIFICATES UNDER CHAPTER 22½ OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; MODIFYING THE TERM OF CERTIFICATES AND PERMITS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: (T-1:04 PM) Approved. Commissioner Sharief requested being added as a cosponsor to this item. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.) (See Regular Meeting Additional Material 57 and 58, dated October 5, 2021, submitted at the request of Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department.)

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO CONSIDER RESCISSION of the action taken by the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) in adopting Resolution No. 2021-466, Item 58 on the September 21, 2021, agenda of the Board, pertaining to waiver of the fees for motor carriers and modification of the term of certificates and permits for driver-owned taxicabs issued pursuant to Chapter 22½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances (this is an

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alternate motion to be considered only if Motion A is not approved). (Commissioner Bogen)

(No Board action taken.)

NON-AGENDA

59. FIU REDISTRICTING MEETING - COMMISSIONER FISHER

ACTION: (T-1:16 PM) *Commissioner Fisher thanked Mayor Geller and County Attorney Andrew J. Meyers for attending the redistricting meeting in Pompano Beach in which the immediate community was afforded an opportunity to speak. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

60. CENTER FOR ACTIVE AGING CEREMONY - COMMISSIONER FISHER

ACTION: (T-1:16 PM) *Commissioner Fisher announced the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Center for Active Aging, which he will attend tomorrow in Deerfield Beach. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

61. CONGRATULATIONS - COMMISSIONER FISHER

ACTION: (T-1:17 PM) *Commissioner Fisher congratulated and thanked Oakland Park Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Monica Maldonado in being named Emergency Medical Service Educator of the year by the Florida Department of Health. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

62. KING TIDES - COMMISSIONER FISHER

ACTION: (T-1:17 PM) *Commissioner Fisher drew attention to the king tides occurring at Hillsboro Beach as well as other communities October 5~11 and October 20 ~ 21. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

63. THANK YOU - COMMISSIONER BOGEN

ACTION: (T-1:17 PM) *Commissioner Bogen thanked everyone for their time and attention with respect to the health care services presentation given by medical doctors during the September 21, 2021 Commission Meeting. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)*

64. FITCE - COMMISSIONER HOLNESS

ACTION: (T-1:18 PM) *Commissioner Holness announced that the Florida International Trade & Cultural Expo (FITCE) will be held on November 17~18, 2021, at the Broward County Convention Center. In addition, Commissioner Holness noted speaking at the World Strategic Forum earlier this morning. For more information, visit <http://fitcexpo.com> or contact the Office of Economic and*

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Small Business Development: 954-357-6400. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

65. AWORI TRIBE PROCLAMATION - VICE-MAYOR UDINE

ACTION: (T-1:19 PM) Vice-Mayor Udine relayed presenting the King of the Awori Tribe from Nigeria and Laos with a proclamation from Broward County. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

66. NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENT - VICE-MAYOR UDINE

ACTION: (T-1:20 PM) Vice-Mayor Udine informed that he will be present this Friday at 7:00 a.m. to recognize National Guard Troops on behalf of Broward County with respect to their deployment for a year of active duty. Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

67. BROWARD CULTURAL COMMISSION NFT EVENT - VICE-MAYOR UDINE

ACTION: (T-1:21 PM) Vice-Mayor Udine announced that the Broward Cultural Commission is hosting an NFT instructional event October 21, 2021, 5:30 p.m., at the Broward Cultural Center. Vice-Mayor Udine also encouraged viewing Instagram Live at 12:00 p.m. through the Broward Arts page to learn more from counsel. In addition, Vice-Mayor Udine thanked County Attorney Andrew J. Meyers for sending out a memo providing information on cryptocurrency and NFTs. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

68. CONGRATULATIONS - COMMISSIONER SHARIEF

ACTION: (T-1:22 PM) Commissioner Sharief congratulated Office of Economic and Small Business Development Director Sandy-Michael McDonald and team in receiving two awards of excellence. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

69. BIRTHDAY WISHES - COMMISSIONER SHARIEF

ACTION: (T-1:22 PM) Commissioner Sharief wished Deputy County Administrator Monica Cepero and Office of Economic and Small Business Development Director Sandy-Michael McDonald happy birthdays. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

70. PORT EVERGLADES LUNCHEON - COMMISSIONER SHARIEF

ACTION: (T-1:22 PM) Commissioner Sharief discussed attending the Port Everglades October luncheon presentation entitled "Getting the 'Green' Light: Environmental Progress Propelling Port Everglades' Biggest Endeavor" and encouraged everyone not in attendance to read the presentation. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

71. HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH - COMMISSIONER SHARIEF

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ACTION: (T-1:24 PM) Commissioner Sharief reported visiting the Miramar amphitheater in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

72. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE ROUNDTABLE - COMMISSIONER FURR

ACTION: (T-1:25 PM) Commissioner Furr detailed cohosting the Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Roundtable with Commissioner Rich wherein a resilience overview was provided by Dr. Jennifer Jurado and staff. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

In response to Commissioner Furr, Commissioner Rich noted large attendance and a great exchange of ideas and sharing of initiatives that cities are implementing with respect to progressive planning. Commissioner Rich mentioned questioning Colonel Booth, the new head of the US Army Corps, in relation to funding of the flood resilience study. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

In response to Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Sharief advised of presenting the funding issue to the 16 County Coalition Water Resource Board a few months ago. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

In addition, Commissioner Rich discussed presenting the cities with a call to action as to a net-zero emissions goal by 2050, which was well received in light of the recent IPCC Assessment Report. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

73. CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL - COMMISSIONER FURR

ACTION: (T-1:26 PM) Commissioner Furr noted release of the 2021-2022 Family Resource Guide by the Children's Services Council in four languages, which contains information on childcare, aftercare, schools, nutrition and tutors as well as additional resources. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

74. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COALITION - COMMISSIONER RICH

ACTION: (T-1:29 PM) Commissioner Rich relayed hosting a tour for Department of Children and Families Secretary Shevaun Harris and State Representative Christine Hunschofsky, highlighting the network of Broward Behavioral Health Coalition providers and vendors working collaboratively, including South Florida Wellness Network, Memorial Health System's maternal addiction treatment program and WestCare Village South Pembroke Pines, which also features Pembroke Pines Children's Academy. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

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**THE BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 5, 2021
10:00 A.M.**

A meeting of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, Broward County, Florida, was held in Room 422 of the Government Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Mark Bogen	2	Present
Beam Furr	6	Present
Steve Geller	5	Present
Dale V.C. Holness	9	Present
Lamar P. Fisher	4	Present
Nan H. Rich	1	Present
Timothy Ryan	7	Present
Barbara Sharief	8	Present
Michael Udine	3	Present

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Steve Geller called the meeting to order.

MAYOR GELLER: This is the Broward County Board of County Commissioners meeting of Tuesday, October 5th, 2021.

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

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MAYOR GELLER: The Pledge will be led by Commissioner Bogen.

**(THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY COMMISSIONER MARK BOGEN
BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2.)**

MAYOR GELLER: Please remain standing.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is customary that we observe a moment of silence in honor of notable persons from our community who have recently passed.

Colleagues, does anyone have someone that you wish to remember during this moment of silence?

County Administrator.

MS. HENRY: Thank you, Mayor.

As an organization, we are seeing this far too often, and it saddens me once again to say that we lost a member of our family.

An employee with Broward County Aviation Department passed away. He had a long battle with COVID and succumbed early this morning.

He was a long-time member of the team, most recently as the Maintenance Superintendent. He has actually been with the County since 1990, so, he's seen a lot.

So, Al Nunez. And the -- the staff and -- and all the members that interact with the airport a lot, they know who he is. And they've been calling, and everybody's been worried about him. So, it's -- this is a sad time for them.

So, he's known for a lot. Very upbeat and had an (inaudible) style.

So, we're going to miss him. And so, if you can just send out your condolences to his family, and to the airport family, because they're hurting today.

This is the second one in a couple of months.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, ma'am.

Senator Rich? Commissioner Furr? Vice-Mayor? Commissioner Bogen?
Commissioner Fisher.

Commissioner Fisher, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER FISHER: Thank you, Mayor.

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And it's -- I know it's not our area, but this often happens too much as well. And we lost Deputy Joshua Moyers from Nassau County, passed away last week from those critical injuries obtained in that line of duty.

So, we just want to pray, as you do always, Mayor, but our law enforcement folks have a special blessing to protect them.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

And let us also honor all of the brave men and women who have continued to serve -- who have served and continue to serve in our armed forces, both here and abroad, and let us also thank our first responders who risk their lives on a regular basis.

Please pause for a moment of silence.

(Moment of silence.)

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you. Please take your seats.

Welcome to the October 5th, 2021, Commission meeting. Thank you for joining us today.

County Commission meetings are available to everyone to view online and are also open to in-person attendance on a limited basis by persons who wish to provide public comment on an agenda item.

Those wishing to attend in person must sign up to speak on their items here in Government Center between 8:30 and 9:45 on the morning of the meeting.

Any member of the public attending in person must wear a facial covering at all times when in the building, including while making their public comment, and must maintain social distancing at all times between themselves and any person residing in a different household.

To protect the health and public safety of everyone, members of the public will be asked to leave the chambers after the last item on which they are registered to speak.

Upon exiting the chambers, the public can continue to observe the meeting online.

While online viewing is strongly encouraged, members of the public wishing to remain on premises to observe the remainder of the meeting will be directed to a designated viewing area by County staff.

Members of the public may also provide public comment by telephone.

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To do so, you must sign up on the County's website at registertospeak.broward.org. Let me repeat that, registertospeak.broward.org, prior to 9:30 a.m. the morning of the meeting.

Today's music was selected by Mayor Geller -- well, that's what my script says. I would have said I selected today's music. The two songs were Soul Serenade by Eugene Gray and All Blues by Eugene Gray.

As you are aware, I always try and highlight live talent from Broward County. Eugene Gray is a Broward Cultural Division's Cultural Investment Program grantee for fiscal year 2021.

The selected songs were Soul Serenade and All Blues from Mr. Gray's Straight Ahead and Beyond CD.

Mr. Gray is a well-known jazz guitarist, arranger, composer, and music educator. He is also the CEO and chair of Rootz -- -R-o-o-t-z -- of Music, Inc., which he founded in 2001 along with his wife. That is a Caribbean fusion group.

I will call on you as soon as I'm done reading this.

As most of you are aware, I usually have live performances during my music selection to showcase our local talent, but, you know, COVID.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: You know, Mayor, since you like local talent --

MAYOR GELLER: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- one of our Commissioners actually plays, performs. I think that Commissioner should do it live for us.

You know, Commissioner Furr, you know, you actually are into music and --

MAYOR GELLER: Excuse me. We don't accept golf as a form of music.

(Laughter.)

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- no, he actually plays instruments. So, I --

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Furr, what instruments do you play?

COMMISSIONER FURR: Piano.

MAYOR GELLER: Well, can you bring a piano in here for us?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Do you play other keyboards that are more portable?

COMMISSIONER FURR: I do.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Well --

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COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Let's do it.

MAYOR GELLER: -- I will not have another -- another music breakfast, another breakfast while I'm Mayor, but next time around, I will see if I can get Commissioner Furr to provide our musical entertainment.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mayor, do you -- do you play something?

MAYOR GELLER: Me?

YEAH: Yeah.

(Laughter.)

MAYOR GELLER: You're kidding, right? No.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: He plays the bongo -- he -- he bangs his desk.

MAYOR GELLER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: That -- that's his bongo drum.

MAYOR GELLER: Actually, I play the gavel (strikes gavel).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Here, look. (Bangs gavel.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

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MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Please read the Tuesday morning memo, and the most recently revised Tuesday morning memo, which I think has just been passed out.

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: Tuesday agenda memorandum. The following are submitted for your consideration.

Consent items are 1 through 27.

Public Hearing items are 28 through 34.

Regular items are 35 through 58.

I request the following withdrawals, scrivener's errors, and inclusions of additional information.

Withdrawals, deferrals, substitutions, none.

Scrivener's errors.

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Item Number 7 currently reads A, motion to retroactively approve and authorize the County Administrator to execute addenda and amendments to the agreement. Should read Motion A, motion to retroactively approve and authorize the County Administrator to execute addenda and amendments to the agreement that do not impose any additional financial obligation on the County.

Additional information.

Item Number 7, the Board's consideration of Item Number 7 is based on the amended Motion A under scrivener's errors.

Item Number 31 and 32, the Board's consideration of Items 31 and 32 is based on the replacement pages distributed as additional material.

Item Number 35, the Board's consideration of Item 35 is based on the amended Motion C distributed as additional material.

Item Number 45, design of the naming of the courtroom is being determined and it's estimated fiscal impact is less than \$10, 000, dependent on the final design.

Item Number 46, 47, 48, Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness would be like to be added as a co-sponsor.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: Item Number 48, Commissioner Nan Rich would like to be added as a co-sponsor.

Item Number 55, the Board's consideration of Item Number 55 is based on the amended motion distributed additional material.

Item Number 56, the Board's action to this item includes direction in accord -- direction to the County Attorney's Office to draft three versions of the proposed code amendment for the Board's later consideration with one version based on the original motion statement and two versions based on the proposed amended motion statements distributed by the County Auditor as additional material.

Mayor's request without objections Item Number 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 48, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, and 56 be moved to Regular to Consent, Item Number 8 to be moved from Consent to Regular.

Additional material, Regular meeting.

Items 1A through 1E, board appointment.

Item Number 35, amendment motion submitted by Commissioner Lamar Fisher.

Item Number 43, parking garage submitted by Commissioner Mark Bogen.

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Item Number 45, memo to the Board submitted by Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department.

Item Number 45(2), memo to the Board submitted by Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department.

Item Number 55, memo to the Board submitted by County administration.

Item Number 55 (2), memo to the Board submitted by Office of County Auditor.

Item Number 56, memo to the Board submitted by Office of County Auditor.

Item Number 56(2) memo to the Board submitted by Office of County Auditor.

Item Number 57 and 58, memo to the Board submitted by Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department.

Public Hearing Items Number 31 and 32, replacement pages submitted by Planning Council.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Mayor?

MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Excuse me, Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Bogen, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I -- I would like to be seen as co-sponsoring Item Number 56.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Please --

MAYOR GELLER: Anything else?

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- for -- for the record. That -- that would be it.

MAYOR GELLER: Show that done without objection.

Let me look at 56. Okay. Show Commissioner Bogen shown without objection as a co-sponsor to Item 56.

The -- let me go around and see if there are any pulls from the Consent Agenda.

We'll start with Senator Rich. You're recognized, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yes, 44.

MAYOR GELLER: 44. Hold on. Rich. And that's general, not for abstention, correct?

COMMISSIONER RICH: (Inaudible.)

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MAYOR GELLER: That's -- that's a --

COMMISSIONER RICH: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- pull, not just for an abstention. Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

Commissioner Furr?

Vice-Mayor Udine?

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: I was going to pull 44 for a comment also, but it's already pulled.

That's it.

MAYOR GELLER: Okey-dokey. Commissioner Bogen?

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I have no pulls.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Commissioner Fisher?

COMMISSIONER FISHER: No pulls, Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. And I am pulling 48.

And I -- let's see. Commissioner Bogen, which item did you co-sponsor?

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Number 56.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Is 56 currently on Consent?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. All right. I will be pulling Item 48 and 56.

MR. MEYERS: Yes, and --

MAYOR GELLER: Off of Consent.

MR. MEYERS: -- yes, and -- and, Mayor, just to --

MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

MR. MEYERS: -- point out, there is --

MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

MR. MEYERS: -- an amended direction as part of 56 that was read as part of the Monday night memo. I'm not sure if that addresses any --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. What -- can you tell -- let's see --

MR. MEYERS: Yes. So, Commissioner Fisher --

MAYOR GELLER: Oh, okay.

MR. MEYERS: Okay.

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MAYOR GELLER: Yes. In that case, thank you for calling that. I didn't see this in yesterday's version.

All right. In that case, I am not pulling Item 56. I'm only pulling Item Number 48.

MS. CEPERO: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Is there -- yes. Sorry?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Yes. I had prepared two amendments --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- to that. The two amendments --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- to 56 were to, number one, say that -- two alternatives.

One was to say that in the event of a tie at the end of -- at the five years, that tie would go against the incumbent so that if -- instead of just saying the incumbent can't compete, to say the incumbent can compete, but if it's a tie, you'd prefer to give it to somebody new.

The second one is the same thing except instead of five years, saying you can compete again after ten years, you know, every -- you could be renewed once just normally, but in the second time around, tie goes against the incumbents.

Because you've had some people complain they can't break in.

If an incumbent can't score at least one point higher, then they probably shouldn't keep the -- the contract.

So, those are the amendments that I have offered. And the way that it will be -- according to the yellow -- the Tuesday morning memo, highlighted in yellow at the top of page 2, it explains that this is a motion to direct to draft three versions.

It's not the actual vote. It's just a motion to direct. And the two additional versions are the ones I've just described.

Do you have any additional comments, Senator Rich?

COMMISSIONER RICH: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: All right. Therefore, is there a motion? I will ask the --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Mayor, mayor, mayor --

MAYOR GELLER: -- County Attorney --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- mayor.

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MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: I'm here.

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Holness, welcome.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Do you have any pulls, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: I've been here. I -- I would like to have 56 discussed.

MAYOR GELLER: I'm sorry?

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: 56.

MAYOR GELLER: You would like to pull 56 --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- which is just a motion to direct.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Yeah, I'd like to have discussion it.

MAYOR GELLER: Yes, sir. All right.

So, yes, I'm sorry. Kevin?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We have three pulls from the public. Item 14, Item 35, and Item 56.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. 13 -- I'm sorry -- 14, 35, 56.

So, County Attorney, I hope you're keeping careful track, because I'm going to be asking you shortly for the motion that a Commissioner is going to make.

Is there -- Auditor or administration, are there any -- or County Attorney, are there any additional pulls? No.

All right. Commissioner Bogen, while chewing, moves the -- the -- a -- moves to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, which the County Attorney is about to clarify.

And Commissioner Fisher has just seconded that motion.

COMMISSIONER FISHER: Yes.

MAYOR GELLER: So, County Attorney, can you repeat exactly what Commissioner Bogen just moved?

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Yeah, because I was chewing, and I couldn't talk properly.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. MEYERS: Yes, Mayor. So, the Consent Agenda consists of Items 1 through 27, and then subtracted from that are Items 8, which, just so the Board understands, is being pulled only because it's an item impacting Fort Lauderdale Airport that needs to be on Regular, and Item 14, which was pulled by a member of the public.

And then added to the Consent Agenda are Items 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay-dokey. That is exactly the way I heard Commissioner Bogen state that motion and Commissioner Fisher second.

Is there any debate?

Seeing no debate, all those in favor of the Consent Agenda --

(COMMISSIONER RYAN ENTERED THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- as listed, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show that adopted unanimously by a vote of 8-zero with seven members on the dais plus -- plus Commissioner Holness.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

(COMMISSIONER HOLNESS VOTED TELEPHONICALLY.)

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 44

MAYOR GELLER: We will now go -- and I actually list my pulls not in numerical order but first -- from District 1 through 5.

So, the first pull that I will go to is by Senator Rich on Item Number 44

Senator Rich, you're recognized, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Thank you. That's -- okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Yeah, I -- I really have a -- have had, in the past, when we've had this before us, too, an issue with this, because I really believe this is not the role of the County Commission.

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We are not in charge of this. The FAA is in charge, CDC. And -- and I find it difficult because -- especially because it's kind of like the pot calling the kettle black. I mean, we have -- we have had terrible, you know, incidences of COVID, and surges, and how would we like it --

(COMMISSIONER HOLNESS ENTERED THE ROOM.)

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- if other countries, you know, did that to us and wouldn't light -
- let our flights in.

I just think it's -- it's not up to us. That's how I feel. And I just would, you know, like to urge us not to get involved in this because of that.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Mayor --

MAYOR GELLER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- Mayor, can I respond?

MAYOR GELLER: No.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: It's my item.

MAYOR GELLER: No, I will --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Oh --

MAYOR GELLER: -- add you --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- okay.

MAYOR GELLER: -- as soon as --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Sorry.

MAYOR GELLER: -- after --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I'm sorry.

MAYOR GELLER: -- Vice-Mayor Udine.

Okay. Commissioner Holness, welcome.

Vice-Mayor Udine, you're recognized, sir.

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Thank you.

I -- I see what Commissioner Bogen was trying to do with the item. I -- I -- I don't -- I'm -- the issue that I have is when this was prepared, it was a few weeks ago, because I know we pushed it another couple weeks in the thing.

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I -- I have no problem voting for something like this if we took out Section 1. I don't want to prohibit any flights, and if we had -- I -- I just want to tell the airlines that we expect them to be doing a better job of screening when they're bringing incoming passengers.

I don't want to send a resolution that we're prohibiting anything, especially -- and it needs to be changed, in my opinion, because like the Mu variant has already been determined not to be an issue in this country anymore, or even in those. It's been -- the -- the -- some of the reports say that the Mu has pretty much been eradicated.

I -- I'm not commenting on the science on that --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: -- but I just think it should be a more generalized resolution, not to stop flights, but just to make sure we expect more significant screening.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: You want to make an amendment?

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: I don't know even -- if -- if the County Attorney wants to draft something and bring it back at the next meeting that doesn't require us to stop people from flying in from anywhere but that just says we expect a vigorous, you know, performance by the airlines of their duties when they're screening -- I don't even know how we can enforce them doing that, but I just think --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: -- that statement makes sense to me, not stopping people from flying in.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Commissioner Bogen, I have you next, but would you like to go last, or would you like to go after Commissioner Ryan?

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I'll -- I'll go last.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: So, I -- I --

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Ryan --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- I like what --

MAYOR GELLER: -- you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- I like what Commissioner Udine is saying, because I had a concern about, you know, what are we going to accomplish anyways. But if you -- if you tone it down, I think you'll have more focus on it and it'll get a little more attention.

