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Mayor Lago: Moving onto Public Comment. Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, we do have three speakers today.

Mayor Lago: Okay.

City Clerk Urquia: The first speaker is Ms. Maria Cruz.

Mayor Lago: Ms. Cruz, good morning, the floor is yours.

Ms. Cruz: Before I start, Maria Cruz, 1447 Miller Road, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Some days are good days in Coral Gables, some days are not. So, the first thing I need to ask before I start,

because I have several issues to discuss today. Is the budget issue going to be discussed as part of the agenda today or not? If not, I will take care of it now.

Vice Mayor Mena: What is the budget issue?

Ms. Cruz: Yes.

Vice Mayor Mena: What is the budget issue?

Ms. Cruz: What's the budget issue? Well, if it's not going to be discussed, there is nothing on the budget on the agenda, then I'll proceed.

Mayor Lago: There is nothing on the agenda in regard to the budget. I will mention something under Mayor's Comments requesting a meeting with my colleagues if they'll indulge me.

Ms. Cruz: Alright. Then let me start by saying, the first comment before I get to that, is that today, actually last week, I was here in the building, and I couldn't go up because the elevator was down. The elevator was not working. Today the elevator is still not working. I asked and I was told, you know, we have the option of Zooming from the conference room. Zooming from the conference room, I could have Zoomed from home. I believe that this is an ADA compliance issue, because there are other places – I was very happy to hear the gentleman that was here today, there are two auditoriums that we could have had across the street if we had made arrangements. You know, it's an insult to the people that would like to be here that several days went by and no arrangements were made. I'm sorry, that is not acceptable. And if we had to go to the CMR, the problem is parking, yes, but we have events there where problem is parking, and you know what, we can provide Freebee, we can provide trolley. There are many ways that we can skin a cat. So, Mr. City Manager, that was not a good comment this morning. Alright. I've been for years been bringing up to the elected officials, the fact that we, the people, the people that pay the taxes in this city, have come to realize years ago and it continues that you all get elected, you all have plans, you all have ideas, but you don't decide, because even though you put in writing your decision, the staff decides for you whether it's going to be carried out or not. And I'm sorry, today is a bad day, because you know what, I know we have a professional staff, but professional staff are human beings, and guess what, professional staff looks after professional staff; and we forget that the other people in this city, in this government that are not professional staff, that are the people that do the menial jobs that we don't want to do. They are the people that collect the garbage. They are the people that collect the trash. They are the people that clean the streets, and since they are not professional staff and they are not exempt, they only get the crumbs. Something is wrong with that. And I'm going to tell you right now that I know, because I have a copy of a lovely memo that was addressed after the city closed yesterday, and I thought it was very convenient, because you know what, who could we ask? – how could we get information? – everything is done. So, this discussion could not be had about that memo, because we couldn't question it. I want you to know.

Vice Mayor Mena: The Mayor just told you, it's going to be discussed.

Ms. Cruz: Yes, but...

Vice Mayor Mena: Not today, with time, so that everybody gets plenty of time.

Ms. Cruz: That's okay. But this is something that putting it off is not going to go away.

Vice Mayor Mena: Not putting it off.

Ms. Cruz: This is something that needs to be discussed and I'm going to tell you right now, I, Maria Cruz, come many times and at the last-minute request stuff from the Clerk's office, because if something comes up and I need it, there's never been an issue. Today, I made two requests, and I was told that it had to go through the Public Records Request process. So, of course I couldn't get it today. That is an insult, okay, and I'm offended by that. And you know what, I have never complained because Billy's office is outstanding, but obviously, we have orders and that is wrong, that is wrong, because when you put down stuff in a memo at the last minute and the people cannot argue it, you're keeping our voice down.

Mayor Lago: May I respond. May I respond.