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Is it possible -- to the County Attorney -- that we could temporarily pass this and then just pick it up in an hour or two? You could have somebody on your staff just, you know, do the revisions consistent with Commissioner Udine's recommendation?

MR. MEYERS: Yeah, Commissioner and Mayor, actually, we could -- we could probably do that right now. It's pretty easy, I think.

If -- if the Board wants to, we can strike Section 1, we can get rid of just the prefatory clause in Section 2, and then delete any stray references in there to urging someone to cease flying into the area.

And then the rest of it, I think, is sufficiently clear that you could vote on it now.

Or we could revise it and bring it back to you in a couple hours.

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Bogen, what is your pleasure, sir?

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I'm happy with the amendment.

I want to just address Commissioner Rich's issue. I think that we're responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of our residents.

Now, I do agree that this is a federal issue and, therefore, this resolution's not binding on anybody. This resolution has no force on anybody.

But I think it shows that we are -- you know, we -- we are responsible for the health, safety, and welfare, and if there -- if we're doing a bad job at COVID and other countries don't want to take our flights, I mean, you know, maybe that'll make people more aware to get vaccinated.

Maybe if other countries didn't allow Americans to come in, certain countries, maybe it would urge more people to get vaccinated and not just take it so lightly.

But, in any case, the only reason I have this here is because of what's going on abroad, of what's going on in the other countries.

I -- I'm happy with, you know, Commissioner Udine's -- Vice-Mayor Udine's amendment of instead of, you know, ceasing flights to Fort Lauderdale, you know, just urging them to make sure all passengers are -- are -- are vaccinated and taking all precautions to make sure everyone is vaccinated.

So, I have friends who are pilots. And I -- I talked to them and they tell me sometimes they see where, you know, they don't even think passengers are being checked. And this is overseas, not here.

So, this comes from talking with pilots that travel overseas, and he got on a flight somewhere when -- in some country, and they're not just checking, they're not going anything.

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So, that's up the airline, by the way. That's -- you know, that's up to the airline. It's not the country.

And so, any case, I'd be happy to have an amendment if maybe your staff would draft would draft it and bring it back to this meeting.

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner, the question is, I believe the County Attorney said it's not necessary to take a recess, that the amendment was sufficiently simple that he can orally --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Okay.

MAYOR GELLER: -- describe it.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Please.

MR. MEYERS: Yes, sir. So, I -- I would --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. MEYERS: -- I think, just delete Section 1 --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. MEYERS: -- and delete the introductory clause to Section 2, since there wouldn't be a suspension of flights that anyone's seeking.

And then, if there was any stray reference, which in looking at it, I --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: (Inaudible) urging the airlines to make sure all passengers are properly checked and -- you know, it's -- it's a joke, but anyway.

MR. MEYERS: Yes, sir. It says the Board expects and relies upon the airlines to take all necessary and appropriate measures to ensure -- and we can add to that and urges the airlines to meet this responsibility.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Okay.

MR. MEYERS: And I think that resolves it.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: The -- the motion by Vice-Mayor Udine to amend, seconded by the maker of the motion -- of the -- of the resolution --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: So, I'll move the --

MAYOR GELLER: -- (inaudible) --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- amended motion (inaudible).

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MAYOR GELLER: -- and is there any objection to the amendment?

Seeing no objection to the amendment, we're now on the motion as amended.

Commissioner Bogen moves the amended motion.

Is there any additional debate?

Seeing no --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Yeah.

MAYOR GELLER: -- additional --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Let me just --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Yes.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- let me just add --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Commissioner Holness, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- I -- I'm glad to see that the maker has agreed to the amendment. It's important that we certainly send a message that we want safety at our airport, but we also need to understand that we're in a global economy, and we don't want retaliation from other places, either.

I can tell you that whilst I was mayor and those two ships were out at sea, and we actually was the place that allow those folks safe pass -- passage home, the amount of calls I got from ambassadors and from consul generals from these countries applauding us for -- for what we did -- and we -- we need to understand also a huge part of our economy here in south Florida is from travel. It's tourism. And -- and we have to be mindful of -- of -- of what we -- what we do, how we -- how we deal with that.

So, let's -- I'm grateful we made the amendment and -- and it's been accepted.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

Any additional debate?

Seeing no additional debate, all those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show the motion adopted unanimously by an 8-zero vote.

I believe -- Dr. Sharief, you are not on the line, are you? No.

Show the motion adopted by an 8-zero vote.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

AGENDA ITEM 48

MAYOR GELLER: I believe the next pull that I have, in order, was Item 48, which -- which was by me, and it is co-sponsored by Senator Rich and by Commissioner Holness.

And, members, this is a -- just a resolution to the United States Congress and to the President of the United States.

We all know what a tremendous asset the Venezuelan community, the exile community, has been to the State of Florida.

We are also unfortunately aware of the brutal dictatorship that they are living under. That's one of the reasons six or eight weeks ago I hosted a Stand Up for Freedom rally for the Cuban and Venezuelan regime at Pembroke Pines City Hall, where we had at least between 15 and 20 elected officials.

This is similar to a motion that we have passed a number of months ago on behalf of the Haitian community.

One of my -- my Chief of Staff, who's behind me, is also an immigration attorney who has advised me that the current TPS that they have for one year is a ridiculous period of time because the TPS status, because of the backlogs in the court, actually are going to take up to five years.

So, this is urging President Biden and the Congress to, number one, extend the TPS status for up to five years for the Venezuelan community, and also to seek a path for citizenship for them.

I -- I am aware of some of the rhetoric that goes on across the country, anti-immigrant rhetoric, but the fact is that all of the data shows that the immigrant community is a huge economic benefit to this country. They are -- the initiative they showed to get here, the fact that they are willing to work so hard to make a success, the immigrant community absolutely is vital.

And I just want to point out that, despite all of the rhetoric on the part of one party, that my party, the Democrats, which happens to be all nine of us on this Commission, not being supportive of the Cuban community and the Venezuelan community, I expect this to pass unanimously among -- from this all-Democratic County Commission.

So, is there any -- that is the agenda item.

Is there any additional debate?

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Commissioner Holness, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Thank you for bringing the item.

Data will show that immigration helps us grow our economy. I think if we were to have full-fledge immigration reform, some data indicate that we could grow our economy by a trillion dollars over the next few years, and also that Social Security would be extended for a longer period of time and we'd get money coming in to help balance our budget, reducing the deficit, and possibly even starting to pay the debt down.

Unfortunately, as you stated, some people use this as political football to gain points at the expense of our economy and -- and -- and our community.

Yesterday, I also met with some folks from the Honduran community (Inaudible) and -- and they want us to work on doing something for the Honduran community also. They've been ravaged by hurricanes and the situation is still quite unstable there for us to -- and I'll bring that item at our next meeting. I told them I would, and I will, to grant them extension of the TPS status that they have now.

Certainly, the time period that is allotted for folks for the renewal, is -- it's one that's -- it -- it doesn't make sense that you have that kind of quick -- you know, by the time you get your documentation in and -- and your -- your status is -- is - - is (inaudible), you got to do it again.

MAYOR GELLER: Agreed.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: And in terms of the TPS recipient and the DACA recipient, these folks are no longer undocumented. It should be the easiest, cleanest pathway for us to get them to where they can get a permanent residency, often referred to as a green card, and then a pathway to where they can earn their citizenship to -- to -- to be full-fledge American.

And -- and understand, also, that many of these TPS recipient and DACA recipient have been here for more than 20 years contributing in a positive way to our country.

So, I'm -- I'm grateful you brought this, mayor. It's -- it's -- it's the right thing to do for us to ensure that we're being inclusive of the entire community that exist here in south Florida.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Commissioner.

Any additional debate?

Seeing no additional debate, all those in favor of the adoption of Item Number 48, please -- I'm sorry?

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MR. MEYERS: Did you have -- I just wanted to make sure you have a motion and a second?

MAYOR GELLER: Good point.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: I will make motion.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Moved by Commissioner Holness, seconded by Vice-Mayor Udine.

All those in favor, please -- thank you, County Attorney.

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show that adopted unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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AGENDA ITEM 8

MAYOR GELLER: We -- I believe that concludes the Commission pulls and we are now on the public pulls.

Item Number 14 has been pulled by Rita Lipof.

MS. HENRY: Number 8? Did we get to -- did we --

MAYOR GELLER: Number --

MS. HENRY: -- address Number 8?

MAYOR GELLER: -- 8.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Hold on.

MS. HENRY: It was pulled --

MR. MEYERS: And -- and --

MS. HENRY: -- (inaudible). I'm just trying to get --

MR. MEYERS: -- Mayor?

MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

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MR. MEYERS: And the only reason 8 was pulled from Consent, again, is because it involves the airport and the statute's not clear as to whether --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

MR. MEYERS: -- that could proceed on Consent.

MAYOR GELLER: Sorry. I don't have that.

So, Item 8.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Move the item.

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Second.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. The -- Item 8 has been moved by Commissioner Holness, seconded by Vice-Mayor Udine.

Is there any debate?

Seeing no debate, all those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show Item 8 adopted unanimously by a vote of 8-zero.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 56

MAYOR GELLER: Yes?

MR. MEYERS: And -- and, Mayor, just -- I know we went back and forth on 56.

MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

MR. MEYERS: But I think 56 was also pulled, ultimately, by Commissioner Holness.

MAYOR GELLER: It was.

MR. MEYERS: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: And I apologize. I have that lower under public pull. But let -- since it was also pulled by Commissioner Holness, Commissioner Holness, you're recognized, sir, on Item Number 56.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Yeah, I -- I just want to express my concern of allowing for an extension of another five years to this.

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There's a reason why on audits you want rotation. Five years is a very long time for one entity to be looking at your books.

I think that, at some point in time, the routine gets so regularized that you are not as, in my mind, objective, you're not -- so -- so, I -- I'm -- I'm concerned about that, that we do that.

I know that it take six objectors. I know it's not going to happen this morning for six folks to object to this going forward, but I just want to make sure that, you know, I express my concern that -- that we don't get ourself in a place where we get people who are -- and -- and I'm certain these folks are great. I know many of them. They're real good people, and they're going to do the best they can.

But, you know, all of us get into routines, and often when we get into routines, we just keep going, and we don't look at cleanly as we probably would as when you are new to a situation. It's like traveling to work, you -- it's almost automatic that you go through the motions.

I want to make sure that we -- we -- we -- we're -- we're cognizant of that fact, and -- and mindful that we ought to look at this from -- from that standpoint of being -- of having folks there that -- that will look at that and -- and also ensuring that when we do this, that they're coming to us --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- without having any -- an -- any -- any -- any thought that, well, maybe if I am appealing to management, to the Commission, to make things okay and -- and not ruffle feathers, then I'll get a chance to probably extend further.

I -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm really concerned about that.

And -- and I want to make sure also that my belief is that this is actually the public's auditor to look at us and our administration and -- and what we do and how we do it. And -- and that we, as the County administration and -- and County folks here, are not doing anything to in any way, shape, or form cause any kind of concern that these folks might not be objective when they're auditing and looking at what we do and how we do it.

That's my -- my concern.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, sir.

Commissioner Furr, followed by Commissioner Bogen. And whenever we get done, Commissioner Fisher, you'll close.

Commissioner Furr, you're recognized, followed by Commissioner Bogen, then Vice-Mayor Udine.

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COMMISSIONER FURR: Thank you, Mayor. (Inaudible.)

MS. HENRY: You have a member of the public also.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FURR: And I'll be brief on this.

I was of the mind previously that it should automatically, you know, revert or -- or change, have a rotation.

But I have had a chance to see a few of the white papers recently from this industry, and they are kind of suggesting that, you know, that automatic rotation may not be automatically the best way to do it.

And I think this give us a little more time.

Actually, I'm looking over a bunch of different white papers now that may be worth taking -- you know, worth our taking a look at because of some of the things they talk about -- when -- when it changes over, there's a better preponderance for mistakes, different things like that -- that I think we want to look at.

I think this -- having -- having the suggestions that you made, having it come back, gives us a little chance to look at that.

I'm -- I'm opening my mind to the possibility of this, where before it was pretty closed, to be honest.

But I -- I think some of the things that the industry is -- is bringing to light are probably worth taking a look at for all of us.

And that's all. Thanks.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

Commissioner Bogen, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Yeah. I concur with Commissioner Furr. I was very closed. I agreed in the past about this. And then had a chance to look into it more.

When people -- when good people do a good job, I -- I -- you know, you could start saying, you know, there can be corruption, we can all be corrupt and we might as well -- might as well all resign and let new people run for office under that theory, because, you know, the longer you stay in office, the longer you could just get complacent, just like any company.

So, I think let's to hold double standards. If -- if people do a good job and, you know, there's trust and confidence, I -- I -- I -- I think differently. You know, when I was talking to the Auditor about that, and I understand your position about it,

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but, you know, I think you can make that argument in -- with any profession, with anybody, including us.

And -- and so, I'm going to -- I support -- that's why I co-sponsored today, because I think that if there's a good company that does a good job, they shouldn't be excluded from trying to continue -- continue working.

That's all. Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Commissioner Bogen.

Vice-Mayor Udine, you're recognized, sir.

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: I was originally when this came to us, I think five years ago, and we talked about it, it was one of my first few things that we did, and I was very much in favor of just excluding the previous auditing firm, because at the time, that was more best practices.

And -- and -- and like Commissioner Furr said, this is evolving in this field.

Actually, we both just sat on the South Florida Regional Planning Council, we -- which is obviously a much smaller thing, but it was the same thing, and we voted to suspend the rule there.

We -- we -- the Audit Committee was then the deciding body that forwarded it up, and -- and I can just tell you, sitting on there, it -- we were lucky that we had the previous firm reapply, because there wasn't even really much of a comparison between the three firms that presented at the time.

In this case, being a much bigger audit, I'm -- I'm -- I agree with what the Mayor kind of alluded to at the beginning when we were talking about this. This is now just them being -- having the ability to compete. We are now a new Board. We're going to be the ones that are going to be ranking this and doing what normally the staff would do based on Florida statute.

So, we're a different group than ranked last time.

My own personal opinion is, like in baseball, the tie goes to the runner. And this -- when I'm doing my review up there, the tie would go to the non-incumbent.

But there's very few companies that do this now, so to preclude one of the bigger ones from applying I think would be a mistake with people looking at our financial report.

So, when this comes back -- I -- I know we're just doing a motion to direct, I'm going to support, with some of the changes that were proposed by the Auditor and -- and the Mayor, because I agree with them.

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But I -- I -- I agree with what Commissioner Holness is saying, but it's just evolving so much, I think we need to evolve with it, as well.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you, Vice-Mayor.

Commissioner Ryan, followed by Senator Rich.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: The debate's interesting, and so it kind of brings up to me the whole concept of term limits.

So, you know, you can run for an office, up in Tallahassee for the Senate, for two four-year terms. Of course, you can always modify it a little bit if you're going through that redistricting and you do the odds and the evens --

MAYOR GELLER: I was in the Senate for 11 years.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- and -- and -- and --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- get a -- get a little two-year boost.

But, you know, (inaudible) we have three --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- three four-year terms here on the County Commission.

I mean, at some point, there ought to be some turnover. I just -- I never agreed with the -- the eight years up in Tallahassee, but this -- the 12 years here I think is -- is kind of like the -- the sweet spot. It's appropriate.

So, maybe between now and when we come back, I would like to maybe speak with somebody over on your staff and get, Bob, your thoughts on this as our Auditor, whether that might be a compromise that you would be comfortable with.

MAYOR GELLER: And, Commissioner Ryan, respectfully, with -- you're about to be termed out, and I think that's a good example of why term limits are bad, considering the job that you have done as a County Commissioner.

Senator Rich --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: I didn't hear that. Will you say that again?

MAYOR GELLER: You heard me.

(Laughter.)

MAYOR GELLER: You only get once.

Senator Rich, you're recognized, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Thank you.

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I -- my -- my feeling about this is that I do think that the incumbent should have an opportunity to compete. That's -- that's kind of the bottom line for me, and -- you know, because there may not be a firm that's as good as they are. Maybe they -- there will be, and that'll come out, possibly.

So, I just think it's just fair competition would be good.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

Before I -- Commissioner Fisher closes, I will say I was starting off absolutely opposed to this, but when I read the letter from the AICPA, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, saying that the trend has been away from this and why AICPA is opposed to the limits, that's why I have offered my amendments just to say tie goes against the incumbent.

Commissioner Fisher, you're recognized to close, sir.

COMMISSIONER FISHER: Thank you, Mayor. And just -- I'll be brief, because lot of the comments have already been said.

But first of all, I want to thank Mr. Melton for his -- his memorandums that we've received, and most recently the one of recommendations of -- of some additional tweaking and some amendments to that.

So, I appreciate your -- your efforts that.

And -- and the item was brought forward from me because, simply, as it's been said, this is not an automatic renewal. It just allows this firm to be able to compete.

Now that we all sit on there, you know, we're the majority, so we'll be able to make that final decision.

So, it's just a simplistic move to be able to let them compete, and let's move the item forward.

Thank you for your suggestions, Mayor. I think those are great.

And again, thank you, for -- Mr. Melton. And, obviously, I like Number 1, and so we'll talk about that when it brings (inaudible).

So, it is a motion to direct.

Thank you --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FISHER: -- Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: And before we vote, there is one member of the public, Nick Matthews.

Nick Matthews, are you on the phone, sir? Mr. Matthews? Nick Matthews.

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MR. MATTHEWS: Yes. Yes, I -- yes, Mayor. Good morning. This is Nick Matthews.

MAYOR GELLER: Sir, you have three minutes.

MR. MATTHEWS: I'm with the Becker firm. Yeah. I will do my best to not take three minutes because I know a lot of what I want to say has been said by members of the Commission.

Thank you, Commissioner Fisher, for bringing this kind of common-sense item forward, and taking on the task of updating a really outdated policy.

There is a reason Miami-Dade to the south, and, to the north, Palm Beach have moved away from this policy. Some of the School Boards around the state have moved away from this really kind of outdated policy. The industry's obviously changing, and there (inaudible) contraction in the industry that really focuses on (inaudible) audits.

I think, Mayor Geller, you -- you pointed to the AICPA, and there are some really arguments why the oppose these kind of arbitrary mandated rotations. These -- this is a nationwide organization of professionals that believes the mandated rotation leads to increase in audit failures, increase in startup costs, loss of institutional knowledge, and reducing the incentives to be efficient and (inaudible) quality audit work for the County.

And -- and I think any of the arguments that would support this arbitrary rotation, this -- this coziness that possibly could happen with audit professionals and County staff is -- is kind of a outdated kind of far-fetched idea.

And if there was anything in the track record of a firm that the Commission was uncomfortable with, you are now serving as the evaluators. If there's any part of a track record of any firm that you're not comfortable with, you have the ability to take that into account in a competitive solicitation where you are reviewing their track record and their -- their previous work, and you rank them accordingly.

So, the underlying principle here is a competitive process that will bring forward (inaudible) proposals from all the best firms.

And so, we -- we really support Commissioner Fisher's item and look forward to working on this with you.

Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FISHER: I'll move it.

MAYOR GELLER: All those -- it's moved by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Second.

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MAYOR GELLER: -- Commissioner Bogen.

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show that adopted unanimously by an 8-zero vote.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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AGENDA ITEM 14

MAYOR GELLER: The next pull, I believe, is Item 30 -- there are no more Commission pulls, and the next pull is public pull, I believe Item 35.

MS. HENRY: 14.

MAYOR GELLER: 14. Oh, that's what I was -- the one starting, and then we stopped that.

Also, Ms. Lipof has also pulled 35, so, County Attorney, we have -- can we call her up on both at the same time?

MS. HENRY: And 47.

MAYOR GELLER: I'm sorry?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MS. HENRY: She pulled 47.

MAYOR GELLER: And 47. Okay. Well, 47 is not on Consent, is it?

(VICE-MAYOR UDINE LEFT THE ROOM.)

MS. HENRY: No, just -- just letting you know that (inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: All right. Ms. Lipof on Items -- County Attorney, 14 and 35, and 47 will be separate. That's not a pull -- it's not Consent.

So, what is the procedure, sir?

MR. MEYERS: I -- I mean, you could put all three items on the table if you wanted to, but if she has only pulled three items, I mean, maybe just take them one at a time.

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MAYOR GELLER: Okay. All right. Ms. Lipof, you're recognized on Item 14, ma'am. You have three minutes.

Rita Lipof, are you on the --

MS. LIPOF: Hi.

MAYOR GELLER: Sorry?

MS. LIPOF: I'm on the line.

MAYOR GELLER: All right. Thank you, ma'am. Your --

MS. LIPOF: Can you hear me?

MAYOR GELLER: -- three minutes will start once you begin speaking.

MS. LIPOF: Okay. Thank you.

I fully know that you have no interest in what I have to say.

(VICE-MAYOR UDINE RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MS. LIPOF: Regardless of that, I do want to bring your attention to this item, Number 14, in part because of a Google search. And I can only wonder if you all look at the history of these groups that you are giving, at the drop of a hat, \$200,000, a for-profit business that then they get free money to improve their business.

I am familiar with all the hoops and what your staff tell you, but this is clearly a business, a group of people, who get this kind of money from all different counties and all different organizations, and this is their business model, to have free government money.

And what -- what is coming from it long-term?

Anyway, I know you don't care what I have to say. So, I won't take my three minutes, as, you know, I'm sure you'll all vote for it nine to zero.

I'm done.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you, ma'am. We'll call you back momentarily.

Is there a motion on Item -- Item 14?

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: I'll move (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Holness moves approval of Item 14. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FISHER: Second.

MAYOR GELLER: Seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Mayor?

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MAYOR GELLER: Is there debate?

Commissioner Holness, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: This -- this -- this (inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Your mic.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Okay. Thank you.