Ms. Cruz: Can I finish and then, please, please. Okay. You're going to get a lot of smoking mirrors today. You're going to get a lot of spinning. The figures can be spun. Okay. I called, before the memo came out, before the memo, you are going to talk about the memo, I'll ignore the memo. Before the memo came out, I took the time to call the Assistant Finance Director for Budget, because you know, I never talk unless I check and I wanted to know, please tell me, where do I find the executive benefits in the budget. Simple question. And Keith was very nice, he says, you always ask exact questions, you never go around. Okay. So, you know what, it's almost impossible to find them. He took me around to several places that I could find stuff, but there is never a place where you can see what the executives, the exempt personnel, the professional people have their benefits. That is wrong, because you know what, I know you all have other lives, you work, you have your own businesses. You don't have the time to check everything you're given.

Vice Mayor Mena: That's not an excuse for anybody that sits up here. That's not an excuse for anybody that sits up here.

Ms. Cruz: But Commissioner...

Vice Mayor Mena: I'm responsible. I was elected to be responsible and five of us were. I don't get to hide behind, I didn't look at it. So, let's be clear about that. I own whatever is in that budget, I have to own it along with my colleagues.

Ms. Cruz: But I think – you are expected to be able to trust the people.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes, I am.

Ms. Cruz: Okay, and this is the anguish. You all are not at fault. You all have to trust the people that work for you and the problem is that, as far as I'm concerned, they are not trustworthy, because what they have pulled this time is beyond, okay.

Mayor Lago: Maria, Ms. Cruz.

Ms. Cruz: Yes. Maria is okay.

Mayor Lago: With all due respect. Let's talk about issues that pertain to the city. I don't want to insult anybody or call into question anybody's integrity or whether they are doing a good job.

Ms. Cruz: Okay.

Mayor Lago: We, like the Vice Mayor said, we are responsible for this budget. You and I, you and I over the last eight years have sat down and reviewed that budget in my office, like a fine-tooth comb, okay. We've reviewed the documents and I've reviewed them with a litany of other residents, because they want to talk about issue of importance and to find out what we could potentially find money to address incredible needs in this community, like acquiring historic properties, like ensuring that we could have trolleys on Saturday, how we could clean certain areas of our city. I want to be clear, because you mentioned that we weren't going to discuss the memo. Since you are discussing it, you are forcing my hand. I'm going to discuss it now and I had it under Mayor's Comments. This is what I'm going to say under Mayor's Comments.

Ms. Cruz: Okay.

Mayor Lago: I, the Mayor, requested the following memo from the Manager. I requested it last Thursday or Friday. Mr. Manager, was it Thursday or Friday?

City Manager Iglesias: Friday, Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Friday. I requested it.

Ms. Cruz: And yesterday was Monday.

Mayor Lago: I know. But again, I requested this information. I wanted to understand executive benefits and certain information that we all had received, okay. The memo was provided to me, I requested it probably Friday morning, it was probably given to me, you can't count the weekend, other municipalities were closed yesterday, we were open. I know the City of Miami was closed, at least their City Hall was, and we were able to get this information by 7:30 last night. I reviewed the memo as quickly as I possibly could, okay. But I have to be honest with you, I don't think anybody is prepared to have a reasonable discussion at this present moment. And what I'm going to ask for, after consultation from my City Attorney, I was going to ask for a Shade Meeting. We cannot have a Shade Meeting because it is not a litigation issue. We are going to have a Sunshine meeting, where we are going to sit down and have a conversation prior to the next Commission meeting. And that's all I want to talk about today, because I don't like to make decisions or have conversations based on information that I don't have a full grasp of. But

I take full ownership of that budget, 110 percent, and I want to sit down with our professionals who I hold in the most high regard and who does an incredible job on behalf of the city. And when you mentioned that the lower-level employees, which are not lower level in my eyes or in your eyes or anybody's eyes, do not matter – for the second time since I've been Mayor, we are having meetings with all employees this month and a separate meeting with directors to see how we could continue to improve this city, and that's happening across the board. So, I just ask you to give me a week to sit down, schedule a Sunshine meeting and have a conversation to get to the bottom of a lot of questions that were asked.