This -- this is in my district. It used to be a Walgreen's pharmacy. It's been closed for at least 15 years.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Shh. Okay. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: For 15 years, this property's been empty, which helps to cause blight within an area that's already blighted --

(COMMISSIONER RYAN LEFT THE ROOM.)

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- an area that has high unemployment and high poverty.

We tried to get that place occupied, working with the owners of this building. We tried Aldi's and a few other places. But Aldi's said they would not put a store in this location -- there was another grocery store; can't remember the name now - - because there was not enough disposable income.

Now, Aldi's is not a high-end grocery chain. That's the reason why this space has been empty for 15, maybe as much as 20 years it's -- it's been empty sitting there.

This will bring some uplift to this community that's blighted. It will create a number of jobs. It will create commercial activity in this area.

This, in my mind, is what we ought to be doing in communities similarly situated as this to create a uplift.

This is in the 33311 ZIP Code. We've seen a little bit of activity now. The Shell station that had sat there for many years blighted is now being revamped and -- and soon to be open, if not open yet in the last couple of days to be a 7-Eleven, upgraded.

This will continue that.

And across the street, there's another entity that was there for many years, a landscaping company. Someone else bought that, and we're helping them to build something on that site, again to lift this area up.

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And it's not going to be a hundred jobs created, but we -- we need to encourage and support commerce within areas that have been left behind and that are blighted, that has high poverty and -- and -- and -- and -- and -- and -- and high unemployment.

So, that's the reason I'm supporting this item.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Ms. Lipof, I -- I don't see any other -- okay. I will save my remarks until the end.

Senator Rich, followed by Commissioner Furr.

COMMISSIONER FURR: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: (Inaudible) Senator Rich --

COMMISSIONER FURR: Oh, I'm sorry.

MAYOR GELLER: -- followed by Commissioner Furr.

COMMISSIONER RICH: I'm going to support this.

And I just want to say, this is in the Broward Municipal Services District. There's no municipality stepping up to help them, of our 31 municipalities. This is our responsibility.

And so, I'm very happy to support this.

Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Furr, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Along those same lines. The one thing I would hope that happens is -- I mean, this is a -- an (inaudible) -- we're -- like you said, we're acting as a municipality. We're trying to fund innovation and -- and support here.

I do hope that it's being put into structural improvements so that if, for some reason, one of the new tenants doesn't make it, that it's set for the next one.

And I don't know if that's the way it's being presented, but for -- for instance --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- if -- if a restaurant's going in there, it's going in to -- building into a really good kitchen that, if they don't make it, the next one can try -- try.

And -- and I'm hoping it's being worked that way. Do -- do we have any assurances on that?

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Yes.

MS. HENRY: I was going to have Mr. McDonald --

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COMMISSIONER FURR: Okay. Good.

MS. HENRY: -- respond.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Yeah. I mean, this is -- like -- as Commissioner Holness said, this -- sometimes you get a couple places that it's just hard to get something going --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Yes.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- and you kind of have to build it up and scaffold it up to make it --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- to make it workable. So --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: So, until Mr. McDonald come on, let me tell you --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- that I was out at the site.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: I've visited the site. There'll be improvement to the exterior --

COMMISSIONER FURR: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- of the property, there'll be improvement to the interior.

It's a large space now, so part of what's going to happen is that they're going to break the space in -- into two pieces.

COMMISSIONER FURR: So, these are all structural improvements.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: It -- it's going to be structural improvement --

COMMISSIONER FURR: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- that's going in. It's -- it -- it is capital structural improvement that is going to be done.

And also, part of what we've done with this program is put our CBE, our small business, to work on these improvements also.

And I don't know if --

(COMMISSIONER RYAN RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

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COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: – Mr. McDonalds [sic] is on, and he can chime in, but I've been working very closely with Mr. McDonald and -- and -- and our Office of Small Business and Economic Development on this project.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you --

COMMISSIONER FURR: That -- that's --

MAYOR GELLER: -- Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- what I needed to know.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: And I'm happy to --

MAYOR GELLER: That was --

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- support it.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Okay.

MAYOR GELLER: -- (inaudible).

Do we need to hear from Mr. McDonald?

MS. HENRY: I don't -- I believe the Commissioner said (inaudible).

MR. MCDONALD: I'm here if you choose.

MAYOR GELLER: Yeah, Mr. McDonald, you're recognized, sir.

MR. MCDONALD: Good morning, Mayor --

MAYOR GELLER: (Inaudible) --

MR. MCDONALD: -- and Commissioners.

MAYOR GELLER: -- to add in addition to what Commissioner Holness has just pointed out?

MR. MCDONALD: Actually, Commissioner Furr, Commissioner Holness just summed it up.

Again, these are multiple projects you've approved previously.

The tenants, the property owners, have the opportunity from everything from the facade grant and/or property improvement.

You have a couple of projects coming down the road that are actually going to be new construction economic development, even with additional jobs.

But we are working with your Construction Management Division, we're working with the County's Code Division, we actually all go through Planning. So, we're

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making sure that, though we're investing these dollars into some properties which have age on them, we're also making sure we're meeting all the codes.

And, yes, Commissioner Furr, from a structural perspective, it's even written in the agreements, if we begin to do work and identify some of those items that becomes challenging to the business, it becomes outside of our grant, and that ownership has to take those additional responsibilities.

So, we're actually going through the process to assure that we can have successful not only facade and/or property improvement.

And, again, these are some of the hardest to approve properties, because of the district, that you have allowed us, with your resource toolbox, to go into that community and do everything from facade grants, property improvements, some demolition grants, land assembly, and, as you now know, we even have a loan program in that area specifically targeting those properties.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

MR. MCDONALD: Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Commissioner.

And let me close and just say that I agree with what Senator Rich said, which was largely what I was going to say.

Ms. Lipof, the -- this Commission has adopted a policy in the BMSD, which means there's no -- Broward Municipal Services District -- there's not a local government, a city that can help them. They are unincorporated areas. The County is their local government.

And we have adopted a policy that we want these areas upgraded. And if the way to do that is for the County to provide grants -- yes, we realize they are to the private sector, but we've seen it may be the only way of actually improving the - - the area with -- and to eliminate the blight, because the blight can either spread or it can be curtailed and put new growth in, and that's what we prefer.

Commissioner Ryan -- no, Commissioner Holness, you've spoken twice.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: I -- yeah.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: I haven't spoken --

MAYOR GELLER: No.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- yet, but I -- I didn't mean --

MAYOR GELLER: (Inaudible) Commissioner Ryan, then Commissioner Bogen.

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COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- I didn't mean to go after you, you know, because you had a nice close.

But one thing Sandy McDonald mentioned was about land assemblage.

So, if you're still on the phone, is -- is this one of these zoning districts where we have expanded the -- the commercial zone a little bit further from the street to allow businesses -- you know, nowadays, there are -- they need larger lots. They put parking in the back, and then they have, you know, walls and landscaping. And it really allows businesses to establish in neighborhoods that -- that, you know, they're the older neighborhoods, and they have these like really thin commercial zoning areas right on the street. And that prevented, you know, larger, you know, more modern businesses from locating.

Sandy, is this one of these districts? Because that really becomes a real municipal decision. I see that in various cities, and I just wanted your -- you comment on that, because that would really, I think, further buttress the incentives that have been promoted by Commissioner Holness.

MS. HENRY: Mr. McDonald.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is he still there?

MAYOR GELLER: Members, I just want to remind you, this item was on Consent. Okay.

MR. MCDONALD: BMSD is one of the districts that the Commission has worked with the Planning and Zoning that allows within a flood zone areas for that consideration.

So, the ideal about setback, not this specific property, but the ideal about setback in these districts can be considered and be different than those around the County. That is correct.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Commissioner Bogen --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Yeah.

MAYOR GELLER: -- did you still want -- okay.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: No.

MAYOR GELLER: All right. Commissioner Holness, you've spoken twice. This isn't your item. It's --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: This is one. It is --

MAYOR GELLER: -- a County item.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- in my district.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mayor, just call --

MAYOR GELLER: It's administration.

You're recognized.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: So -- so, I just -- okay. It's very brief.

This actually is in a CRA that's not TIF'd. And this is the first time we're actually putting -- and I think the CRA was created, if my memory serve me correct, about 1983 or so. So, it's been a long time that this -- and other CRAs, TIF CRAs, have gotten a lot of money. This is the first time we're actually really putting some (inaudible) -- real dollars to do what a CRA would normally do --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- in this community.

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: I'll move the item.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Yes. Item is moved by Vice-Mayor Udine, seconded by Commissioner Holness.

All those in favor of Item 14, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show that adopted unanimously.

Members, I just want to point out that Items that are on Consent and are -- and been pulled, are getting an awful lot of debate with unanimous votes.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 35

MAYOR GELLER: So, on to Item 35.

Ms. Lipof, are you still on the line? Ms. Lipof. Rita Lipof, I believe you're still there.

MS. LIPOF: Yeah. I just got un-muted. They -- they --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

MS. LIPOF: -- (inaudible).

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MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you.

Ms. Lipof, again, this is Item 35, and you have three minutes.

And I think you see we did listen to what you had to say on -- on the last one. We --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: No --

MAYOR GELLER: -- I mean, we didn't --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- don't talk for yourself.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mayor?

MAYOR GELLER: -- agree, but --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I wouldn't listen to this lady if you --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- paid me.

(COMMISSIONER HOLNESS LEFT THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

(Laughter.)

MAYOR GELLER: Ms. Lipof, you're recognized, ma'am.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's a disgrace.

MAYOR GELLER: Ms. Lipof.

MS. LIPOF: Yeah. Yeah, you know, you just insulted me. So, I'm taking a breath. Anyway --

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner --

MS. LIPOF: -- yeah, they've owned that property since 1984. They made it into a blight property. It's worth \$3,000,000 (inaudible) --

MAYOR GELLER: Ms. Lipof, are you on Item 35? Because that's what you're recognized on, ma'am.

MS. LIPOF: No, I (inaudible) what you said about the other item.

MAYOR GELLER: Ms. Lipof, you're recognized on Item 35. We've already voted on --

MS. LIPOF: Okay.

MAYOR GELLER: -- the other item.

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MS. LIPOF: So, on -- I know. I know. And I knew you would vote nine-oh, but I spoke anyway.

Item 35, I just question that some of the people that you're including that are going to be selecting the auditor, as so many of people -- of the people on this list are either under investigation or have been found complicit in some very serious things.

Of course, there is the pending October 22nd Florida Ethics Commission meeting about Lamar Fisher's nefarious activities --

MAYOR GELLER: (Strikes gavel.) Ma'am --

MS. LIPOF: -- (inaudible) --

MAYOR GELLER: -- I will ask you to keep your remarks --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Can you cut her --

MAYOR GELLER: -- on to Item 35.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- Mayor, can you cut her? This is -- this is outrageous and absurd. And I think -- I would ask you to cut her off.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. County Attorney?

MR. MEYERS: As -- as distasteful and unsubstantiated as this is, I guess what she's attempting to do is attack the character of -- of individuals who would be serving on a committee, and --

MAYOR GELLER: Is this related to, in your opinion, Item 35?

MR. MEYERS: -- I -- I -- let's give her 15 more seconds, Mayor, if we can, and if she continues down this path, then I think it'd be appropriate to stop her.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Ms. Lipof --

MS. LIPOF: Well, I'm speaking --

MAYOR GELLER: -- you've heard the advice of the County Attorney.

MS. LIPOF: -- I -- you're saying that you're not letting me speak because you feel personally attacked? What is that? Is this not the United States of America?

I am speaking to your item where you list yourself, Mayor Geller, and other Commissioners. I'm sure Mr. Bogen doesn't want to hear --

MAYOR GELLER: (Inaudible.)

MS. LIPOF: -- what I want to say, because I'm positive he doesn't like that he's under investigation by the Broward OIG for his firm representing homeowners'

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associations that are being investigated by County employees through a HUD contract --

(COMMISSIONER HOLNESS RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MS. LIPOF: -- which clearly is very serious, or the complaint would not have been taken.

And regarding Mr. Fisher, I sent you all a copy of the hearing notice, and I can assure that all of my complaints that I make are not accepted. And when the Florida --

(COMMISSIONER RYAN LEFT THE ROOM.)

MS. LIPOF: -- Commission on Ethics accepts a complaint; it is for something very serious.

And I also sent you all the State Attorney's --

MAYOR GELLER: You have ten seconds.

MS. LIPOF: -- representative's notice on Tim Ryan not listing his outside employment.
And (inaudible) --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

AT and T Operator, she's done.

(COMMISSIONER RYAN RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: Is there any additional discussion on Item 35?

COMMISSIONER FISHER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Yes, Commissioner Fisher.

COMMISSIONER FISHER: Thank you, Mayor.

And I just have to, when -- when someone creates a record, I just have to --

MAYOR GELLER: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER FISHER: -- be able to make a statement as -- as Ms. Lipof had sent an e-mail to this Board this morning stating that I have been under investigation for the Florida Commission of Ethics for over a year, and the determination will be on October 22nd.

And I just want to confirm that Ms. Lipof did file a complaint based solely on an inaccurate online story.

The complaint has been thoroughly investigated by the Commission's legal advocate, who has recommended to the Commission that there will be no probable cause to suggest that a 112 violation has occurred.

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I fully anticipate that -- the Commission to agree with the advocate's recommendation and dismiss the matter outright on October the 22nd.

I just want to put that on the record.

Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

Commissioner Fisher, I am shocked to hear you suggest that a story on the internet might not be completely accurate. Shocked.

Commissioner Bogen, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Yeah. I -- I didn't know the OIG talks about their investigations if I'm under investigation. I thought it's kept confidential. But she must have an insider in there and know something I don't know.

But I -- I know this --

MAYOR GELLER: For the record, the County Attorney nodded in agreement on the confidentiality.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- I -- I -- I want to offer my free services, because it's going to happen within a week. I'm happy to represent anybody for free.

Ms. Lipof wants to get to know us. I think that she's going to be held accountable for what she's saying publicly, and I'm going to have her prove what she's saying in court, and let her know publicly, Ms. Lipof, please counsel up, because I'm not going to sit here and allow people, including -- including myself, to be defamed by your -- your slanderous allegations.

I -- I offer, again, if you -- you know, if you need help with a psychiatrist, let me know. I know some good ones.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Is there any additional debate on Item 35?

If --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- item --

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Second.

MAYOR GELLER: -- moved by Commissioner Holness, seconded by Vice-Mayor Udine.

MR. MEYERS: Mayor, as amended, by (inaudible) --

MAYOR GELLER: As --

MR. MEYERS: -- yes.

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MAYOR GELLER: -- amended.

MR. MEYERS: Yes.

What was the amendment?

MR. MEYERS: It's -- it's also to -- to add the Chief Financial Officer as a -- a (inaudible) -

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MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

MR. MEYERS: -- financial (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Have we adopted that amendment yet?

MR. MEYERS: It's been in the -- Monday night memo says the Board's action will cover that, but I just wanted --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

MR. MEYERS: -- to (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: Is there a motion to approve the amendment?

COMMISSIONER RICH: So move.

MAYOR GELLER: Moved by Senator Rich --

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Second.

MAYOR GELLER: Seconded by Vice-Mayor Udine.

Is there any objection to the amendment?

Show the amendment adopted.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

MAYOR GELLER: Now Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Do -- well --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

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MAYOR GELLER: -- do you want to -- did you want to debate that? If so, I'll -- I will reconsider the vote.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible) --

MAYOR GELLER: All right.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- not voted on yet.

MAYOR GELLER: Well, actually, I just -- we had just adopted the amendment.

If you are concerned about that, I'll reconsider that if you want to debate it, sir.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible) the concern I have is (inaudible) --

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner, your mic is not on.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Sorry. What might be seen as influence on the selection as to who is represented. I know Mr. Tablack is a good man. County Administrator is also. But there's concern that I've received from folks that this could basically skew the selection in one way or the other.

That's a concern that's out there, and we have to be mindful of that as -- as we vote.

I don't know that it will or will not, but there are folks who are concerned about it.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Commissioner, last chance. If you want me to reconsider the vote, I will. If not, we're going to move on and vote now on the bill as amended.

Not seeing anything, all right.

All those -- Commissioner -- Senator Rich moved Item 35 as amended. It was seconded by Vice-Mayor.

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show that adopted unanimously by a vote of 8-zero.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

(COMMISSIONER HOLNESS VOTE TELEPHONICALLY.)

PUBLIC HEARING

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AGENDA ITEM 28

MAYOR GELLER: The next -- I believe that completes the Consent Agenda. Okey-dokey.
We -- let me see where we are now, get back to my script.

MR. MEYERS: Public Hearing, sir.

MS. HENRY: Public Hearing.

MAYOR GELLER: Public Hearing. Let's begin the Public Hearing. And we really need to work out a way of doing the -- what you're going to read on the Public Hearing.
So --

MR. MEYERS: Mayor?

MAYOR GELLER: Yes, sir.

MR. MEYERS: Just so you know, we do provide a script to be read that's truncated as much as we think it should be.

MAYOR GELLER: Good. Okay.

Our Public Hearing items are Items 28 through 34.

Staff will open each Public Hearing item and recognize any members of the public who wish to comment.

Upon completion of any -- of any public comment on the item, the item will come back to the dais.

The Public Hearing on Item Number 28 is now open.

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: Item 28 is a motion to adopt resolution to vacate a five-foot utility easement lying within Lot 1, a three-foot utility easement lying within Lots 2 and 3, and three-foot utility easements lying within Lot 15, all lying within Block 1 of Sunnyside Estates, as recorded as Plat Book 19, Page 35 of the Official Records of Broward County.

There are no speakers signed up to speak on this item.

MAYOR GELLER: Is there a motion to approve Item 28.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Second.

MAYOR GELLER: Moved by Commissioner Holness, seconded by Vice-Mayor Udine.

All those in favor of adopting Item 28, please -- is there any debate?

Seeing no debate, all those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

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Show that adopted without objection.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

AGENDA ITEM 29

MAYOR GELLER: County Attorney, 29's a long one. I was going to cut off the legal description after like page 21, first word of line 4. Can I do that?

MR. MEYERS: That -- that's fine, Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. That's what I wanted us to go through in advance for -- you know, I only have I think one more meeting, or two meetings.

But all right. Please read Item Number 29, stopping after you read page 21.

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: The Public Hearing on Item 29 is -- is now open.

Item 29 is a motion to adopt resolution to vacate a ten-foot utility easement and ten-foot roadway easement lying within Parcel A of Wyndham Lakes Plaza, recorded in Plat Book 163, Page 21.

MR. MEYERS: Mayor --

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: There -- there --

MR. MEYERS: -- (inaudible) focusing on it when you said that. There are other easements that are referenced, so if he could just read the additional easements.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

MR. MEYERS: I think it's (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: Just read --

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: From the beginning?

MAYOR GELLER: -- (inaudible) reading.

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: From the beginning?

MAYOR GELLER: No --

MR. MEYERS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- continue reading from page 21.

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: A 12-foot utility easement and 12-foot roadway easement lying within Parcel A of Windsor Square, recorded in Plat Book 158, Page 26, and abandoning a variable width roadway easement recorded in Official Records

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Book 26654, Page 424, a portion of the Wiles Road right-of-way recorded in Official Records Book 330, Page 162, and a portion of Wiles Road right-of-way and recorded in Official Records Book 14536, Page 965, all references being in the Official Records of Broward County.

There are no speakers signed up to speak on this item.

MAYOR GELLER: Is there a motion?

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: So move.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Second.

MAYOR GELLER: Moved by Vice-Mayor Udine, seconded by Commissioner Holness.

Is there any debate?

Seeing no debate, all those in favor of Item Number 29, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show Item 29 adopted unanimously by a vote of 8-zero.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

AGENDA ITEM 30

MAYOR GELLER: Please read Item 30. The Public Hearing is now open.

(COMMISSIONER RYAN LEFT THE ROOM.)

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: Item Number 30 is a motion to enact ordinance adopting a small-scale amendment to the County Land Use Plan PC 21-8 located in the City of Sunrise.

There are no speakers signed up to speak on this item.

MAYOR GELLER: Is there a motion?

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: So move.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Moved by Vice-Mayor Udine, seconded by Commissioner Holness.

Is there any debate?

Seeing no debate, all those in favor of Item Number 30, please signify by saying aye.

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Opposed?

Show that adopted unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONERS SHARIEF AND RYAN WERE NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

AGENDA ITEM 31

MAYOR GELLER: The Public Hearing on Item Number 31 is now open.

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: Item Number 31 is a motion to enact ordinance adopting a small-scale amendment to the County Land Use Plan PC 21-10, located in the City of Pompano Beach.

Consideration of this item shall be based on the revisions to Exhibit A of Exhibit 1 distributed as additional material.

There are no speakers signed up to speak on this item.

MAYOR GELLER: Vice-Mayor Udine moves Item 31, seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

Is there any debate?

(COMMISSIONER RYAN RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: Seeing no debate, all those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show Item 31 adopted without objection.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

AGENDA ITEM 32

MAYOR GELLER: Public Hearing is now open on Item Number 32.

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: Item 32 is a motion to enact ordinance adopting small-scale amendment to the land -- County Land Use Plan Map PC 21-11, located in the City of Pompano Beach.

Considerations of this item shall be based on the revisions to Exhibit A of Exhibit 1 distributed as additional material.

There are no speakers signed up to speak on this item.

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MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Is -- County -- County Attorney, is Item Number --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- Item 31 and 32 are the non-conforming uses; is that correct?

MR. MEYERS: Yes, that's correct.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Let me speak very briefly on Item 31 and 32.

These items are conforming --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- these items are conforming the existing as built to the current land use, because they are currently non-conforming uses.

I had originally discussed postponing these, but -- to put them into a larger item, but we decided that we will approve these right now.

But I do have an item coming to make what we're doing on these countywide. And the reason is these two condominiums are both going to have major problems, are, in fact, currently having major insurance problems because they can't rebuild what they have right now, and insurance is raising questions that, since they were built --

(COMMISSIONER HOLNESS LEFT THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- legally under the code at the time, but can't rebuild, what is the insurable interest if they can't rebuild it.

So, we brought up this exact same issue in the Condominium Study Commission. We are aware that this is a problem, and I have been working with County Planning staff to do what we are doing in Items 31 and 32 on a countywide basis. And that should be either the next meeting or the meeting after that.

(COMMISSIONER FURR LEFT THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: Senator Rich, followed by Commissioner Fisher.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yeah, I -- I just want to say that I kind of evolved on this, because voted no in the Planning Council on both of these.

However, I've had long conversations with Maite, who does our land use, and she's outstanding, and it -- it did really come up, the issue that you mentioned, about the problems that the homeowners are having, the -- with insurance. A and -- and no one seems to know, actually, no one can find, going back I think to 1977, how this happened and how it got built like this, but it did.

So, I think at this point, I mean, we have to look at the -- the people and impact that this is having on them.

COMMISSION MINUTES

So, I am supporting this.

Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

Commissioner Fisher.

COMMISSIONER FISHER: Yeah, real quick, Mayor, because I actually have been working on these items, because these two items happened to be in the City of Pompano Beach when I was Mayor.

So, I'm glad that they're here, and I'm glad that the Commission's going to support it.

Just want to thank Cecelia Ward, thank Jean Dolan at the city just for all their efforts, and obviously thank the condominium presents who have been heavily involved in this.

So, appreciate all your efforts.

And, as we move it forward, I -- I agree, Mayor, we want to make those changes because we don't want to put these folks in jeopardy any longer.

So, so happy to get these moving forward.

Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

Is there any additional debate?

Seeing no additional debate, Commissioner Fisher moves Item 32, seconded by Vice-Mayor Udine.

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show that adopted unanimously by a vote of --

(COMMISSIONER HOLNESS RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- 7-zero.

MR. MEYERS: With -- with Commissioner Furr not on the dais.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Right. With Commissioner Furr temporarily absent.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONERS SHARIEF AND FURR WERE NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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(VICE-MAYOR UDINE LEFT THE ROOM.)

AGENDA ITEM 33

MAYOR GELLER: Please -- the Public Hearing on Item Number 33 is now open.

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: Item 33 has two parts. The Board will consider both parts at the same time.

Part A is a motion to adopt resolution to transmit to designated state agencies a proposed amendment to the County Land Use Map -- Land Use Plan Map 20 -- PC 21-9 in the City of Hollywood.

Part B is a motion to adopt resolution to transmit to designed state agencies a proposed amendment to the County Land Use Plan Text PCT 21-5, establishing the Oakwood Activity Center in the City of Hollywood.

There are no speakers signed up to speak on this item.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

(COMMISSIONER FURR AND VICE-MAYOR UDINE RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: Before I proceed, Commissioner Furr moves -- requests unanimous consent to be shown as voting in the affirmative on Item Number 32.

Show that done without objection.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: Is there a motion -- and then I know we have two hands already in debate.

Item 33 is moved by Vice-Mayor Udine, seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

Senator Rich, you're recognized, ma'am, followed by Commissioner Ryan.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yeah. I just want to -- I think probably Mr. Mele is on the line, but I had had a question on this in the Planning Council about (inaudible) affordable housing, and he has worked (inaudible) increasing it, so I (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: Is it this one or (inaudible).

COMMISSIONER RICH: I said I had had an issue on the Planning Council on this --

(VICE-MAYOR UDINE LEFT THE ROOM.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- because of the percentage of affordable housing, which was 7.5 percent. So, I -- I had asked Mr. Mele to take a look at it.

COMMISSION MINUTES

And I believe he's on the line and can comment on an increase in the percentage.

MAYOR GELLER: Mr. Mele, Dennis Mele, are you on the line? Dennis Mele? Who, by the way, is a former --

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yeah.

MAYOR GELLER: -- five years ago --

COMMISSIONER RICH: Uh-huh.

MAYOR GELLER: -- law partner of mine.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Right.

MAYOR GELLER: Mr. Mele. Dennis, are you on the line?

MR. MELE: Yes. Yes, Mayor.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yes.

MR. MELE: I'm on the --

MAYOR GELLER: You're recognized, sir.

MR. MELE: -- line. Can you hear me?

MAYOR GELLER: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yes.

MAYOR GELLER: You're recognized.

MR. MELE: Okay. This is Dennis Mele -- this is Dennis Mele on behalf of the applicant.

On this amendment, the staff recognized that with the seven and a half percent, we had satisfied the affordable housing policy.

Now, the reason for that is some time ago the City of Hollywood and the County entered into a settlement over the CRA, and additional funds were pledged for affordable housing as part of that.

So, with that in place, the staff was comfortable --

(VICE-MAYOR UDINE RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MR. MELE: that seven and a half percent met the affordable housing policy.

At the Planning Council meeting, they asked if we could increase it to ten percent, and we can, and we will increase it to ten percent, even though the staff report found seven and a half was sufficient in this case.

COMMISSION MINUTES

So, we would revise our restrictive covenant that we've drafted to provide for ten percent instead of seven and a half.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER RICH: And --

MAYOR GELLER: Don't go anywhere, Mr. Mele.

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- I -- I just --

MAYOR GELLER: County Attorney, is there any amendment necessary from the dais, or is that already in the plan or --

MR. MEYERS: I -- I think -- just in an abundance of caution, I think we should say that the item's approved with the DRC revised to provide ten percent instead of 7.5 percent.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you, sir.

COMMISSIONER RICH: (Inaudible) --

MAYOR GELLER: Senator Rich --

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- and I --

MAYOR GELLER: -- you're recognized --

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yeah.

MAYOR GELLER: -- ma'am.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible) second her motion --

COMMISSIONER RICH: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- on that amendment.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Wait. But I'm not sure she's agreed to that.

COMMISSIONER RICH: No, no, I --

MAYOR GELLER: Senator Rich --

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- I do. I --

MAYOR GELLER: -- you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- I just -- I just, you know, want to thank Mr. Mele, because, you know, there are some of our land use attorneys and people that really work with us on the affordable housing and try their best to increase where -- where they possibly can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

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COMMISSIONER RICH: So, I very much appreciate this.

This is significant, because this is a 3800 multi-family units, so it's -- you know, it's -- it's another additional amount of affordable housing.

So, I just want to thank him for working on that.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Senator Rich moves the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Holness.

Is there any objection to the amendment?

If not, show the amendment -- before we vote on the amendment, Commissioner Ryan, for what purpose?

COMMISSIONER RYAN: I believe that, in an abundance of caution, I am going to abstain on this item.

As I look at the map, this is a parcel of property that the prior owner, the one that sold it to the current owner, I had represented that property owner in an analysis of the property and its marketability.

And so, I -- I don't believe there's a conflict of interest, but, in an abundance of caution, I'm going to abstain on Item 33.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Is there any objection to the amendment?

If not, show the -- yes.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible) at this point in time so we can move --

MAYOR GELLER: On the amend or -- can I adopt the amendment first or are you wanting to speak on the amendment?

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: You may. You may. Go ahead. Go ahead.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. If not, show the amendment adopted without objection.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY WITH COMMISSIONER RYAN ABSTAINING FROM VOTING.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

MAYOR GELLER: We are now on the bill as amended.

Commissioner Holness.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Yeah, let me thank and compliment --

MAYOR GELLER: By the way, the vote on the amendment was 7-zero. Please show Commissioner Ryan having abstained.

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Commissioner Holness.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Let me compliment and thank my fellow Commissioner Senator Nan Rich for leading the charge and ensuring that affordable housing is at the table always.

Thanks for your work in increasing the percentage here from seven and a quarter percent to ten percent. It's -- with 3800 units, it's -- it's -- it's substantial that we get to that point.

And, certainly, to Mr. Mele for his working with the developer to ensure that this occur.

So, thank you so much, Senator Rich. You're -- you're -- you ought to be complimented for your work.

Thanks.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: You're a real mensch.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

(Laughter.)

MAYOR GELLER: All right. Is there any additional debate?

If not -- County Attorney.

MR. MEYERS: And, Mayor, Maite just emailed me. Just to be clear for the record, this is just transmittal at this point, so when the item comes back, the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants will include the ten percent.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. All those in favor of Item Number 33 --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Did you have your hand up, sir?

COMMISSIONER FURR: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. I'm sorry. I didn't see you.

COMMISSIONER FURR: That's okay.

This -- what you -- what Commissioner Rich was talking about in reference to the policy that is in Hollywood right now that we all agreed on with the ILA, that's why we can do this, because this area is actually within an LMI zone and is actual -- has access to money for -- for rehab purposes, for home ownership purposes, for all those things.

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So, it goes to show this -- that that's -- it's been working very well. So, I just wanted to add that.

But I -- but I'm glad to see they even went above that, above and beyond.

So, thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. And whose district is this in?

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Mine.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Commissioner -- oh, you can't move since you're abstaining.

Commissioner Furr moves approval of Item Number 32, seconded by --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 33.

MAYOR GELLER: -- 33, I apologize -- seconded by Senator Rich.

All those in favor, please signify by -- as amended, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show that adopted by a vote of 7-zero with Commissioner Ryan abstaining.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY WITH COMMISSIONER RYAN ABSTAINING FROM VOTING.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

AGENDA ITEM 34

MAYOR GELLER: Our final Public Hearing item is Item 34.

The Public Hearing is now open.

MR. FERNANEZ-RUBIO: Item -- Item 34, which has two parts, the Board will -- will take the Part A first and will only consider Part B if Part A passes.

Part A is a motion to waive Section 18.5(e)(1) of the County Administrative Code which requires the Board first direct the Office of County Attorney to draft the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Geller, if this is moved and passes, I will -- I will read Part B.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Is there any --

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: There are no speakers signed up to speak on this item.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

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AGENDA ITEM 34 PART A

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: I'll move 34A.

MAYOR GELLER: It's been moved by --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Second.

MAYOR GELLER: -- Vice-Mayor Udine, seconded by Commissioner Holness.

Part A. Is there any debate on Part A, the motion to waive?

If not, all those in favor of Item 34 Part A, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show Item 34A adopted unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

AGENDA ITEM 34B

MAYOR GELLER: Please read Part 34B.

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: Part B is a motion to enact ordinance pertaining to the Code of Ethics for elected officials and allowing for the elected officials to serve as voting members of the Auditor Selection Committees and amending Section 1-9(c)(6) of the County Code of Ordinances.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. I hope we pass this, because we've already passed --

(Laughter.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- Item 35, which we can only do after this.

So, is there any debate on Item 35B]?

If not, is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Move the item.

COMMISSIONER FURR: So moved.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

MAYOR GELLER: Moved by Commissioner Holness, seconded by Commissioner Furr.

All those in favor of Item 34B, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

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Show that adopted unanimously.

County Attorney, do we have to go back and re-adopt 35, or have we just ratified it?

MR. MEYERS: No, sir, it's fine. We were comfortable even without this. This is in an abundance of caution.

MAYOR GELLER: Okey-dokey.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 36

MAYOR GELLER: We are now back to the Regular Agenda. And let me see.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Item 8, I believe is the first item. Have I missed anything?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We did 8.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We did 8.

MAYOR GELLER: We did 8.

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Item 36.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Item 36.

Okay. Item 36 --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Mayor, I'll move it.

MAYOR GELLER: -- motion by the County Administrator.

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Second.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Item 36 has been moved by Commissioner Bogen, seconded by the Vice-Mayor.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Let me verify if there are any -- there are no speakers.

Is there -- are there any questions or debate?

If not, all those in favor of Item 36, please signify by saying aye.

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Opposed?

Show Item 36 adopted unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

AGENDA ITEM 42 A AND B

MAYOR GELLER: We are now on Item Number 42 from County administration.

This is motion to approve the reassignment, and, County Administrator, do you want to explain this?

MS. HENRY: Yes. There was some recent legislation that requires if a local government has an affordable housing committee or Board that there -- there needs to be at least one member of the County Commission on that affordable housing advisory board or committee.

In this case, we made some -- moved some appointments around to -- to be able to create a vacancy that currently exists to allow the Board to come in compliance.

So, we would need to have a member of this County Commission serving on the advisory committee.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible)

MAYOR GELLER: Moved by Commissioner Holness, seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

Is there any debate? You don't have your hand up for debate? Okay.

All those in favor -- yes.

MS. HENRY: That's Motion A and B.

MR. MEYERS: Yes.

MAYOR GELLER: (Inaudible.)

MR. MEYERS: That's -- you're voting on A and B right now.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And -- and C?

MAYOR GELLER: No, we're voting on A and B.

MS. HENRY: A and B.

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MAYOR GELLER: Okay. So, all those in favor of Item 42 A and B, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Okay. Show Items A and B adopted.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

AGENDA ITEM 42C

MAYOR GELLER: Item C is the Board must choose a County Commissioner to sit on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

County Attorney, do you have any -- I mean, how do we do that?

COMMISSIONER FISHER: I move we (inaudible) Senator Rich on that board.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Second. Second.

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Third.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: I was actually going to --

COMMISSIONER FURR: That was an easy one.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. I was going to suggest Commissioner Furr, as Senator Rich is already the Queen of Affordable Housing and --

COMMISSIONER FURR: She is.

MAYOR GELLER: -- I thought it would be a good idea to have some other Commissioners also involved.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Steve, you, okay?

COMMISSIONER FURR: I think -- I think we should have Commissioner Rich on this.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Got you.

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COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Mayor -- Mayor --

MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- Senator Rich has no interest in this topic. I don't know --
(Laughter.)

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- why she would even want to do it (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: All right. I was going to suggest we try and get someone else, but if the consensus seems to be Senator Rich, who nominated -- Commissioner Furr, did you nominate -- somebody nominated her.

COMMISSIONER FURR: I --

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Fisher.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- I seconded.

MAYOR GELLER: Seconded.

Is there any additional debate?

If not, all those in favor of appointing Senator Rich to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show that adopted unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

AGENDA ITEM 43

MAYOR GELLER: We are now on Item 43, the dreaded parking garage.

Commissioner Bogen --

(Laughter.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: To any Commissioners who have stuff, I mean, Commissioner Furr and Commissioner Rich, both also have things on it. Do you want to start, either one of you?

COMMISSIONER FURR: I'll be happy to. Just real quick.

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With the -- the ILA, interlocal agreement, between all the cities now in the hands of the lawyers to be wordsmithing it, so there's been tremendous progress to get through this.

I want to thank Kevin for helping on all of this.

We're very close to actually having a vote, I think (inaudible).

So, lot of work, lot of cooperation amongst all the cities. And hopefully we get to the finish line.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Commissioner Rich (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: Senator Rich, you're recognized, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yeah. I'm sorry, I was just looking for my -- my list. Yeah, thanks, (inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RICH: I've got -- I have two things.

I -- I just wanted to check. Last time, I thought we added to the parking garage the issue of the HUD Improvement Plan for the Human Rights Section. We were going to -- I believe we added that last time to the parking --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Is that Michael Rajner?

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- to the --

MAYOR GELLER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- yes, with the parking garage.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I think -- Bertha, do you know (inaudible) had told me that for some reason it came off?

MS. HENRY: I -- I don't know, but I will make sure that we -- you know, that we put that (inaudible) --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MS. HENRY: -- because we're moving (inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MS. HENRY: Yeah.

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COMMISSIONER RICH: No, I just -- I just didn't see it --

MS. HENRY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- on here, so I wanted to know.

MS. HENRY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER RICH: And the other thing I wanted to -- to ask about was the rental assistance, because I am still confused about this.

We are constantly talking about the amount of the rental assistance from the ERAP, from -- you know, from the ARP, but then -- it's I think about \$18,000,000, and then the rest of it was other.

So, when we talk about the percentage, I -- I'm still looking at how much of the \$59,000,000 have we spent, not including the other monies that have been spent from other, you know, distributions by the federal government?

MS. HENRY: So --

COMMISSIONER RICH: I'm -- I'm a little confused.

MS. HENRY: -- so the percentages that we have been giving you, because that was -- the focus was on ERAP --

COMMISSIONER RICH: Okay.

MS. HENRY: -- and I apologize, I don't have that in front of me, but I'm happy to get that for you.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Okay. (Inaudible) --

MS. HENRY: We also report on the federal government had several programs that dealt with affordable housing that -- that's being managed by our -- by our staff at human -- in Human Services. So, we'll report on those, too.

So, I'll get you the percentage.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Okay. But here -- I just found it. So, it -- it says that rental assistance has been provided to 1634 households using the ERAP program through the general and eviction mediation programs resulting in 18.8 million paid out as of September 30th.

So, is this the amount that's from the 59,000,000?

And then there's an additional 16,000,000 in other funding. What is other -- it's just --

MS. HENRY: So, the --

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COMMISSIONER RICH: -- trying to figure out how much of that money, the -- that we got for rental assistance of the 59,000,000 has been appropriated out there in the community.

MS. HENRY: -- so the money that's out the door for the ERAP is the 18.8.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Right.

MS. HENRY: And I can't remember if the administrative costs are included in that. I'll verify that.

But the other 16,000,000, again, our programs, the -- that the federal government provided --

COMMISSIONER RICH: Right.

MS. HENRY: -- funding for, a lot of it came through the CBDG program and a -- and a myriad of others.

So, I have a list. And I apologize. I'll --

COMMISSIONER RICH: No.

MS. HENRY: -- I'll just break that out the next time for you.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Okay. That clarifies it. Because I'm just still concerned that we are only (inaudible) we made some progress, but we're still only at 18.8 million in terms of that ERAP money, getting it out the door.

So that's -- that's my --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- concern, yeah.

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Ryan, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: You know, I -- I might think that maybe you have perhaps some renters that are not like sophisticated enough to navigate through the program and, you know, all of the requirements and get it done right. And there may be some questions that have some level of -- of discretion within their analysis.

What my concern would be is that, you know, some of these get bogged down because it's not just, you know, yes/no, but, you know, how did you, you know, get into this predicament and explain how -- how COVID, you know, is actually, you know, I guess a direct connection to your situation where you're now unemployed or otherwise can't pay the rent.

And -- and I just wonder if we might need a little more counseling or, you know, proactive assistance when you get to that point. I mean, some renters, and even the landlords, get stuck, how am I going to explain that, you know --

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COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: This is Commissioner Sharief.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- the fact that --

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Commissioner Sharief.

MS. HENRY: So --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- that this person is unemployed.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF ENTERED THE ROOM.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: You know, how do I explain that it's directly related -- you know, sometimes it's -- it's difficult for them to -- to give the right answer.

So, I don't know if we can intercede at -- maybe that's a pinch point and we can, you know, provide some further --

MS. HENRY: -- so --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- I don't know --

MS. HENRY: -- so we --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- coordination there.

MS. HENRY: -- we are interceding at multiple points.

I think I mentioned to you that what we're doing now, and hopefully (inaudible) will participate with us, but where you have these large complexes where you have multiple people in arrears, we're actually going on-site now to -- to do that -- help the individuals with the applications on-site, because we're finding, you know, for various and sundry reasons, that that's been an impediment.

But we've made a number of modifications to the program. It's -- actually, (inaudible) are actually going out much faster now.

And I will give Senator -- we'll put a breakdown in this so that you have a better idea of the -- the different programs that we're also managing at the same time.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Well, not just the different programs, but how, when you're -- when you're working through that application -- I've heard this several times, that that particular question kind of gets -- gets people where they -- they -- they can't seem to come up with the answer. It's almost like you've got to squeeze it out of them.

They do have a legitimate reason that is connected with COVID that -- that they're not employed, and they can't pay their rent --

MS. HENRY: They're -- they're pushing that much --

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COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- and maybe -- yeah. Maybe we can just find a way to -- to -- to look at that question.

I don't know if it's something that is an exact, you know, required federal question in that language, or maybe we could find a way to --

MS. HENRY: They --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- make it --

MS. HENRY: -- they are. So, our goal is to not say no, and one of the reasons that we're using some of these other programs is that the -- the criteria differs from program to program.

So, if they don't qualify under one, we're moving them to another, and the -- and the goal is still to -- to help the client --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Thank you.

MS. HENRY: -- get caught up.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Is there anything else on -- on the parking garage?

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: No, Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: All right. If not, there is no vote necessary on that.

AGENDA ITEM 46

MAYOR GELLER: We are now on Item 46.

Dr. Sharief, excellent timing.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yes?

MAYOR GELLER: We're on your item, ma'am, Item 46.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I am driving right now, so I don't have my statement that I wanted to read on Item 46. (Inaudible) I'm not looking at it. Is that the taxicab item?

MAYOR GELLER: Yes, ma'am. Would you like -- or will you be parked shortly? Would you like us to get back to this?

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Can you skip my two items for ten minutes?

MAYOR GELLER: Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Awesome. Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Show Item 46 temporarily passed.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And 47.

MAYOR GELLER: And Item Number 47.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just lay it on the table.

MAYOR GELLER: I was going to say postponed for -- we'll -- we'll just -- we'll get to back to them in 15 minutes or so.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: (Inaudible) lay them on the table.

MAYOR GELLER: I don't know that it's necessary to lay them on the table, County Attorney?

MR. MEYERS: It -- it's fine either way. As long as the Board knows you're going to get back to the two items, it's fine.

MAYOR GELLER: We -- we will get back to those when Dr. Sharief lets us know that she's parked.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. So, 46, 47. We've done 48.

MAYOR GELLER: So, we are now on Item 56, I believe.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MS. HENRY: 56 has been done.

MR. MEYERS: 57, Mayor.

MS. HENRY: It's 57.

MAYOR GELLER: 57. Right. We did 56.

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AGENDA ITEM 57

MAYOR GELLER: 57. Commissioner Holness, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Thank you.

So, COVID-19 has devastated certain part of our industries, the travel industry being probably the primarily focus of the devastation that we've seen. Our airlines, our hotels.

We've been able to get help to our airlines and certain our concessionaires at the airport, but part of the fabric of the operation of our travel industry is our taxi drivers.