Vice Mayor Mena: Precisely, Maria, to your point, nobody is asking you to get a memo last minute. It's not last minute, because we are not discussing it today. We are going to discuss it at a future date. You'll all have the memo for plenty of time, you can ask follow-up questions. I'm sure you will have follow-up public records requests, which you always get. We get thousands and thousands of public records requests, and I think overall you'd agree we do a pretty good job getting it to you. I understand you got this one late, but it was just a delayed process. You asked for it Friday, you got it Monday. I wish I had employees in the private sector which turned around a memo that quickly sometimes, okay. So, that's just the way it goes. We are going to give you plenty of time to review it, we are going to give you any documents you want. We appreciate the seriousness of the matter, and we are going to do it right, but let's not make it out to be a last-minute thing, because it's not. It's not on the agenda today.

Ms. Cruz: I accept that. But let me give you a few pointers, okay. Perhaps somebody should go and visit the Budget Advisory Board and maybe read their notes, because you know what, you have a very important board that should be advising but that should be allowed to come to you all if they so desired, and they should not be told, no, no, there is no need to do that, because somebody reports directly to the City Manager and he'll handle it. No. When you have a citizen volunteer board and they would like to, somebody proposes, you know we should discuss it with the Commissioners, they should not be told, let's wait, we'll go through the City Manager first. That's important.

Mayor Lago: Ms. Cruz, can I respond to that. Commissioner Anderson, just give me one second.

Ms. Cruz: I read the minutes that's why.

Mayor Lago: And I have to read those minutes again. But let's be clear because you, along with Sam Joseph, along with members of the Disability Advisory Board, who are here today, along with members of the Sustainability Board, I have meetings with them on a regular basis. I meet with you on a regular basis.

Ms. Cruz: But there's...

Mayor Lago: But I'm just saying, how much open can we be. Friday starting at 2 o'clock, anybody can come and see us till 6 o'clock. There are people here who have been to see me. The lady with the Catalonia dog park discussion, they came to see me to voice their concerns and we had a one-hour meeting, on an issue where – I'm just saying, you're not wrong, you're not wrong, Ms. Cruz, and I completely respect what you're saying. We can't say that we are not

speaking to our residents who give up so much of their time and volunteer and play such a critical role in our governance, and also in regard to the issue of public records that the Vice Mayor touched upon. Billy, I want to, for the record, what is the turnaround that is mandated for public records?

City Clerk Urquia: There is no mandated turnaround. It just says an appropriate amount of time. And however, just in Ms. Cruz' case, what she asked us for was to print the attachments from three agenda items at the beginning of the meeting today. And then we were not able to print them, however, Ms. Cruz, you did receive the link to all three before you came up here today, so you can review them. We didn't have an opportunity to print them, but we did provide them to you.

Mayor Lago: And by the way, I just want to add something to that.

Ms. Cruz: Okay.

Mayor Lago: I had a meeting this morning at 7 o'clock in the morning with a resident and then one at 7:30 with a publication. I ran over here to meet with my staff at 8:30 to go over this memo, which I got it last night, but in between one thing or another, I was prepping for today's meeting. So, we as a Commission and our staff, we understand that this is important, and we agree with you. This is critically important, this is critically important, just like when I spoke to the Manager last night, he was meeting with staff working on this memo till he was able to provide it, I think at 7:30 or 7:32, I want to be careful with the time. I think it was 7:32 it was provided. So, this is not being downplayed. We are going to have a Sunshine meeting, we are going to have an honest and candid conversation and then I'm going to put it on the agenda for further discussion, so we can take action or clarify what the memo states. No one's avoiding this, that's why we have public comment for one hour, we can talk here for one hour, if necessary about all the issues you want to talk about, that's why we have open door Fridays, that's why I have a Town Hall coming next month, that's why we do everything in our power to ensure that when you have a request or anyone has a request for a public records, we submit those public records requests. Also, what are the guidelines in regard to charging for public records?

City Clerk Urquia: Any public record that takes longer than 30 minutes, we are supposed to charge the employee's time that performed the duty, as well as for copies and stuff like that.

Mayor Lago: What have I asked you to do.

City Clerk Urquia: To try to not charge as much as possible.