And (inaudible) Commissioner Sharief has another item ahead of this one.

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But we've struggled for a little while in allowing -- giving some allowance to the owner-operators that we gave some vehicles to and tie them to wheelchair operated vehicles also. A wheelchair operated vehicle, first of all, cost a lot more money to put on the road. So, they had to invest more. Many of the larger cab companies don't have any wheelchair vehicles. They don't want to. And that's because the cost to put them on the road is very expensive, and, secondly, it's -- it's more expensive for insurance and maintenance.

These entrepreneurs who drive taxicabs wanted to get a break to own their own. We allowed for those who have been long-term taxi operators to get these cabs, but we tied it to a wheelchair vehicle, which, in -- in a sense, really handcuffed them to the more expensive vehicle to put on the road, the more expensive vehicle to maintain.

And certainly, we're looking to give relief, as much as we can, to those who have been desperately affected by COVID-19.

I think this is one area that we could do that wouldn't cost us any money. All we would be doing is saying, hey, guys, since you're operating, since we gave you these license, let's give you a chance to actually try to recoup some of your funds, or at least save yourself from certain bankruptcy.

And this is -- actually have bankrupt some folks because they were so much in believing that this is going to help them. It really hasn't. It's devastated many of them financially.

So, I'm asking for us to give consideration to these folks who have been in our County helping us with our travel industry to somehow not be any further bankrupt than they are already. They were struggling. COVID came, it made it dramatically worse.

And this would allow them to operate these cabs throughout the County, rather than limit them to the place that's often more -- where most of the opportunities are, at the airport and the port. That's what this item does.

I hope you can find it in your heart to support these poor folks who are trying to make a life for themselves and their families.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Let me -- I know there's be a lot of debate. I'm going to want to speak on this.

Commissioner Ryan, Commissioner Bogen, Vice-Mayor Udine, I'll add myself then, since I don't see any other hands as of now, and if additional hands come up, we'll take them as we go.

Commissioner Ryan, you're --

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: Mayor --

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MAYOR GELLER: -- recognized, sir, followed by Commissioner Bogen.

MR. FERNANDEZ-RUBIO: -- Mayor, there's one telephonic speaker.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Hold on. We have -- why don't we take the telephone speaker first, if that's okay with you.

Robert Bonner. Robert Bonner, are you --

MR. BONNER: Yes. Good --

MAYOR GELLER: -- on the line, sir?

MR. BONNER: -- I am, Commissioners. Can you hear me?

MAYOR GELLER: Yes, sir. You're recognized. You have three minutes, sir.

MR. BONNER: I -- I mistakenly signed on. I meant to sign on for Item 58. If I could be held off until then, I would appreciate it.

MAYOR GELLER: Absolutely, sir. Thank you.

All right. We're back then --

MR. BONNER: Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: -- to Commissioner Ryan.

And please remind me -- since my list shows Mr. Bonner on Item 57, please remind me to call on him on Item 58.

Okay. Commissioner Ryan.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: This item is put on the Supplemental Agenda, so it doesn't give the members quite as much time to -- to do the analysis. So, let me see if my recollection is shared by some of the members.

This item came up -- and -- and, of course, we can go ahead and pull the transcript for the next time it -- you know, it comes up, if -- if we, you know, direct that there be an ordinance drafted.

But we had a desire to get more wheelchair accessible cabs around the County so that persons who wanted to call for a wheelchair accessible vehicle didn't have to wait so long for the -- for the cab to arrive, and that was kind of the -- you know, the concern.

And so what I thought we did is we -- you know, we authorized these additional permits or medallions to -- I think it was like, you know, 50 new -- new cabs, and -- and that's a valuable commodity to -- to get that, you know, permit, because you can go -- you know, they have auctions or whatever, they sell them on the market and they're -- they're expensive.

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And so, the trade-off was that you would have those wheelchair accessible vehicles not operate at the airport but everywhere else around the County so they would find a way to -- to be able to answer the call of -- of handicapped persons for use of these cabs.

So, now, if we were to say, okay, let's go ahead and let them operate in the airport, then you -- you have the other dilemma is the cabs that are working at the airport now say they've got to wait an hour and a half or two hours, you know, to -- to get called up to pick up a fare, and then we're going to go ahead and put, you know, potentially another 50 cabs that are in that queue and make it even more of a struggle for, you know, those -- those hardworking cabbies that, you know, maybe had to pay, I don't know, 20, \$40,000 for a permit, and now, you know, there's a -- a competitor that, you know, bumped it up and got, you know, additional permits and now they're in competition with -- with those that are currently working in -- you know, at the airport.

So, I just think that we've got to kind of balance what was the original intention when we authorized these additional permits and are we furthering what our goal was by now, you know, having those cabbies be able to operate at the airport rather than be kind of spread around throughout the County.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Bogen, you're recognized, sir, followed by Vice-Mayor Udine.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: My concern was that we gave these permits on the -- on a basis of -- of an agreement, and the agreement was exactly what -- what Commissioner Ryan just said, that they would service Broward County outside the airport.

And I understand conditions have changed, but what about the -- how -- what about those who are working at the airport who do handicapped? Those people then, they will become more -- they will be hurt.

So, we gave -- my understanding is we gave these licenses on that condition. And -- and the -- that was the condition.

And -- and without looking at the impact of what this would have, which we have not -- it's not been brought out what impact will this have on those at the airport if you now allow these people to come to the airport, I can't support something where we haven't shown anything on -- on any impact.

And so, I can't support it.

Thank you.

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MAYOR GELLER: Vice-Mayor Udine, followed by me, unless I see any other hands, and then, of course -- Commissioner Furr after Vice-Mayor Udine -- of course, Commissioner Holness will close on his item.

Vice-Mayor Udine, you're recognized, sir.

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: So, if -- if we could get County staff or -- because I know this came on late, so I (inaudible). We -- when we granted the 58 wheelchair accessible units, do we know how many people actually acted on that grant and went out and rehabbed a cab to turn it into a wheelchair accessible cab?

MS. HENRY: I will ask Mr. Vialpando, if he's on the line, if he -- if he knows the answer to that, because I don't.

MAYOR GELLER: Mr. Vialpando, are you on the line, sir? Lenny? Lenny Vialpando, are you on the line, sir?

MR. VIALPANDO: Yes, Mayor. Can you hear me now?

MAYOR GELLER: Yes, sir. You're recognized.

MR. VIALPANDO: So -- so, we have a total of 84 wheelchair accessible vehicles currently that are licensed by the County. 34 of those are allowed to go to the airport.

Commissioner Ryan is correct, the Board wanted to increase the availability of wheelchair accessible vehicles specifically, and they had debated about the best way to do that.

And it was determined that they wanted to encourage these vehicles to be elsewhere other than the airport.

And for those 50 vehicles, they -- there were 50 certificates. All 50 certificates were acted upon by individuals. They (inaudible) the drivers, and the drivers presented those vehicles and are operating, theoretically, those vehicles under those certificates.

MAYOR GELLER: Hold on. Vice-Mayor, did that answer your question? I'm not sure it did.

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Well, not really. So what -- what I'm -- what I'm trying to figure out is when we -- when we made that motion last time to expand these wheelchairs, I -- I want to know did somebody specifically affirmatively go out and re- -- and spend 30, \$40,000 rehabbing a cab to make it -- to make it agreeable to that kind of license, or were these already wheelchair equipped cabs that were already there?

It's my --

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MR. VIALPANDO: So, Mayor, I can answer that -- I mean Vice-Mayor, I -- I can answer that.

So, these were 50 new vehicles that most of them purchased an existing wheelchair vehicle. Not a cab, but just a vehicle that had been retrofitted for that purpose, like a used one.

Some people did take a van and -- and -- you know, and add a wheelchair lift to it.

But these would have been 50 additional vehicles that could service a wheelchair, you know, enabled person versus, you know, they weren't already wheelchair cabs. They were new, additional wheelchair cabs that previously didn't exist.

Basically, the -- the universe of available certificates defines the maximum number of cabs, and this increased the cap on the number of vehicles by 50. So, it's 50 brand-new vehicles, but they weren't new cars.

Does that make sense?

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Yeah, kind of. I mean, I just -- I -- I just find it so troubling that -- and -- and I don't mean this to be in a disrespectful manner, because everybody's got to make a living however they have to make a living, but the fact that people would be encouraged by something that we did to go out and spend those kind of dollars for -- in that industry is, to me, I think -- not that -- it just -- I can't -- I wouldn't be able to justify why they would spend those kind of dollars to get a -- to get a cab license in any kind of cab, wheelchair, un-wheelchair, whatever, to be in that business, because it's just such a difficult way to make -- you know, we -- for -- for as long as I've been here, every few meetings we have something coming on because they just can -- can't make a living in that business anymore.

And to encourage people to spend capital dollars to make improvements to cabs, to me, is just -- it's -- it's shocking to me. I mean, I have cabbies come in all the time to meet with me on different issues. I just cannot believe that somebody would spend those kind of dollars and put a capital investment out in that business.

(COMMISSIONER RICH LEFT THE ROOM.)

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Maybe I'm missing it, but I -- it's just a motion to direct, so I'll -- I'm not sure where I am with the ordinance, but I know when we did bring this up, we only brought this up so that they stayed out of the airport, because it hurts every other airport -- every other cabbie that was already in -- in -- in effect. But --

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: -- (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner -- I'm sorry, sir.

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Commissioner Fisher, followed by me, unless I see any other hands.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner Furr.

MAYOR GELLER: Sorry. Commissioner Furr.

COMMISSIONER FURR: It's okay.

MAYOR GELLER: Those F's get confusing.

COMMISSIONER FURR: I know.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Commissioner Furr, you're recognized, sir. Sorry.

COMMISSIONER FURR: (Inaudible.) Two things that I'm trying to -- two things that I'm trying to remember.

One is -- and I -- and I could be wrong in my memory on this, but I thought --

MAYOR GELLER: Unlikely.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- when we gave -- I -- very likely -- when we gave the wheelchair certificate, I was thinking we also gave another certificate, too --

MAYOR GELLER: You are correct, sir. We gave -- for each wheelchair, they got the one bonus, and that's the reason --

COMMISSIONER FURR: So, they --

MAYOR GELLER: -- a lot of them --

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- so they --

MAYOR GELLER: -- did it.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- so, they already have access to be able to go to the airport, correct?

MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FURR: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Right. On the non-wheelchair --

COMMISSIONER FURR: And then on this --

MAYOR GELLER: -- one.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Correct. And then I was -- and I thought that with the second one, with the wheelchair, the -- that the business plan was that the choice program, where if people are -- were calling TOPS and they wanted the day -- you know, the immediate ability to be able to call and -- and if they had a disability, that this -- that they would be funneled toward these drivers immediately.

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And I guess my question --

MAYOR GELLER: The choice program was passed after the -- we passed the -- I believe.

COMMISSIONER FURR: I don't think so.

MAYOR GELLER: Mr. Vialpando?

COMMISSIONER FURR: Anyway, so --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- my question is have we done that? Have we -- have we facilitated that? Because we know there's lots of TOPS riders. We know that all of those TOPS riders are, by definition, disabled and -- and not all of them can use -- can do wheelchair.

But have we done a good job, or an adequate job, of funneling those TOPS riders to these particular wheelchair accessible drivers?

And I guess I want to ask County Administrator and Mr. Vialpando if that has been the case.

MAYOR GELLER: Mr. -- County Administrator, is that you or --

MS. HENRY: So, I --

MAYOR GELLER: -- are you punting?

MS. HENRY: -- so, I'm going to -- I'm going to punt if -- if Mr. Vialpando -- Vialpando understands it.

But I think that the question is probably more appropriate for TOPS.

Remember, it's Rider's Choice --

COMMISSIONER FURR: Correct.

MS. HENRY: -- so, the -- so, the -- the -- the client gets to call whom -- whomever they want.

So, we open this up to everybody, but the client itself makes the determination if they want to call a cab, and which cab --

(COMMISSIONER RICH RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MS. HENRY: -- company or individual they want to use.

So, we really haven't gotten in the middle, unless I'm missing something.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Well, then -- then -- and that -- that's a good point, then, because what I thought would be happening is those TOPS riders would be given

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these names and said, you know, use these names first, call these people, because we've given them a particular certificate to be able to make this happen.

And we want to be able to maintain the service, and the only way to maintain the service is to make sure that we -- that we're -- we've got complete coverage.

So, I guess I'm -- maybe we haven't done what we thought we were going to do.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Hold on. No.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: I'm -- I'm --

MAYOR GELLER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- I'm -- I'm --

MAYOR GELLER: First --

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- posing some questions.

MAYOR GELLER: -- I'd like to get the questions answered, and I'm not sure, County Administrator, if this is a Lenny Vialpando question or -- I'm sorry?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- I was just about to say or --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- if this is a Chris Walton question.

County Administrator?

MS. HENRY: So, I believe, to -- to answer that specific question --

(COMMISSIONER FISHER LEFT THE ROOM.)

MS. HENRY: -- that we probably should have someone from Transit TOPS program to be able to -- to confirm but I --

MAYOR GELLER: Mr. --

MS. HENRY: -- or --

MAYOR GELLER: -- Mr. Walton, are you on the line, sir? Chris Walton, are you on the line?

MS. HENRY: I think we're trying to reach out to him. He wasn't prepared to --

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MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

MS. HENRY: -- respond to this item.

MAYOR GELLER: Well, we'll -- we'll get back to you on that question, Commissioner Furr.

MS. HENRY: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER FURR: That -- I mean, those are -- those are the two things that I --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- that I recalled was, one, that we did give a separate certificate --

MAYOR GELLER: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- for -- specifically so that they could go to the airport and have -- and -- and have that, but, second, that we would make sure that we were directing patrons to these cab drivers in particular so that they could make a go of it, because without that, then we don't have the kind of service that we're providing -- wanting to provide to the -- to the County in general.

MAYOR GELLER: I understand.

Mr. Walton, are you on? If not, I'll -- I will --

MS. HENRY: They're -- they're reaching out to --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

MR. VIALPANDO: So, Mayor -- Mayor, this is -- this is Lenny. If -- if I could, I'm -- I'm sort of on teams with Paul Stobis, who's in charge of the paratransit program.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

MR. VIALPANDO: And -- and so, basically, Bertha Henry's correct, County Administrator Henry is correct that we do let the riders make the choice.

And then to your -- to your question, Commissioner Furr, there is a -- a list on our website of all of the wheelchair accessible vehicles for the consumer to make a choice about which one to call.

But we do notify them, hey, these are all of the cab providers that have a wheelchair vehicle that you may avail yourself of for the services.

COMMISSIONER FURR: So, I --

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Furr, follow up.

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COMMISSIONER FURR: -- so I think one of the things that would help us in making a decision is to find out how often those are called, how many are being called. And then we know if this is a -- a viable business plan.

And if it's not, then I -- then we can go, I think, to the next step of saying maybe - - maybe they need other options.

But without that knowledge of knowing how many are being called, how many are being paid for through all that -- and, you know, I know that -- I know that requires a little bit of --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- back data work here, but we don't know. We're kind of -- we're kind of flying blind here without knowing how many of those 84 are being able to make a go of it simply by being able to provide that access.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: So, I think we -- I think we need some more -- we need some information here and I --

MS. HENRY: And I will -- I will try and find out if we -- if -- because we're not -- we're not in the dispatching business at all --

COMMISSIONER FURR: But --

MS. HENRY: -- so we don't know who's calling whom.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Correct. But we -- but we do have to pay those cabs, correct? We pay that cab for the choice thing. We know who we've had to pay.

So, we have to go back at it from that way and -- and say, okay, how -- who have we been paying for those choice things, are they on that list, how many times have they been called, are the same ones being called --

(VICE-MAYOR UDINE LEFT THE ROOM.)

(COMMISSIONER FISHER RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- or -- or is it being distributed through the list.

MS. HENRY: All right. So, I'll work with staff to get what -- whatever data we --

COMMISSIONER FURR: I know that was a lot of questions.

MS. HENRY: -- that we can.

COMMISSIONER FURR: I'm sorry.

MS. HENRY: No, I got it.

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MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Commissioner.

Mr. Vialpando, question. I have been told -- please let me know if this is accurate -- that some of these 50 cabs, wheelchair, are not actually running at all right now, and haven't been, and that may pre-date COVID, that, you know, they -- they may or may not have -- exist, but if you call and try and book any of them, you don't get to book any of these wheelchairs.

Do you have any knowledge of this?

(COMMISSIONER RYAN LEFT THE ROOM.)

MR. VIALPANDO: So -- so I can tell you a couple of things about the -- the world of cabs, and that is that if someone doesn't come and present their wheelchair accessible vehicle to us at the beginning of the year -- and it's sort of germane to the next item -- if they don't present that vehicle, meaning it's ready and insured and passes and inspection and can actually provide service, then we can take away their certificate and give it to someone who will put a wheelchair accessible vehicle on the road.

So, I can tell you under the code, they have presented a vehicle, or they would lose their certificate.

Now, whether or not in practice that means that they're actually, like you said, answering the --

(VICE-MAYOR UDINE RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MR. VIALPANDO: -- phone or going out and providing said service, then that's not something we typically regulate unless somebody complains to us and says, hey, I tried to call this cab and they wouldn't show up, and we would investigate.

But I can tell you we have no abandoned certificates, which means that all 50 vehicles have presented for inspection and are -- physically exist and could provide service.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you.

I --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- Commissioner Ryan largely said what I was going to say, but some of it bears repeating, which is, Commissioner Furr, I recall as you do --

(COMMISSIONER BOGEN LEFT THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- and I think as most of us do, there has long been a lot of cab drivers that keep coming in and saying we want additional permits so that we can

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increase the length of the line and the wait period at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

That's not the way they phrase it, but that's actually what they're asking for.

And it will, on an overall basis, hurt the majority of the cab drivers to have their wait period there go up from an hour and a half to two hours, which are arbitrary times that I have made up. I can't tell -- maybe it's an hour and 18 minutes to an hour and 37 minutes, or maybe it's two hours to three hours.

But we know that adding permits when they primarily are only being done at the airport and seaport is just hurting the majority of the cab drivers.

And I know that is not the intent of the sponsor, but I'm afraid that that is the result.

And I remember well, because I've represented Century Village, I've represented many senior condos in west Broward, when we passed this the first time we said --

(COMMISSIONER RYAN RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- these people are waiting too long for cabs for handicapped, and that's the reason we're doing this.

(COMMISSIONER RYAN LEFT THE ROOM.)

(COMMISSIONER BOGEN RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: The sweetener is the additional 50 permits, even though I was concerned at the time it's just going to make it worse for everybody else.

But the argument was west Broward, anyplace except the airport and downtown Lauderdale just have to wait too long for the wheelchair.

And so, I -- I cannot support this --

(COMMISSIONER RYAN RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- at this time.

Commissioner -- okay. Hold on. Dr. Sharief, you have not spoken yet, then -- I have you right here. Then Commissioner Ryan and then I think we're ready for Commissioner Holness to close; is that correct? And Commissioner Furr after Commissioner Ryan. And that'll be your second time, Commissioner Furr, and your second time, Commissioner Ryan.

Dr. Sharief, you're recognized, ma'am.

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COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Okay. So, first is, Mayor, I'm going to want to be recognized in the affirmative on the items up to this point.

MAYOR GELLER: I was going to do that as soon as we --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: And --

MAYOR GELLER: -- finished voting on this, but since you brought it up, Dr. Sharief moves -- requests unanimous consent to be shown as voting in the affirmative on the items that she has not been here for.

Show that done without objection.

Dr. Sharief, for debate on Item 57.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: So, I agree with what my colleagues said in regards to maybe trying to help one group of people by disenfranchising another.

And so, I don't think that there is any evidence at this time to support it, and so I -- I can't see voting in the affirmative today on this item.

And so those are my comments.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, ma'am.

Round two. Commissioner Ryan, followed by Commissioner Furr.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: You know, it's interesting. We've almost like stumbled upon a very important issue here, which is -- and it was Commissioner Rich that brought it up a couple years ago with the example of an elderly lady that was at a community center, a senior center -- center. She had to wait and wait and wait, you know, and she had ordered, I don't know if it was TOPS or something --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- but she -- you know, it just wasn't arriving.

So, I thought the idea was if we spread around 50 wheelchair accessible vehicles around the County, and perhaps, you know, Lenny, you and your crew could find an innovative way to like put them in zones or something like that so that the cabs don't have to drive too far to get to the persons.

And, you know, sometimes they kind of -- you know, I think they get a fixed amount of money for it, so sometimes they -- you know, a cabbie gets lucky and it's a short run and, you know, they get the same fare as if they, you know, drove the person 15 or 20 miles.

And but it all evens out. And the goal is, what we really tried to achieve, is that we have persons in need of wheelchair accessible vehicles getting from one point to another point faster, more efficient.

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And I think we can do it and still accommodate, you know, the -- those cabbies that you want to see that they -- you know, they -- they can scratch out a living. Because it is a tough row to hoe. And I agree with you. I could never figure out why they want to get these certificates so much, because they've got to wait so long to pick up a -- you know, a fare.

But if we could do it some way and develop into kind of a -- like a market approach and -- you know, and if you, you know, are available, these small entrepreneur, you know, cabbies, that, you know, you -- you keep getting -- you're in your zone and you get this preferential treatment, but those who don't answer the phone, you know, then you're -- you're back into I guess like a surplus category or -- or whatever.

We have to find some market approach to -- to make it -- incentivize those cabbies that are -- you know, they're available, they're ready, they're going to get there, you know, within a half hour or so when somebody calls.

So, perhaps we could open this up to a larger picture, but, I mean, at this point, I mean, I'm not going to object to, you know, moving it to the next stage to -- to direct the draft of an ordinance, but I just think, at the end of the day, Commissioner, I don't think we want to do that.

I think we want to do something else, but I think you're -- you're kind of getting on the point where we could help the -- the cabbies and the public in general that -- that need these wheelchair accessible vehicles.