Mayor Lago: And by the way, that's not just me, that's the entire Commission. Please, give the residents what they want, give it to them, even if it cost us time and by the way, to the Vice Mayor's point, I know that our City Attorney and our City Clerk spend dozens of hours on a monthly basis addressing public records that come in, and again, we are following the rules and the laws, but that takes time away from our employees to handle issues that are critically important. Again, with all due respect, Keith probably spent, I don't know how many hours addressing today's memo, along with Diana and staff. That took away from our, again, this is not

important, but it took away from other issues that we are trying to address, and I welcome it. We want to handle these issues and we are going to handle these issues, but just bear with us a little bit.

Ms. Cruz: That's okay. As to, Billy, he would be able to tell you that we are not asked to pay. I have paid, okay, and I have never complained about the turnaround because they are very good, but today, he knows that I have issues with my printer and that's why I couldn't print them. I'm not as technologically advanced as you all are.

Mayor Lago: I would print it for you in my office, if you'd like.

Ms. Cruz: But before I leave, before I leave...

Vice Mayor Mena: That's also not what was said though.

Ms. Cruz: Huh?

Vice Mayor Mena: That's not what was said, for starters. What you said was, he refused to give it to you, that he had orders from above to tell you to go through an arduous public records process and the implication, not unintentional, was that he was doing something inappropriate. This man is a man of integrity. You have acknowledged that he does a great job with the public records. We always give you...

Ms. Cruz: I also said that.

Vice Mayor Mena: I know you did, but so then we don't need the insinuation that somehow, he was instructed not to give you a document. When all he said was that he couldn't print it for you as the meeting was starting and to please just submit the request and he'll get it to you. That's all that happened.

City Clerk Urquia: No, no, no. Vice Mayor, just to correct you. I submitted the request. I sent her the link.

Mayor Lago: What time was that, if you don't mind me asking?

City Clerk Urquia: About 8:47 (a.m.), about 13 minutes before the Commission meeting started. While the Commission meeting was going on, we sent her the link to the items. Unfortunately, I couldn't print it for you, Ms. Cruz, but you do have it on your phone.

Ms. Cruz: But it's alright. I already said I complimented you, you're fine. We find that there are items that we requested take more time when they are sensitive items.

City Clerk Urquia: But less than an hour to reply to three public records requests, I think its adequate.

Ms. Cruz: My last comment is, you misinterpreted what I said about the Budget Advisory Board. We are not talking about one person coming to whoever appointed them. We are talking other boards where we've had issues that we wanted to bring to the Commission, the liaison, the staff person has never said, no, don't do that because we report directly to the City Manager. That is what I said. Okay. Not individuals. If somebody wants to present to a board, remember I've been chair of boards before, and somebody says, you know, why don't we take this up to the Commission, we want them to know. The person, the staff person has no right to say, well, no, no, you know, I take it to the City Manager first before you go to the Commission. That's absolutely...

Mayor Lago: Ms. Cruz, if I may just add one thing before Commissioner Anderson. The chairperson of the Traffic Advisory Board has come before this Commission.

Ms. Cruz: Yes.

Mayor Lago: I think on two or three occasions to voice their interest on legislation and changing certain things in the code. Whether it went one way or the other way, that individual was granted the ability to state their case before the Commission.

Ms. Cruz: But that's my point.

Mayor Lago: We are always welcoming to anyone that would like to speak, especially anybody who volunteers on behalf of the city.

Commissioner Anderson: Let me follow up. Let me follow up. Now, I've always told my board members that I've appointed, if you have something important, because there is a lot of mundane stuff that goes on in these minutes, you can call me, you can come see me. I'm here with rare exception every Friday, plus they have my cell phone, both of them, can call me any time. I purposely appointed a CPA to the Budget Advisory Board, because we all see things differently with the background, educational experience of a CPA, they may spot something that I miss.

Mayor Lago: You're not a CPA, you're a lawyer.

Commissioner Anderson: I'm not a CPA.

Mayor Lago: That's the whole point and that's a great point that you make. That's why we have our board members.

Commissioner Anderson: But I didn't get a call this time.

Ms. Cruz: Okay. Read the minutes and you'll see.

Vice Mayor Mena: We've now spent 20 minutes talking about this issue and there's people waiting on matters that are on the agenda today, and we spent 20 minutes debating the public records process and – Your first question was, is it on the agenda? – the answer was no, and yet we've spent 20 minutes talking about it.