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Furr, you're recognized -- I'm sorry -- Commissioner --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- yes, Furr, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Well, I'm thinking along the same lines as Commissioner Ryan, which kind of worries me a little bit.

(Laughter.)

MAYOR GELLER: It should.

COMMISSIONER FURR: But -- but -- it's okay.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Just don't talk as long as I did in order to make a point.

COMMISSIONER FURR: I think this is an opportunity for us to be proactive in trying to help build a business plan for those -- for those cabbies.

I don't think this is exactly where you're going, but I think we're -- we might get there in a different way.

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And I think it does require us to kind of look at what we were doing with the choice plan with -- with the TOPS, because there's a built-in market there that just needs to be grasped.

So, I -- I think -- if I'm hearing, I think -- I think there's a pretty good consensus here to try to find a way to -- to make that happen. And I -- it just -- I think it -- it just requires us to kind of work it out with -- with Lenny and TOPS and the whole bit.

And I'd -- I'd like to see it happen.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: And I will add myself for my second, which is I've changed my mind. I didn't notice that this is a motion to direct. I don't think I have voted against one of those.

I -- if this is in front of us, I'm going to be voting against it, but on a motion to direct, to give us a chance to fully debate it, I would be changing my position on that.

But I could not support it the way it is right now.

You're -- Commissioner Holness, you're recognized to close.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Well -- well, thank you very much. It -- it's good that we have these debate. We -- we bring items up and -- and -- and -- and thoughts that are fresh and new. We all bring different perspective to the table, and that's a strength of our democratic system of governance.

I believe that, Commissioner Ryan, these folks had been driving taxies -- I think we -- we required them to have been driving for ten years before we would have given them the chance to get these additional certificates individual -- independently so they can create their own enterprise.

And that's what they saw. They saw this as a -- as a -- as -- as -- as a chance to drive their own destiny, so to speak. And -- and --

MAYOR GELLER: Pun intended?

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Yes. And -- and it's the American dream that they were living for -- they are living for.

Though they have presented them because they don't want to lose their certificate, I know that they are not always very active, many of these vehicles.

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The idea that we could somehow fashion a way for paratransit to be further utilized by those who need it using this choice program to use these taxis is -- is something that I think we could further examine.

There's some nuances to the system in terms of payments and -- and those other arrangements that we -- we probably ought to look to see how we can make it easier for them to be facil- -- facilitated, why some might not be participating in the -- in the choice program.

It's not just as easy as call a cab and -- and they come. You've got to signed up, you've got to register, and you've got to be able to facilitate the payments through the system.

I -- I -- I will move this item for us to go forward, and -- and hopefully at least four will find it in their heart to move it forward and we continue debate and figure out how we can facilitate assisting these taxi drivers who -- who've been out there for a long time working for us.

So, I move the item.

MAYOR GELLER: Is there a second? Is there a second on the item?

COMMISSIONER RYAN: I'll second it.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Moved by Commissioner Holness, seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

All those in favor of the motion to direct on Item Number 57, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Two, three.

Show that passing. Item 57 is -- is --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: I'm sorry?

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Everybody voted?

MAYOR GELLER: Yes. Let's -- let's count again.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is just on a motion to direct.

MAYOR GELLER: This is just on a motion to direct. As I said, I would not be supportive if --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I -- I'm sorry.

MAYOR GELLER: -- the motion (inaudible).

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: This is just on a motion to direct.

MAYOR GELLER: Yeah, this is just on a motion to direct.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I -- I --

MAYOR GELLER: And that's the only reason --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- I will --

MAYOR GELLER: -- I'm voting for it.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- change -- I'm sorry.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: So, to be clear, I did say it was on a motion to direct.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Sorry.

MAYOR GELLER: Let me repeat.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: My -- my fault.

MAYOR GELLER: On Item Number 57, which is a motion to direct the County to draft an ordinance, all those in favor of --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- the motion to direct, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show that adopted unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR GELLER: I don't remember us ever having turned down --

COMMISSIONER RICH: I --

MAYOR GELLER: -- a motion to direct, but -- yes, Senator Rich.

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- I just have a question. I don't know, maybe the County Attorney could answer.

I mean, there's certainly a sense here that people don't support this, I mean, from the conversation.

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So, in the motion to direct, is -- is it possible to broaden this out and look at other possibilities other than just what is written here as the motion to direct to allow the wheelchair, you know, accessible to pick up at the airport?

I mean, are -- are -- is that something you would agree to, Commissioner Holness, to --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- broaden it out so that there would be a possibility of passing something that would be helpful to these people?

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Yes, we can -- we can probably bring multiple choice, A, B, C --

COMMISSIONER RICH: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- if necessary.

MAYOR GELLER: County Attorney, do we need a motion to reconsider the vote to include this, or can we just --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- by consent do this now?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. MEYERS: This is -- I haven't looked at the chapter, but I think this is a five-minute fix probably to delete something.

But what I hear the direction being is to also coordinate with staff to see what alternatives can be developed. So, we --

MAYOR GELLER: Right.

MR. MEYERS: -- we'll probably hold -- you know, we'll -- according to the staff --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. MEYERS: Okay.

(Laughter.)

MR. MEYERS: So, we'll prepare this very quickly, but it'll -- I'm not sure how long the coordination will take to develop the alternatives.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you.

Now, let me ask a question, members. It is 12:22. We have three items, I believe, remaining.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

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MAYOR GELLER: Dr. Sharief --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Let's finish. Let's finish.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: I think (inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. I'm afraid -- all right.

So, is there a motion, then, to continue until the conclusion --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Move it.

MAYOR GELLER: -- of the agenda?

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Second.

MAYOR GELLER: Moved, seconded.

All those in favor, say aye.

Opposed, nay.

Show that adopted unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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AGENDA ITEM 47

MAYOR GELLER: Dr. Sharief, you're recognized on both of your items, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Okay. So, is there a speaker on any of my items?

MAYOR GELLER: Yes, I believe -- hold on. Item Number -- your items are --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: 46 and 47.

MAYOR GELLER: -- 40 -- 47, we have Rita Lipof.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: So, I -- I know 46 was going to take a little bit longer, but, okay, I'll -- I was going to help --

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MAYOR GELLER: What is your pleasure?

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- let the audience person --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- go first --

MAYOR GELLER: I'm sorry?

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- on 47?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 47 (inaudible).

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Can we go -- do 47 and then take 46?

MAYOR GELLER: We -- whatever your pleasure is. You'd like just to take up --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Okay. So, I don't --

MAYOR GELLER: -- Item 47 first?

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yes.

MAYOR GELLER: All right.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Can we just do 47?

MAYOR GELLER: We are now on Item 47.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I think it will be quicker anyway.

MAYOR GELLER: You're recognized, Dr. Sharief.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Great. So, Item 47, I have an issue in my district in an area that is the most income challenged area in Broward County. That is in the northwest Hallandale area.

And what is happening is there is a daycare center over there that does provide services to working families in that area.

This particular center has --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- been open and shut and open and shut and open again due to COVID. And they are trying to advance the center for the neighborhood so that the neighborhood would have better facilities for after school care programs as well as technology programs in the center.

And so, I visited the center, and they are -- they put -- put forth a proposal. And that proposal would improve the center, improve (inaudible), allow them to use all of their rooms, and provide some upgrades in terms of them being able to

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provide more hot meals on service at the -- at -- for service at the facility, as well as just make some much needed repairs and improvements to the building to create a better environment for after school programs.

And so, I put this on here for consideration because, based on the CARES Act funding, there was a certain portion set aside for childcare services, and because this is a -- a real working-class community, someplace where people have two, three jobs, and are having difficulty with childcare services. I put this on for that reason.

And so, obviously, I can't talk to any of you, so, I'm going to -- I put all my items on the agenda. And so, this is my way of -- of getting input and having you discuss.

And so, with that, Mayor, if we could hear from the speaker on the phone, and then we can move forward with the Commission.

(COMMISSIONER BOGEN LEFT THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

Before we call on the Commissioners, why don't we call on the public speaker.

Rita Lipof, are you on the line? Rita Lipof.

MS. LIPOF: Yes, I am.

MAYOR GELLER: All right. Ma'am, you're -- once you start speaking, you'll have three minutes, ma'am.

MS. LIPOF: Okay.

MAYOR GELLER: You're recognized.

MS. LIPOF: Thank you.

I'm speaking on this item because, once again, I'm horrified by this idea that you can just give a business, even a non-profit business, money like this which then just goes to their organization.

If your goal is to help working class families, then you should be providing the families directly the money for childcare. Give the payment for the child to the organization, even an organization that uses a sliding scale, and there's some nominal weekly amount charged. It could be \$2, \$5. If you don't have that money, then your child isn't going to the program.

You can provide the aid that way, rather than some business, some person who where is this business? They're running it out of their house? It's an office? It's a school?

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This person has quite a history of a million profit and non-profit businesses located in SunBiz. They list themselves as having creating this entity in 2010. I couldn't find any record of that. I did see that this overall business has existed in SunBiz since 2000.

It -- it -- you are not serving the public by giving these people this money. And then, oh, let's add an extra 30 percent, just throw in another 30,000.

What the hell? Come on. If you want to help working class families, then you provide the money directly to them to pay to the childcare places.

This is not rocket science. This is the way to do it. People who don't have enough money to pay for that, that's where you need to put the money, not in the business owners' pockets.

And you -- just because it's a non-profit doesn't mean that these people aren't paying themselves --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MS. LIPOF: -- salaries. And that's who you're helping, them, not the children.

So, please, do the same thing and take the money and give it directly to the people in need to support directly the children that need the service.

(COMMISSIONER BOGEN RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MS. LIPOF: Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, ma'am.

I saw Commissioner Furr, then Commissioner Holness, then Senator Rich, then, not seeing any other names, I'll add myself.

So, Furr, Holness, Rich, Geller, in that order.

Commissioner Furr, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Thank you, Mayor.

First, let me start by -- by saying the Children's Academy is a very good childcare. It is -- it is well know. It's done a lot of -- a lot of really good work.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: And a lot of real children.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Lot of real children.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: And (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

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COMMISSIONER FURR: The -- the -- the -- the --

MAYOR GELLER: Dr. Sharief.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- exactly.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER FURR: The problem is they --

MAYOR GELLER: (Inaudible.) Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- the problem --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- is they are one of 500 that are asking for assistance. Literally, one of 500. There are 764 licensed childcare programs in Broward County right now. 500 on the nose right now have asked for financial assistance through the Early Learning Coalition.

We have been asking, and -- and I know, you know, our County Administrator is looking for a way to use some of the CARES Act money to find -- to help on this a broad -- on a broad scale, because what's -- what the problem is, and this is -- this is a huge problem in this County, and -- and, frankly, throughout the United States, is most childcare centers are having to work at below capacity that -- and I think they're around 50 to 60 percent capacity right now because they can't get staff, for various reasons. Either the -- the wages are too low, they -- you know, they're -- they're not being -- some workers aren't being able to afford the screenings and those kind of things. What -- various reasons.

And the Early Learning Coalition and the Children's Services Council, of which I'm a part of, is trying to put together a whole platform of how do we help all of these.

Because without a -- a successful childcare program industry in this County, people can't go back to work. They don't have a choice. They -- there are many moms right now who says I would love to; I can't get my kid into childcare. Because there's a ratio. If they -- if they go above the ratio, they can't have any more kids come in.

The problem is they don't have staff to make that ratio go -- stay -- stay right.

So, what the Early Learning -- and -- and the bigger problem is this, is the federal government has allotted an enormous amount of money. How much?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 1.5 billion.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Thank you. 1.5 billion. I didn't know that. Thank you. Okay. I'm sure you're going to be talking about this as well.

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But they've allotted a huge amount of money to the state, and the state has not distributed it.

MAYOR GELLER: Mumble, grumble.

COMMISSIONER FURR: It is stuck -- yeah, I know. It is stuck right there in Tallahassee.

And so, what the Early Learning Coalition and the CSC is asking is that, as a County, they don't -- and they don't expect the money to be released until -- what I heard today was until December or January.

So, there's a -- so what we're trying to do is -- what we need to do is find a way to kind of bridge that gap through there.

They've been asking for \$3,000,000 from the CARES Act to be able to bridge this. 300 to be able to use for salary increase grants that would help for the -- because otherwise, all those childcare workers, they're thinking -- they're -- they're seeing -- these are the lowest paid workers in this County.

They're -- they've been making minimum wage or -- or less than ten. And suddenly they're seeing throughout the County places where they can make more money, and they're going, you know what? As much as I love doing this job, I can make double if I go do this.

So, the wages have to be increased.

We have to find a way to help those centers pay for the screenings, which is nominal, but to somebody that doesn't have any money, it's a lot.

Marketing and outreach, I know Career Source Broward has -- has been asked to help on this, lots of others, to advertise to try to get more childcare workers (inaudible) money to do that.

So, the big picture here is it doesn't make sense to do one of these. As good as this childcare program is, and it is a good one, we -- these -- we need to be looking at this on large scale, big picture, handle it that way.

Work with the Early Learning Coalition, work with the CSC, and do this on a large scale, and bridge it until that money is allocated, whether it's in December or January.

And, you know, I -- I can't support doing this for one when there are 500, literally, that have applied for the exact same thing.

So, I -- I'm going to ask Dr. Sharief if she'll consider supporting the bigger picture with the CARES Act that would get money to them, but not just to them. It would be able to help all of the childcare --

MAYOR GELLER: Dr. Sharief, I'll call on you to close.

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COMMISSIONER FURR: -- it would -- it would be able to help all of the childcare programs in this County at once.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: So, it's not just one --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: (Inaudible) how you do it. (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. We'll --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Talk about it. How -- how would you do it?

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner -- Commissioner Ryan -- Commissioner Ryan, I have a queue.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: I know. (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Well, I have a queue. Do you --

(Laughter.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- if you want to be recognized, I will add you to it.

(COMMISSIONER BOGEN LEFT THE ROOM.)

COMMISSIONER FURR: Okay.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Those are my remarks. Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Were you done, sir? Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FURR: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Holness, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Thank you very much.

Childcare is one of the greatest needs for working families in our country today, and women are affected greatly. In fact, I saw just recently an item that says we have seen a reduction of women in the workforce primarily due to the lack of childcare, childcare facilities.

I ask that I be co-sponsor because of that, because of this huge need that exist for us in our community, in our country.

Without childcare, people can't go to work. Without people going to work, we don't have an economy.

(VICE-MAYOR UDINE LEFT THE ROOM.)

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COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Now, I agree with you, Commissioner Furr, we ought to go global also.

I'm going to support this item as it stands anyhow, because we need to start somewhere.

And certainly, with this located in one of our six identified ZIP Codes for high poverty and high unemployment, we ought to make the investment here.

And as we go forward, however we formulate the assistance that we give, Ms. Henry, I hope that we'll take into consideration these six ZIP Codes that has the highest poverty and unemployment in our community where oftentimes these families, each person have two jobs just to make ends meet, where you find people living below the poverty level even though they are working.

33311, 13060, 09, 19 and 23, which is this one, I -- I believe at the ones that we've identified.

We had Mr. Bob Swindell from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance here at our last meeting, and we talked about what they're doing through Prosperity Broward to assist in that.

(COMMISSIONER FURR LEFT THE ROOM.)

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: And industry realize and -- and the business world realize that we have to address these issues to provide assistance to those who live in these communities so that they can participate in the workforce for us to continue to grow our economy and create prosperity for all.

\$3,000,000 is the suggested amount. I don't know that that is adequate, Ms. Henry. I would like for us to look to see if that's enough. I know we probably never get to enough, but I -- I'm inclined to say if we can double that amount, we should.

If we don't have the infrastructure, Ms. Lipof, if folks don't have a place to go to take care of their children for childcare -- we can give them all the money we want, but if they can't find the facilities, the facilities are not there, they're not going to be able to take these children there.

And also, what we find is these childcare, there are learning that is occurring, and early learning is critical for us to ensure that we have a bright future, not merely for our children who are our future, but for us as a whole in our society.

So, these investments will have ripple effect going forward.

(COMMISSIONER BOGEN RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: So, I'm supporting this item.

Thank you.

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MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

Senator Rich, you're recognized, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

I really feel pretty much the same as Commissioner Furr on this one.

I want to start by saying we provide dollars to non-profits all the time, for the speaker who was on the line. We -- we build infrastructure.

(COMMISSIONER FURR RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

COMMISSIONER RICH: That's what we need to do. We need to build infrastructure for childcare.

I -- when I realized that the money was still sitting in Tallahassee, I -- I spoke with the County Administrator and Ms. Campbell, and we put together a group of people that are working together in the community to try and come up with a solution in the interim when we -- this money is still stuck up in Tallahassee.

But the -- the -- the key is what I think Commissioner Furr said, and -- and I've been in touch with -- with Renee Jaffe multiple times on this, and there are 500 facilities that are asking for assistance.

None of them probably have enough childcare workers. Some -- most of the childcare centers are not even open at full capacity because -- well, partially, some parents don't want to return, they're having children at home. But others, you don't have the staff.

And we need to build that infrastructure of qualified childcare workers.

Childcare workers are going to McDonald's now because McDonald's is paying more than a childcare worker.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RICH: So, I'm not about handing the money to the people right now to -- to an -- just -- you know, to an individual person because, as was just mentioned, there probably is no slot for all of these people that might -- might get the money.

I think what we need to do is -- and I've said this over and over again. There is a process here. We're trying to build a process to help as many childcare centers as possible. There are so many needy ones out there.

We have 108 members of the Non-profit Alliance. I mean, every one of them could come to us with -- with a request, because they all are in need.

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And I -- I just feel like we have to look at the broader picture and try and figure out how we can help as many childcare centers as possible. And one of the best things we can do is -- and some of us are trying to do this -- is advocate through some of the people in the Legislature who are -- both political parties, who are very distressed that the childcare money has not been released. And maybe we can get some movement there.

But until then, I know that the Early Learning Coalition has some other money that has come from other sources that they're looking at, you know, distributing out there in the community. And that's, I think, you know, the route that we should go than selecting -- you know, rather than selecting one childcare center, as wonderful as it may be, over, you know, 499 other ones that are asking for assistance as well.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Senator.

Dr. Sharief, I -- you and I have disagreed on -- on this item before. You have always been a fierce advocate and fighter for your community, and have always tried to grab available dollars for that community, while I have always advocated for a process where, you know, any of the extra available dollars should be sought in a competitive process as opposed to just being -- going towards a Commissioner asking for it for their individual district.

If there are 500 childcare centers that have asked for money, were they each to get 107,000, that would be in excess of \$50,000,000.

So, I -- I don't think -- while I understand that you're just trying to get money for your district, I fully understand that, but -- for people in your -- residents in your district, however, I think it has to go through a competitive process.

I see no additional hands, so, Dr. Sharief, you're recognized to close on Item --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Okay.

MAYOR GELLER: -- 47.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: So, Mayor, you know I love you to death, but I'm going to correct you.

MAYOR GELLER: Of course.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I am not --

MAYOR GELLER: I'm shocked.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- I am not trying to get money for my district. What I'm trying to do is meet the needs of a community in this district.

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So, I would not be doing my job if I represented one of the most impoverished ZIP Codes in Broward County and I did not bring it to your attention that a childcare center who is servicing that large of a group of working parents needs help.

I did not get requests from 499 other agencies -- people, okay? This is not an individual.

And -- and there are real kids in these classrooms that have real issues and need after school programming. They have real parents that work two and three jobs. And the ALICE Report says that this ZIP Code is where dollars need to be spent.

We've been so focused on the 33311 that we forgot about the 33023.

And these houses have a median average value of about \$14,000. The parents, okay? No, no, the housing, too. And the parents are working two and three jobs and they can't even meet the -- the minimum threshold of \$26,000 when you're talking about the poverty level and the poverty line.

So when they say they need to go to work and they can't pay for childcare, and this place is offering that childcare, and we're talking about COVID environment, we're talking about little kids that can't get vaccinated, they're asking (inaudible) the center so that they can keep servicing these kids, and we're having a discussion about 499 other people that have not reached out and said, we need help.

If 499 people sent me an e-mail and said please come sit in my center and walk through my center and visit my center because we need help, that -- they would have been on the agenda.

So, I don't have a problem with supporting a \$3,000,000 program for the Early Learning Coalition, but what that represents for me is more red tape.

We have such a hard time getting this money down to the place where people need it the most, and then we get somebody who comes and says, this is what we got, this is the best estimate we could give you, and we have an engineer looking into this, and we say, no, because we should go through a process.

Well, I'm going through a process. My process dictates that if I get something that's off budget cycle, then I bring it to you. I'm going through a process.

And today, what I'm asking is that you take into consideration where these kids are located, where these parents are located.

And we can go through the red tape process for all the other ones that have not come to me with a plan or have not said, Commissioner Sharief, come and see this center, let me show you how many kids we have, let me show you what problems we have. When they do that, I'll get up and I'll go there, too.

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But for right now today, I'm going to move my item, and I'm going to ask for a second on my item, and a vote up or down.

Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

Commissioner Bogen, she's already closed on it if you (inaudible).

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: That's fine.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: No, I just wanted to say that, you know --

MAYOR GELLER: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- I think the one distinction that's being made here is the -- the -- the location and the community. We're not talking -- when you talk about 400, 500, 300, whatever number you're talking about, you're talking about it -- it -- what you're saying is the most impoverished place in Broward County.

And that kind of hits home to me, and kind of makes me look at it differently. And -- anyway.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. All those -- it's been --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- we've already closed.

COMMISSIONER FURR: But it's very --

MAYOR GELLER: Go ahead --

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- it's very --

MAYOR GELLER: -- Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- it's very important to note. All 500 of those serve -- serve kids that are -- and families that are in financial need. It's not just one.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I get that.

COMMISSIONER FURR: All five --

MAYOR GELLER: No, no, no.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- hundred, all 500 --

MAYOR GELLER: Dr. Sharief, you've closed.