Ms. Cruz: Because I said if it's not, I want to bring it up, make sure that we do not just...

Commissioner Anderson: We are going to do a Sunshine meeting.

Ms. Cruz: Okay. I've heard...

Vice Mayor Mena: This is something that we've never done before...

Ms. Cruz: I heard but I didn't know there was a Sunshine meeting, that's why I was asking, and this is why it was brought up and for the benefit of the employees that have been calling my phone and asking me, that's why I brought it up, because you know what, we have employees that are not exempt. Alright. Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you and thank you.

Commissioner Fors: If I could add something. I think we all agree that its important. I think that what's expected of us based on what e-mails I've received, is to have that Sunshine meeting soon than later. I don't think we let too much time go by before addressing that. Secondly, speaking of Sunshine versus Shade meetings, I do think that there are certain aspects of that memorandum which begin to implicate collective bargaining matters that perhaps do need to be addressed in the Shade, based on the current posture of negotiations. I think it's going to be difficult to separate one from the other. So, I just bring that up so we can think about that when determining whether we are doing a Sunshine or a Shade or a combination of a Sunshine and a Shade.

Ms. Cruz: Since you brought up collective bargaining, you open something that I know that I remember. Just one second, it's going to be very short. I'm sorry, when people go to collective bargain and they ask about other people getting a lot of money and they are told there is too many of you to give you the same, that's a problem. Okay.

Mayor Lago: Thank you Ms. Cruz. Thank you. On Commissioner Fors' point, we will schedule a meeting within the next week. Look at your calendars, sometime for next week. I want to make sure that we coordinate that meeting, to have a Sunshine meeting. I asked, I would prefer a Shade meeting. I asked the City Attorney if that was a possibility and I leave it up to her to make that determination. And please work with the Manager to see what we can do.

City Attorney Ramos: Absolutely. So, the majority of the memo was about the exempt employees. Clearly that cannot be discussed in the Shade to the extent that it goes into the Fire Union negotiations, that would be appropriate for a Shade session.

Commissioner Anderson: I think we should do two.

Mayor Lago: Yes. But moving forward.

City Clerk Urquia: Next speaker Mr. Mayor is Chris Kottke.

Mayor Lago: Sir, welcome to the city. It's a pleasure to see you. Let's talk dog parks.

City Manager Iglesias: Mayor just to clarify where we are at Salvadore Park, because I know this issue is coming up. The Salvadore dog park has gone through one round of permitting. All the modifications have been done for the second round of permitting, which we should obtain the permit for the dog part at Salvadore; and the Public Works Director will be working with Procurement to actually bid the project now. Should take about 30 days, four to six weeks to bid. We plan on starting as soon as possible.

Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Commissioner Anderson: And I also asked you to look at the lot across from the library for a temporary dog park, which we discussed yesterday, and you indicated that that should not be a problem on a temporary basis.

City Manager Iglesias: There is room there on a temporary basis.

Mayor Lago: But I want to make sure and I appreciate you bringing that up, Commissioner, and again, if the residents are in favor of it, I would be in favor of it, but I've met with, I think we've all met and they have come and spoken here before, the residents that live across from the Youth Center and the library, there's some concerns about having a dog park there. I just want to put that on the record to make sure.

Commissioner Anderson: That was a different lot.

Mayor Lago: Okay. I just want to clarify. I just want to clarify.

Commissioner Anderson: A completely different lot. The lot they were talking about is the one that the church uses for parking.

Mayor Lago: Listen, I'm all in favor. If the residents are in, I'm in. Sir, the floor is yours. Thank you for being here.