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COMMISSIONER FURR: -- the other -- the two -- the other couple hundred are ones that actually are getting enough money to stay in existence because the families can afford it.

Those 500, every single one of them has financial need families.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FURR: It just is.

MAYOR GELLER: All right. We're going to vote now.

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

One, two, three, four.

All those opposed, please say nay.

One, two, three, four, five.

Show the -- the Item 47 failing on a vote of 4 to 5.

VOTE FAILS 4 TO 5 WITH MAYOR GELLER, VICE-MAYOR UDINE AND COMMISSIONERS RICH, FURR, AND RYAN VOTING NO.

AGENDA ITEM 46

MAYOR GELLER: Dr. Sharief, it's 12:46. If you still think we can finish, we'll take up Item 46 now.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yes.

MAYOR GELLER: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Dr. Sharief, you're recognized on Item 46.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Okay. So, Item 46, this was a -- we had a bunch of community meetings out in the district to try to increase COVID-19 vaccination rates, and during that meeting, one of the people stood up and spoke about Item 46, which is funding through the -- the CARES Act, the American Rescue Plan, to help taxicab drivers or -- who have a chauffeur's license (inaudible), and that that means that they own the car and that they're responsible for the repair, the maintenance, and everything on the car.

And I -- I -- I'm prefacing this because I know that there have been some questions about other taxicabs like larger companies. But this was particularly born out of an idea that this person had who brought it to me about something that Miami had done where they set aside \$10,000,000 for 500 -- five -- \$5,000

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grants to taxicab -- individual taxicab owners. That means they own their own vehicle and take care of the maintenance, the licensing, the repair, everything.

So, to clarify what this is, it is for those who were affected negatively by the effects of COVID-19. And we know that the taxi industry has been affected.

And so, this would provide a grant funding program where they would prove ownership, prove a loss, and they would go through an application process.

So, Miami-Dade did this with \$10,000,000.

I was trying to get a feel for what this would cost if we were to do something like this in Broward.

Yesterday, I got the -- the numbers. There was 700 individually owned taxicab drivers, which would have put this number at somewhere around 3.5 million dollars in allocation as opposed to this \$5,000,000 that is on this item right now.

And so, I'm putting this out there again. Like I said, this is something where I think we need to discuss, because we never want to be in a position where we -- where people say we didn't listen to them, or we didn't hear them.

I put this on because I think it's a -- it's worthy of discussion and it's worth consideration.

And so, since you've had time to read through it, I'd just like to get my colleagues' opinions.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Dr. Sharief, I have one question. Are you amending the -- right now, my understanding, and when I was briefed by staff, they said it was \$500 per license. So, if -- for example, if there's a taxi and it's running, it probably has two drivers per day, and they're rarely seven days per week --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- so I think the way you have it, I was told that it was a -- a multiple of the 700, that there are 700 permits.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: No.

MAYOR GELLER: The -- that's the way I read it now. Are you --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: No.

MAYOR GELLER: -- suggesting --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: That's why I --

MAYOR GELLER: -- changing that?

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COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- I -- I'm saying what I'm saying. This item has 700 licenses that it would affect. Okay? These are individual owners. It doesn't matter who they have driving the car. They own their own taxicab, and most of them drive their own taxicab.

And if you did the -- the math, this item wouldn't go up to \$5,000,000. It would be 3.5 million, based on what was presented yesterday.

So, this number is higher than what it should be on this item.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: So, I just needed to --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- clarify that.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. County Attorney, I don't think that's the actual wording. Can we just accept what -- amend it to do what Dr. Sharief is saying?

MR. MEYERS: Yes, as long as it's -- it's clear what the ask is, and that certainly can be done (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: I think the ask from Dr. Sharief is clear. Okay.

Is there any objection to amending the item? We'll vote on it later, but is there any objection to amending it to reflect what Dr. Sharief just said so that it only applies not to all chauffeurs, as it says, but, rather, to only the owner-operator?

So, if there's other people driving their cabs, for example, it doesn't apply to them. Only to the owner-operator.

Is there any objection to that amendment?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: All right. There's discussion on that amendment.

Commissioner Furr.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Yeah, only because I -- I don't know -- you don't want to leave people out that might need it as well. And I'm not sure who that might be. I mean, because -- because I think we were hearing weren't there like 6500 drivers?

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: (Inaudible.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Mr. Vialpando told us between 6500 --

COMMISSIONER FURR: Yeah. So --

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MAYOR GELLER: -- and 7,000.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- so we -- so, I mean, what we've heard -- and I guess I need to ask the County Administrator, that we had heard that there might be up to 65 to 7,000 drivers.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: You're --

COMMISSIONER FURR: Okay.

MAYOR GELLER: -- you're the next speaker.

COMMISSIONER FURR: So, I guess I wanted -- I want us to have --

MAYOR GELLER: We're on the --

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- I want us to be thinking of this comprehensively. I don't -- I -
- I don't think it's a good idea to be taking this piecemeal, one by one by one by one, because we need to find a way to -- to make this equitable, fair, and -- and do it on a large scale.

I -- I -- I can -- I -- I can support authorizing County Administrator to establish a program for -- that takes into consideration everybody who'd be eligible for premium pay, because I think we want to do that, but I -- but trying to do one by one by one, it's -- this is not going to work, in my opinion, trying to -- you know, I think we've got to -- I just think we have to think in a bigger picture here.

And I think that's what the County Administrator's trying to do and trying to find a way to do it equitably and fairly. And I think that's what I -- the -- what I would support, is to go that -- to continue down that road.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. I have Commissioner Bogen and Ryan on the bill itself.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: No, I -- I'll talk on the amendment --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: In that case, Commissioner Bogen -- and, Commissioner Ryan, were you on the amendment --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Yes.

MAYOR GELLER: -- also? Okay. So, I have Commissioner Bogen, Commissioner Ryan, Senator Rich, Commissioner Holness on the amendment.

Does everybody understand what the amendment is? To limit it to the 700.

Okay. Commissioner Bogen, you're recognized, sir.

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COMMISSIONER BOGEN: To save the Commission a lot of time and effort, I, first of all, applaud you for trying to help, you know, the taxicab industry, but, you know, Commissioner Furr's got an interesting point.

I'm sure Commissioner Ryan, whatever he's going to say, will have interesting points.

Can we defer this to a time in the future where we can study it more? And it involves a lot of money, and we don't know how much money because we don't know what amount of people we're talking about. And then maybe we can cook it better and come up with some options better.

Would you be open to deferring something like this to a future meeting, you know, at some point?

MAYOR GELLER: Dr. Sharief.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: So, you know, I -- I didn't have a problem with having it being heard at the next meeting, but my issue is that when staff presented that - - that really inflated number, that did not -- the -- those 6500 drivers do not fall in the category of what I presented here.

These were owner occupied vehicles. They were taking every taxicab in the industry --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: But --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- with that 6500 -- no, but -- but I'm just saying like I --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- but then --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- when --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- you're going to have arguments of not treating everybody equally.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I -- I get -- I get what you're saying.

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Bogen, (inaudible).

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: But those -- those cabs are owned by larger companies, and they're not individually owned.

When this was presented, this item was just for individually owned cabs.

And so, you know, this was something that they had experienced in Miami-Dade County, that they had -- this was a -- an established program.

So, I wasn't trying to exclude anybody. Those people, just by nature of this item, were not on here.

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Now, with what I was presented yesterday, if you go and add the 6500 outside of this, they do fall into a different category, because those are companies, right? Those companies would total somewhere -- I think he said 31.5 million dollars to do every one of those, those company cabs. And then this item by itself was the 3.5 million.

So, we're talking about somewhere in the neighborhood of \$35,000,000. So, I'm just putting that out there for -- that's the numbers --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Would --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- that we're about.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- again, would you be open to deferring this to -- so -- I mean, so we can maybe come up with some ideas or something?

If you're not open, that's fine. I just didn't know if -- if you're open --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I would be open to deferring it to the next meeting. My issue is that I put my -- I put the item on in enough time for them to look at it and to come up --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- with what it was that I -- I had said.

I don't want anybody to think that I'm just throwing very expensive items on. My items are on the Regular Agenda. They're not green.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: So, I gave them in enough time for them to be looked at and explored.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I -- I --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: My point --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- I just -- since I have the floor --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- I will (inaudible) --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- wait.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- it. I will defer it and I'll second your motion or --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- I'll make a motion to defer it to the next meeting so that you'll have an opportunity to look at it further.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Commissioner --

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COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Okay.

MAYOR GELLER: -- Bogen moves --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- to defer and Dr. Sharief --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: You've got a second. You're --

MAYOR GELLER: -- agrees to --

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- seconding that.

MAYOR GELLER: -- second it.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Okay. But that cuts debate.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Yeah, that -- that would cut debate, because that's the point in deferring it.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: If you -- if you --

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Ryan, there's -- if there's a motion to defer, that would stop the debate.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: That's right.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Mayor, I wish to speak to the motion.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I'll --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: We can't debate.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- I'll withdraw my second for right now. How about that?
And let Commissioner Ryan --

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Ryan --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: So (inaudible) --

MAYOR GELLER: -- you're recognized, sir --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- just --

MAYOR GELLER: -- followed by Senator Rich, followed by Commissioner Holness.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- I was going to speak to the motion. Since the motion's been withdrawn, I'll speak to the amendment.

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COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I did second it. He wanted to talk, so I --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: And, you know, I -- I --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- think we want to take --

MAYOR GELLER: (Strikes gavel.) What -- I'm sorry, we have too -- too much cross debate.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yeah.

MAYOR GELLER: Right. But (inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Commissioner Ryan.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: At -- at the end of the day, we're going to (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Ryan, you're recognized --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: I know. And I was --

MAYOR GELLER: -- to speak (inaudible).

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- speaking to the whole group. I was --

MAYOR GELLER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- looking at Commissioner --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- Bogen through --

MAYOR GELLER: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- Plexiglas.

MAYOR GELLER: Go ahead.

(Laughter.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: All right. So --

MAYOR GELLER: I would make that Plexiglas opaque, if I were you. Okay.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: It's translucent.

MAYOR GELLER: Yes. Go ahead --

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COMMISSIONER RYAN: All right.

MAYOR GELLER: -- sir.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: So, what I would like to -- to do is take the big picture, because this is the -- the whole premium pay discussion (inaudible) the American Rescue Act. And it's -- it's how far -- you know, even though it sounds like a lot of money, it's a finite amount of money.

And I was just making some notes about everything that we wanted to accomplish.

So, this is not recurring money. This is money that you have because of a unique emergency. So, I say let's go back and let's just look at -- you know, once in a while, like maybe every other year, we'll have a -- a retreat. And we -- we sit down, and we start talking about what are the broad goals of this County Commission, how do we want to take care of the environment and how do we want to take care of Human Services and economic development and transportation.

Now, all of those issues can come into the mix with this money from the American Rescue Act, because it has enough flexibility that you can look at economic development, you can look at the environment, you can look at, you know, jobs and all those incentives.

So, let me just throw out a couple of things that I -- I think we want to think about.

I -- I believe the next amount of money that we're going to get from the feds, I -- I believe it's somewhere around 190,000,000 that we're expected to get in May of 2022. And, geez, it sounds like a lot of money, but when you talk about everything that we want to do as far as, you know, the BARC annex, everything that we want to do with homeless services and the North HAC, park improvements, environmental jobs, you know, work in open spaces and --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I'm going to second --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- incinerator --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- my motion to defer.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- and -- and everything else --

(Laughter.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- so -- thank you, Dr. Sharief.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I thought you were going --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: But --

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COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- to like wrap up.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- if you -- okay. So, then to the amendment, you wanted to have a carve out for -- for the chauffeurs of \$5,000 apiece. So, you were right. You know, you have really 6300 licensed chauffeurs, you know, between --

COMMISS. NER SHARIEF: I --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- taxi, limo drivers, TOPS, the rest of that. And you had the correct amount, 31 and a half million.

And when you put in the amount from the United Drivers of Broward, again, a \$5,000 per -- per individual, 700 taxis, another three and a half million.

The point is that what are you going to do about the other, you know, like 6200 employees that work directly for Broward County, the vendors, you know, people that are in --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- in areas that --

MAYOR GELLER: Shh.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- you have a lot of exposure.

So, how far does it go? You know, so is it the first to ask, you know, get the money and then the rest of them are left out at the end because they didn't ask fast enough?

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: So, actually --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: (Inaudible) point.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- there is a plan for the other --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- employees in the premium --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Dr. Sharief --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- pay.

MAYOR GELLER: -- I -- I promise I will call on --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I just --

MAYOR GELLER: -- you, but I -- we can't have --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- okay. So --

MAYOR GELLER: -- everybody respond --

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COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- okay.

MAYOR GELLER: -- after everybody speaks.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: All right. So, I'm going to wrap it up then. How about that?

MAYOR GELLER: No, no. There are other speakers.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I'm going to second my motion to defer, and I'd like to call the question on my motion to defer this item.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Does -- does the motion to defer cut off my debate when --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yes.

MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- (inaudible)?

MAYOR GELLER: I believe it does.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yes. Because it --

MAYOR GELLER: County Attorney --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- occurred prior to it.

MAYOR GELLER: -- I believe a motion to defer is a privileged motion which takes precedence over the debate.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: And I'm calling --

MAYOR GELLER: Is the motion to --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- the question.

MAYOR GELLER: -- defer itself --

COMMISSIONER FURR: You tried to --

MAYOR GELLER: -- debatable?

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- tried to.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: No, it is.

MR. MEYERS: The -- the motion --

COMMISSIONER FURR: Yeah, I know.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: It is.

MR. MEYERS: -- to defer --

COMMISSIONER FURR: I'm saying you tried to cut --

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MR. MEYERS: -- cuts off --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yeah.

MR. MEYERS: -- debate on the underlying substantive motion, but --

MAYOR GELLER: That's correct.

MR. MEYERS: -- but you can still debate whether it should be deferred and how long --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

MR. MEYERS: -- how long it should be.

MAYOR GELLER: The -- to be clear, we are not debating the underlying issue. We are only debating whether or not you want to defer this for two weeks.

I don't think we need to spend a lot of time debating --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: And I don't -- and --

MAYOR GELLER: -- if we're going to --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- I don't mind --

MAYOR GELLER: -- defer this for two weeks.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- actually, I -- I think I still have the floor. I don't mind --

MAYOR GELLER: No, you don't.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- deferring it and --

MAYOR GELLER: You were done.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- (inaudible) comment about --

MAYOR GELLER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- you -- you can't just like call the question. That's not like a -

MAYOR GELLER: No, the correct motion --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- is to move the previous question.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I did. I --

MAYOR GELLER: Stop.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: Stop. Commissioner Ryan.

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COMMISSIONER RYAN: I'm calling a point of order.

MAYOR GELLER: I -- I -- I've heard your point.

Commissioner Bogen had made a motion. It was seconded by Dr. Sharief.

You were done, Commissioner Ryan. You actually were done speaking.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: And I called the vote.

MAYOR GELLER: All right. So, Commissioner Holness, are you debating only the motion to defer? Because that's the only thing --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Well --

MAYOR GELLER: -- that's up for debate right now.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- I understand. What -- what I would say to you, to all of us, is this. Let's at least get the discussion out of the way so that when we come back, we have something formulated --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: But we can't.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- that --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- I'm not going to take long in my -- in what I got to say. But --

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- I want to make sure we have a good understanding as to what's coming back when it comes back, and that the formulation is there.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: We don't.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: So, I -- I beg that we do a -- at least another three minutes at maximum. I only take one of them, okay?

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. I'm -- I'm sorry. Is there any additional debate on the motion to defer?

If not, all those in favor of the motion to defer, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Opposed.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Show the item deferred for a period until our next Commission meeting.

VOTE PASSES 8 TO 1 WITH COMMISSIONER HOLNESS VOTING NO.

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MAYOR GELLER: And --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Two weeks.

MAYOR GELLER: -- Dr. Sharief -- or who made the motion?

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I made the --

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Bogen. Dr. Sharief --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- Bogen made it, I seconded.

MAYOR GELLER: -- can you give any instructions --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yes.

MAYOR GELLER: -- as to what you would like done during that period?

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yes. Everybody who has something to say, put it in the PBMI. That's the pre-Board meeting inquiry. So, that way, staff can answer your question prior to the meeting, and that way, we can move the meeting a little bit quicker.

Additionally, that -- Drew, do you understand that -- what we want to come back? Because we want a full and complete analysis of which people would be affected by the premium pay in the chauffeur industry, right?

MAYOR GELLER: Dr. Sharief --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- I'm not sure that that's all that -- Commissioner Ryan was asking for an overall --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I -- I could never repeat what Commissioner Ryan said.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: But that's in the record.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: I know it's complicated (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: I -- actually, I happen to agree with Commissioner Ryan.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: So, now that we --

MAYOR GELLER: All right. So --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: So --

MAYOR GELLER: -- the matter is deferred.

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COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- don't hit that thing again.

MAYOR GELLER: Then stop talking. The matter is deferred. We're on --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: You --

MAYOR GELLER: -- to the next item.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: You asked me.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: And I did what you asked me --

MAYOR GELLER: Right. And --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- to do.

MAYOR GELLER: -- and then it started to degenerate.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 58

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. All Right. We are now on the last item of the day.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yay.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I want to open it, Mayor. Mayor, it's my item.

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Bogen, you are recognized on your item, 58.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: So --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: -- Number 58 is to include -- it's similar to -- I was just talking about it with Commissioner Sharief. Let's include everybody or, you know, now you're going to affect everybody.

So, we did an item last meeting, and I didn't realize. I wanted to be more inclusive of -- of all the taxi drivers and have what we did at the last meeting be inclusive.

And so, I feel that either we be inclusive of everybody, or we shouldn't be -- or -- or nobody, actually.

So, my goal is, number A, is to be inclusive of all the taxi -- taxicab drivers, and that's what I'm trying to accomplish in 58.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

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Commissioner Bogen, we have three speakers on Item 58.

First, Robert Bonner, who mistakenly signed up for 57 and then asked if he could speak on 58.

Mr. Bonner, are you still on the line?

MR. BONNER: Yes, I am, Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: You're recognized. You have three minutes.

MR. BONNER: Thank you.

We've all seen the employment situation throughout different industries.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. BONNER: The cab industry is no different.

We are required by ordinance to make sure that every vehicle is on the road, inspected.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. BONNER: It's been extended to December 31st, but --

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF LEFT THE ROOM.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. BONNER: -- we're at a loss --

(COMMISSIONER RYAN LEFT THE ROOM.)

MR. BONNER: -- to find people to drive these cabs. A lot of our drivers have not returned, have not put their cars back on road.

Others have found other means of employment.

So, we are now, the cab companies specifically, for a driver that owns his own certificate, he drives it, it's on the road, no problem. But for we that own cab companies, that own certificates, it's nearly impossible to put these vehicles on the road, because along with having a vehicle and having it inspected, we have to provide insurance, which is quite expensive.

And to just sit in it, just sit and look at it while it sits in a parking lot with no one to drive it is not feasible.

We would, please, included in this amendment, would urge you to just waive the abandonment clause that takes our permits away if they are not on the road by December 31st.

Thank you.

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MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, sir.

Our next speaker is Clark Joe Davis from B and L Service.

And, by the way, Mr. Bonner was from Town Taxi, or Intercity Taxi.

Clark Joe Davis from B and L Service, dba Yellow Cab. Mr. Davis, you'll have three minutes from the time you begin to speak.

MR. DAVIS: Thank you, Mayor Geller, fellow Commissioners. This is Joe Davis, and I represent Yellow Cab and United Cab of Broward.

I want to thank Commissioner Bogen for bringing this item back to the Board.

To be clear --

(COMMISSIONER RYAN RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

MR. DAVIS: -- I think the decision to exclude companies from getting the same benefits as the owner-drivers who work predominantly at FLL was unfair.

Yellow Cab has been in business more than 60 years, and the only company providing countywide dispatch. The majority of our drivers do not work the airport or on their own certificate.

Yellow Cab drivers work the streets, providing over 800,000 metered taxicab trips regulated by Broward County so far this year from the company's call center.

24,000 of these trips were for passengers enrolled in the Rider's Choice Program provided by Broward County.

One of our newer programs is providing service for SFRTA, which we replaced the -- the bus system there.

In addition to serving every city in Broward County, we have been providing wheelchair taxicab service for 20 years and transport many of the elderly residents who don't want to use a ride share company. Many choose not to use them because of dynamic pricing, no one to speak to, and no wheelchair accessible equipment.

97 percent of our requests for transportation are provided by telephone call to our call center.

Yellow Cab is not in the permit rental business. It provides a vehicle with maintenance, insurance, in-vehicle security cameras, technology including private label dispatch software, a meter, and a backseat credit card device.

I think we can all recognize the need for a countywide dispatch system.

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In its absence, 1,070 certificates will flood the airport and seaport and force our residents and visitors to use ride share everywhere except the airport and seaport.

Currently, the average number of trips in August 2021 at the airport was 748 trips per day for taxicabs.

The holding lot for taxicabs is currently designed to hold approximately 110 vehicles.

(Inaudible) during that time, over 300 unique taxicabs picked up there in August, averaging 2.3 trips per day per vehicle. Hardly enough business for a thousand seventy vehicles.

While Yellow Cab has not been profitable since the pandemic, we continue to invest as we have for the past 60 years, including millions of dollars in expenses in operating a full-service taxicab company with employees, maintenance facilities, a call center, insurance, and vehicle replacement.

We would appreciate the financial relief in the waiver on abandonment as we have faith the business will eventually return, and we must be prepared.

We search daily for vehicles for our open permits, but the fact is that it has become nearly impossible to find Toyota Prius hybrid vehicles, new or used, which is the green vehicle choice our drivers, who save thousands of dollar -- thousands of dollars of the years -- a year (inaudible) costs.

I appreciate you time and available any time if you want to discuss anything further.

Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: You must have practiced. You finished with seven seconds left.

Our last speak- -- our last speaker is Nicholas Matthews. Nick Matthews, representing --

MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: -- (inaudible). You have three minutes from the time you start.

MR. MATTHEWS: Good -- good afternoon, Mayor and members of the Commission. Nick Matthews with the Becker firm on behalf of Yellow Cab.

I wanted to start by thanking Commissioner Bogen for bringing this great item forward.

I think Mr. Davis just before me did a really good job explaining the long-term commitment that Yellow Cab has to Broward County and some of the really

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unique challenges that are facing the taxicab industry, owner-operated or company, in general.

It -- it has been, obviously, a tough year and a half.

I think there's an important piece of the process that needed to be touched on here. As you will recall, when this idea of (inaudible) some relief for the taxi industry came about, the Commission was advised that the code did not permit the Board --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. MATTHEWS: -- the ability to modify --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. MATTHEWS: -- the terms of certificates or waive fees.

(COMMISSIONER SHARIEF RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. MATTHEWS: You needed to change the County ordinance to do so.

The -- so a ordinance was brought forward. It went through its three meetings --

MAYOR GELLER: (Inaudible.)

MR. MATTHEWS: -- and we supported that whole heartedly because we thought --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MR. MATTHEWS: -- we were all swimming in the same direction on this issue.

We -- a little unnerved when kind of a curve ball came our way and the resolution from the ordinance that the Commission put forward was limited to just particular people in the industry. We thought that curve ball was a little bit unfair and doesn't take into account that the industry across the board has been dramatically impacted by the COVID pandemic.

The original resolution picks winners and losers in this industry, and -- and we don't think that's right.

So, we really appreciate Commissioner Bogen bringing back Item A, and we would really hope the Commission supports Item A.

And -- and we thank you very much for consideration.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. That completes the public speakers.

Commissioner Bogen, had you completed your opening remarks on Item 58?

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: We've got two words. Move it.

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MAYOR GELLER: Well, there's actually Items A and B.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: So, let's --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: Moving A, A only.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: A is really what I'm trying --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Let me first see if there's any additional debate on Item 58.

Seeing --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Yes.

MAYOR GELLER: -- Commissioner Holness.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: So certainly, the taxi industry has suffered greatly, as I stated earlier. Bringing this relief is minimal that we can do for them, for all of them.

And Mr. Davis is still on the line?

MAYOR GELLER: Mr. Davis? Clark Joe Davis, are you on the line?

MR. DAVIS: Yes, I'm here.

(Reverberation.)

MAYOR GELLER: He's definitely here. Okay.

MR. DAVIS: Hello?

MAYOR GELLER: Mr. Davis, are --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: I -- I --

MAYOR GELLER: -- you still there?

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- you know --

MR. DAVIS: Yes, I'm here.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

(Laughter.)

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- thanks, Mr. Davis.

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So, part of the issue that I -- that I find is -- in -- in -- in -- in or debate and what we occurred -- that occurred earlier is that this dispatch system for us that is centralized, the TNC industry has centralized dispatch and is more adept at doing things. And -- and --

OPERATOR: Your hand is now lowered.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- I know I have --

MAYOR GELLER: Go ahead, sir.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- I've had discussion previously about probably whether or not some dispatch system can be put in place for especially the owner-operator drivers, some of these folks who have these additional wheelchair so that they don't all crowd the airport.

That would be something that would allow for some advantage for them to be located in different places.

And I know that Yellow Cab has done a real good job with that.

I'm wondering if you would consider trying to see if we can do that, one, and, further, let me thank you and the Gaddis Foundation for supporting the Haiti relief effort from your generous donation that has been utilized to help those who suffered from this latest earthquake.

Thank you.

Mr. --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, you support the item.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: I --

MAYOR GELLER: Yeah, but he --

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: -- I absolutely support it.

MR. DAVIS: And -- and -- and -- and, yes, you know, Commissioner, I would be -- I would be happy to work towards putting a program together that we could be inclusive of companies that want to have dispatch service, including that of the Rider's Choice Program.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: That might be a part of our solution when we go forward to enhance the opportunities for these 50 additional vehicles as we go forward.

So, I'm hoping that our staff can probably reach out to Mr. Davis and see how -- as we build the system out, how we can probably direct -- or -- well, not even direct, but talk to the drivers to see how they might be able to tie into the system

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better, because I know that's a part of the issue that they face also with the Rider's Choice Program.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you.

AGENDA ITEM 58A

MAYOR GELLER: Seeing no additional debate, Commissioner Bogen moves Item --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

MAYOR GELLER: -- 58.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I already second it.

MAYOR GELLER: And to be clear, County Attorney, do we have to do A and B or --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: No (inaudible).

MAYOR GELLER: -- just A?

MR. MEYERS: If you -- you pass A, B goes away.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. So, Commissioner Bogen's moving Item 58A.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I seconded --

MAYOR GELLER: Seconded --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- already.

MAYOR GELLER: -- by Dr. Sharief. Sorry.

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

Show that adopted unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

NON-AGENDA

MAYOR GELLER: I believe we have completed the agenda.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Mayor?

MAYOR GELLER: We are now on to post-agenda.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Can I please --

MAYOR GELLER: Dr. Sharief.

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COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- be shown as a co-sponsor on Item Number 56?

MAYOR GELLER: Please show that done without objection. Anything else before we --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Is that okay, Bogen?

MAYOR GELLER: -- begin post-agenda?

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: 58?

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Right, your -- 50 -- hold on.

MAYOR GELLER: 58.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yeah, 58. I'm sorry.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. We will --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: On the item we just --

MAYOR GELLER: -- start our pre-agenda -- which side did I start? I started with --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Yes.

MAYOR GELLER: -- this morning with Dr. --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Item 56. I'm sorry.

MAYOR GELLER: -- with Senator Rich.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: It was 56 and 58.

MAYOR GELLER: Please show Dr. Sharief --

(COMMISSIONER HOLNESS LEFT THE ROOM.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- co-sponsoring Items 56 and 58.

Show that done without objection.

Since we started with -- with Senator Rich this morning, we'll start with -- we'll finish with Commissioner -- starting with our left.

AGENDA ITEM 59

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Fisher, Non-Agenda.

COMMISSIONER FISHER: Thank you, Mayor.

And also, just wanted to know -- and thank you for attending the redistricting meeting that we had in City of Pompano Beach. Thanks to FIU as well.

(COMMISSIONER HOLNESS RETURNED TO THE ROOM.)

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COMMISSIONER FISHER: And our County Attorney was even there, too. So, I think it was great debate, and we heard from that immediate community.

Thank you for that.

AGENDA ITEM 60

COMMISSIONER FISHER: Tomorrow, I'll be attending the City of Deerfield Beach groundbreaking ceremony for the Center of Active Aging. (Inaudible) more than welcome to come, Commissioner Bogen, as well.

I'm excited for the city as they move forward for this project. And that will provide wellness activities in northern Broward seniors as well as our care givers.

AGENDA ITEM 61

COMMISSIONER FISHER: I also wanted to thank and congratulate Oakland Park's Fire/Rescue Battalion Chief Monica Maldonado, who was named the Emergency Medical Service Educator of the year by the Florida Department of Health.

AGENDA ITEM 62

COMMISSIONER FISHER: And then you always will talk -- always talk about there's King Tides again, October 5 through 11 and October 20 through 21 as Hillsboro Beach continues to -- to deal with King Tides as well as other communities.

So, thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Commissioner Fisher.

AGENDA ITEM 63

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Bogen, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER BOGEN: I just want to thank everybody for your time and attention last week with the presentation with the doctors here. And just working more on it, and I hope you'll be open to it when it comes before you.

Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Ryan.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: I have no remarks. I'm just here to listen.

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MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: (Inaudible.)

AGENDA ITEM 64

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Holness.

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: I'm almost speechless.

(Laughter.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Promises, promises.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: With your statement.

We have again this year Florida's International Trade and Cultural Expo, FITCE, on November 17th and 18th at our Convention Center. The website is fitcexpo.com.

We've had several hundred who have already registered for this event. We have people coming from around the world to attend this event.

It is certainly something that has built a reputation of being productive for those who are looking to import, export, and to connect to commerce around the world.

In fact, this morning I came in a little late because I was in Miami, invited to speak at the World Strategic Forum to talk about international business and -- and -- and trade. Was a -- a very lively meeting this morning.

Again, FITCE is here. We've gotten tremendous amount of results for -- for -- from it.

And, again, f-i-t-c-e-x-p-o dot com, or our Office of Economic Development and Small Business can give more direct information. 954-357-6400.

Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Commissioner.

AGENDA ITEM 65

MAYOR GELLER: I will close, so we'll go to Vice-Mayor Udine.

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: No, no. I will go last. So (inaudible).

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VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Okay. Couple things.

First, I want to just mention that this past Saturday night I had the opportunity, I stood in for the Mayor and -- and graciously welcomed the King of the Awori Tribe from Nigeria and Laos. They were in -- in Fort Lauderdale, and I gave them a Proclamation.

And it was very interesting. They had their biennial meeting here. They love Broward County. They'll be back again in a couple years, so somebody else will get a chance to meet the King over there in a couple years.

But it was -- Broward portrayed itself very well. The Mayor of Fort Lauderdale was also there.

And it was pretty interesting to see the culture of the -- the tribe that is being religiously persecuted out of Nigeria and Laos.

So, thank you, Mayor, for allowing me to stand in on that one.

AGENDA ITEM 66

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Second thing, I -- this Friday at 7:00 o'clock in the morning, I will see off our National Guard troops who will be deployed for a year in active theater. You know, the National Guard leaves, they leave their family --

(COMMISSIONER RYAN LEFT THE ROOM.)

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: -- they go out into harm's way. And I just want to be there and recognize them on behalf of Broward County as they leave our community for their deployment.

AGENDA ITEM 67

VICE-MAYOR UDINE: Finally, October 21st, NFT, Broward Arts general provisions, we have 125 people. There's 25 spots left.

If you want to learn about what -- what Broward Arts is thinking about in the future about non-fungible tokens and some of the different opportunities that we could have as a County, check it out.

There'll be a Instagram live this Saturday, October 9th at 12:00 o'clock with one of the attorneys who's speaking. He's going to be on Instagram live.

So, check out Broward Arts' page this Saturday and you can learn more about it.

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It's just fascinating what's going on right now.

And I thank the County Attorney for his memo that he sent out on what's going on with some of the crypto and NFTs and -- and some of that stuff.

I think there's going to be a lot of stuff in the future to talk about with respect to that.

Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

AGENDA ITEM 68

MAYOR GELLER: Dr. Sharief.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Thanks, Mayor.

Where did Commissioner Ryan go? I was --

MAYOR GELLER: He's probably eating.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) more food.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: Okay. First of all, I want to say congratulations to our Office of Economic and Small Business Development Director Sandy-Michael McDonald and his team for receiving two Awards of Excellence in their Marketing and Tools Category for best use of promotional item, and the Government Service Award for Innovating Programs that Meet Residents' Needs.

AGENDA ITEM 69

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: The second thing that I want to say -- and Monica's not here today, but it was Monica's birthday, and I wanted to say happy birthday to Monica. Happy birthday to Sandy-Michael McDonald.

AGENDA ITEM 70

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: And then the last two things that I'm going to talk about is that we had our Port Everglades luncheon, and the presentation was called Getting the Green Light, Environmental Progress Propelling Port Everglades' Biggest Endeavor.

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And they really touched on a lot of what we've been fighting for, I know I've been fighting for, over the last 11 years, which is trying to get the approval from the Army Corps of Engineers for port mitigation so that we can deepen and widen our port.

And, you know, as I wrap up my time here on the Commission, I just wanted to say that this was such a unbelievably successful operation that they put forth, and if you get a moment -- I know everybody was not there, but if you do have the opportunity to get your hands on that presentation, it would be a worthwhile read, because it really showed, I mean, with the pictures, where we came from where we are now, and what stages we have to do through to get our final green light.

And so, I was just very pleased with that. I'm so glad that something that we started when I started here is getting done.

And I'll come back to the ribbon cutting on our new Governmental Center, but I just thought that this was just something that we worked so hard for, and I think it would be worthwhile for everyone to look at that presentation.

AGENDA ITEM 71

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: And I just want to say that I celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, and I want to say happy Hispanic Heritage Month and continue to celebrate it through -- well, I celebrate continuously for my birthday, so I don't know about you, but November is coming, so I'm celebrating the whole month of November. So, Hispanic Heritage Month came, so keep celebrating through October.

But it was great. I was in Miramar at the amphitheater, and even though the weather was rainy, we did enjoy it.

And those are my remarks, Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you, Dr. Sharief.

AGENDA ITEM 72

MAYOR GELLER: Commissioner Furr, you're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER FURR: Thank you.

Last week, we had the resiliency roundtable. Commissioner Rich and myself hosted that. And we had -- staff was kind of giving an overview of what's going

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on in the County with resiliency. Dr. Jurado and Jason (Inaudible) and their team presented everything that's going on.

And it -- it was -- it's -- it -- we had about a four-hour meeting, I guess --

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- with all the cities, almost -- actually, I think three cities didn't make it.

But what was really impressive was to hear what was being done even outside of what's just the County, within the cities themselves. It was -- it -- it is obvious that there's been a tipping point where not only the County, but cities are starting to get involved in making their own cities resilient as well.

Altogether, it was very -- it's a -- it's -- it bodes well for the fact that everybody's kind of on board and working in the same direction.

AGENDA ITEM 73

COMMISSIONER FURR: At the same time, the Children's Services Council just released their 2021-22 Family Resource Guide for families. Any families that have kids, this is the book to get. It comes out every year. It comes out in four languages.

And if you need any -- any information on childcare, after care, schools, nutrition, tutors, all that kind of stuff, just came out, worth getting.

And that's all I've got today.

Thanks.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

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MAYOR GELLER: Senator Rich.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Thank you.

And I just want to add a few things to the report that Commissioner Furr gave on the resilience roundtable.

It really was incredibly well attended, and I think it was just a great exchange of ideas, sharing initiatives that different cities are doing, and -- and their plans to move forward.

We did hear from Colonel Booth, who's the new head of U.S. Army Corps. I did question him a little bit at the end about the C and SF Flood Resilience Study for

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which we do not have the -- a sufficient amount of money yet for getting that study started. It's just incredible. It's been going on since 2009, and we still, you know -- so -- but --

COMMISSIONER FURR: I think he's going to --

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- that's --

COMMISSIONER FURR: -- remember you.

COMMISSIONER RICH: -- he's going to remember me, yes. I'm sorry.

(Laughter.)

COMMISSIONER FURR: (Inaudible) a feeling.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yeah, I've got a feeling, right. I -- I wasn't rude or anything, but I was very matter of fact about what we need, so --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: But, you know, I just presented that again --

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: -- at the 16-County Coalition Water Resource Board a few months ago.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: And I'm not sure why it's not funded.

COMMISSIONER RICH: Yeah, well, it's -- I don't know. We seem to be last in line here.

But, anyway, one of the things that I -- that I did, we both made remarks, and after Dr. Jurado's presentation, I -- I made -- if you remember, we passed our net zero here emissions by 2050 goal.

And so, we did a -- a call to action with all the cities, which I think was received very well. And I got several e-mails afterwards saying we're going to move on this. And that was in light of this kind of red code warning that -- about the climate crisis that just came out of the IPCC assessment report.

So, the call to action was to join the race to zero. And I will say that I believe Hallandale Beach is the only -- well, they're -- they've already joined race to zero, and Pompano is also targeting net zero by 2050.

So, those are our two cities who have moved forward already, but we hope that we're going to have, you know, a hundred percent of them by the time we meet next year.

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And I just -- as I said, I think it was really -- it was much different from the year before, because there was much more commitment and involvement from our -- from the municipalities, which is really, really important.

And, lastly, I just want to mention, we did a tour, we -- we invited the Secretary of DCF to come down to do a tour of Broward Behavioral Health Coalition programs last week. And my sincere thanks to here, Secretary Shevaun Harris.

We also invited State Representative Christine Hunschofsky, because Christine has been appointed by Speaker Sprowls to be on the Commission on Behavioral Health that was just created by the Legislature.

So, that'll be really important for us, too, to have a voice on that -- not -- not that she will only be for Broward, but, you know, it's important that we'll have someone looking out after our interests.

And we spent the day visiting South Florida Wellness Network, the Village South in Pembroke Pines, and the Memorial Health Systems Maternal Addiction Treatment Program called Mothers in Recovery, which specializes in treating mothers and pregnant women.

Village South is a residential treatment facility in Pembroke Pines that provides community-based substance abuse and mental healthcare. It also features the Pembroke Pines Children's Academy, which is new, incredible. If you get a chance to go out there, it's state of the art childcare center which was actually funded by West Care, which is the parent company for Village South.

And it will serve the clients of Village South, those children, and the wider community in Pembroke Pines.

We heard moving, heartfelt testimony in all three places from clients about working with their peer specialist.

Some of you may remember we presented a Proclamation last year to Susan Nyamora from South Florida Wellness.

And this is just a -- a -- a -- a resource that has taken off in our community, the peer specialist. And the -- the clients feel such a level of trust and empathy from the peer specialists because they themselves have successfully completed a recovery program.

And we also heard from the peer specialists themselves, who told us how their - - their lived experience with mental health and substance abuse enables them to help others discover their own path of -- in recovery.

And I will tell you that Dr. Harris stayed the entire time, entire day, from 9:00 in the morning. Actually, she had a five-something flight. She didn't leave Memorial's Behavioral Health Center until about 3:30. I was just keeping my

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fingers crossed about the traffic going down to Miami, because she was leaving out of there.

But she was -- was, I think, very impressed by what we're doing. And she has -- which is good for Broward. She has included Silvia Quintana, our CEO of Behavioral Health Coalition, has been on panels for the latest summit and another event that they had statewide. And they really are using her to talk about all the initiatives that we're doing here in Broward County.

So, we can be very proud. And it was a really nice day.

Thank you.

MAYOR GELLER: Thank you.

REGULAR AGENDA

MAYOR'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 49

MAYOR GELLER: I have a number of items.

The first is a motion to direct, so let me bring this up. This is when County Attorney told me to bring it up.

I've been concerned about the number of supplemental items which are being submitted very late, which the Board members don't get a chance to see until either late Friday before a meeting, or sometimes not even until the Monday before the meeting.

Either these items are time sensitive and significant, or they're not.

If they aren't, then they should wait until the next agenda.

If they are time sensitive and significant, submitting them late deprives us of the opportunity to discuss the items during our agenda briefings with staff, and may require a second round.

This is not an ideal situation for the nine of us.

Commissioner Fisher recently sponsored some rule changes which have helped, but problems have persisted.

Unless there are six objectors, I'd like to direct the County Attorney's Office to draft amended rules for the Board's future consideration, to the extent legally permissible -- there may be some Charter -- Charter provisions that need to be

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navigated -- that would prohibit Supplemental Agenda items from being distributed to Board members after the Wednesday prior to the Board meeting with the proviso that if it really is a time sensitive emergency, that the Mayor can waive that Wednesday deadline.

So, if it is a time sensitive emergency, by the time we pass this it'll be -- Vice-Mayor Udine will be Mayor, so it's not affecting me, but I think that it is the -- that it is important to --

(Laughter.)

MAYOR GELLER: -- did I say something funny? Okay. I think that it's important to give us time to analyze these and hear.

So, are there objections to the motion to direct?

COMMISSIONER FISHER: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. I do -- that's not an objection.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)

MAYOR GELLER: Right. So, therefore -- okay. County Attorney, you've heard the motion to direct.

Okay. Secondly, I did want to announce, although I think she's left, that Thursday --

COMMISSIONER SHARIEF: I'd like to co-sponsor that item, sir.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Do I need a motion for this?

MR. MEYERS: No, it's -- it's fine. We'll --

MAYOR GELLER: Okay.

MR. MEYERS: -- reflect it when it comes back.

MAYOR GELLER: Okay. Thank you.

I would like to announce that Thursday is Bina Fink, one of my aides and our official selfie photographer, it is her birthday on Thursday.

I have attended every reapportionment meeting that we have had. I will tell you, and anyone who has experience in reapportionment will tell you, it will not be possible to make everybody everywhere in the community happy, because people have different goals.

So -- but we're doing everything we can. I've been very impressed with the FIU staff and the job they've been doing.

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Fourth, on September 24th, I also on the Broward Leaders Water Academy, as you've already heard, I gave the -- I also attended. I gave the opening remarks, both as Mayor and as Chair of the Broward Water Advisory Board for multiple years.

Last week, we had the -- a meeting of South Florida Regional Planning Council where we had the Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and we had very good discussion with her about condominium safety, because a bureau of Division of Land Sales and Condominiums is under that.

And the last item is COVID.

Our numbers are really much better. And hopefully, we'll be able to lift restrictions.

I don't want you to get carried away. The best number -- best way of measuring is new cases per hundred thousand. Anything under five is considered good. Two and a half and below is green. Two and a half to five is orange -- is yellow. Five to ten is orange, it's a warning.

Anything over ten is considered out of control.

We were down at 5.1 in June. It was pretty much under control.

We went up into the 140s.

So, our numbers are much better now. Today's number is 19 point something cases per hundred thousand, which means we're only double the number to be considered out of control.

So, it's much better than 14 times the number of out of control, but, you know, I've still worn my mask most of the meeting except when I'm speaking.

I just want to remind everybody, COVID is not yet over. It is still in Florida in the out-of-control numbers.

I appreciate everybody being here.

Is there anything else before we adjourn?

If not -- please -- I'm sorry. I forgot.

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MAYOR GELLER: County Administrator?

MS. HENRY: (Inaudible.)

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NON-AGENDA

MAYOR GELLER: County Attorney?

County Auditor?

MR. MELTON: Nothing, sir.

MAYOR GELLER: If not, show us adjourned.

(THE MEETING ADJOURNED/RECESSED AT 1:36 P.M.)

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