Mr. Kottke: Thanks very much. Good morning. I appreciate you all accommodating my comments on agenda item G-4 now, because I'm unable to attend later. Good morning, my name is Chris Kottke, I live at 3267 Riviera Drive, or 913 feet from Catalonia Park. We are all here today to voice our strong support for the dog park at Catalonia Park and our opposition to the G-4 resolution today. I shared data and information with all members of this Commission via e-mail after the September 13th meeting. I also asked the Clerk yesterday to include that in the record for today as well. Let me summarize that for everyone gathered here. First, the current set up at Catalonia Park is a waste of public safety resources. Our Assistant Chief of Police himself e-mailed on January 10th, there were 93 service calls in a 90-day period to Catalonia Park. In addition, there are even more calls, police calls to Catalonia Park since then representing hours and hours of time responding just to Catalonia Park. The time cost of our police exceeds the cost to build this space at Catalonia Park, never mind the time of Code Enforcement, your time and other city departments. Second, the compromised solution at Catalonia Park was already a done

deal. The city spent good money and time to print these door-hangers and distribute them. The purchase order was ready to go a month ago. Backing away from this compromised solution now waste more time and more money. Finally, I was told, I'm sorry, offered to be provided with e-mails, comments and appointments from a Commissioner regarding strong opposition to dogs at Catalonia Park. I received only one piece of paper with 16 names on it, those who are opposed. Four of them live up to half a mile away from the park, not within 1,000 feet. We are here today, in person, online, on record and on paper with 200 signatures supporting dogs at Catalonia Park; 54, like me, nearly one-quarter, over one-quarter, live with 1,000 feet of the park. I also asked the City Clerk yesterday to enter these into the record as well. These are your constituents, your residents, your neighbors of Catalonia Park, that recognize the need for and support the compromise solution. The support for the dog park is fact-based, overwhelming and unequivocal. The dollars and time data supported as I've shown today, the doorhangers were already printed, the purchase order was ready to go, the community broadly supports it. The neighbors within 1,000 feet overwhelmingly support it on nearly a 5 to 1 basis. This is the fair solution and the compromise that nobody was entirely happy with. You should therefore support this on behalf of the entire community. Thank you very much for your time and fact-based consideration.

Mayor Lago: Thank you for being here.

Commissioner Anderson: Thank you. I appreciate your comments. I did look at the petition. It only discussed Catalonia, it did not discuss using the lot across from the library, which is within equal walking distance, and there are problems at Catalonia Park. The rocks aren't great for dogs to run into. Talked to some folks that their dogs have been injured. It never was designed well to be a dog park. You know this. I don't need to repeat it to you and how people select what they want in their parks. I don't understand why the compromised solution is not appropriate. Have you looked at the lot across from the library?

Mr. Kottke: I can't speak to what all of our 200 supporters would say. What I can say is that they have signed on for a park at Catalonia Park.

Commissioner Anderson: No, but it only gave one option that they like it. I like it too, okay. But it breeds conflict between residents, and to try to work out a compromise solution its best to separate dogs from children. You could have a larger space at the library. So, I don't find...

Mr. Kottke: You can speak to other aspects of our support and where that may fit in. But what I can say is, what I've asked for and I believe has been entered is, the support for Catalonia Park solution.

Commissioner Anderson: I understand. But you never looked at the one at the library. I think the library is an option.

Mr. Kottke: I think the concern is, given the timeline at Salvadore, given the timeline of the Underline and the months and years that there's have gone on, but there is an immediate need and immediate support.

Commissioner Anderson: There will be one open in December on Ponce, okay, not in walking distance.

Mayor Lago: Why don't we do this. We'll go through the Chair. So are we going to discuss G-4 now.

Vice Mayor Mena: We should.

Mayor Lago: Do you want to discuss G-4 now?

Commissioner Anderson: We can discuss it now, because quite frankly, it gives the City Manager the ability to allow off-leash parks, as opposed to the current stats of things where we don't have any.

Mayor Lago: You have an item time certain at 10:30. How would you like to handle this; both of these are your items. What would you like to do?

Commissioner Anderson: We can do both.

Mayor Lago: Can we finish the public comment. Give me one second. Let's finish the public comment.

City Clerk Urquia: So, the next speaker is Mr. Mark Trowbridge.

Mayor Lago: Dr. Trowbridge.

Mr. Trowbridge: Well, again great to be with you all this morning. Thank you again for the wonderful recognition that you provided to the Shops at Merrick Park I'm here just briefly to bring you greetings from our Board Chair, Thad Adams, and our entire leadership. Yesterday was our 97th anniversary serving the city. The City and the Chamber grew up together. We share a similar founder and so, we are kicking off a weeklong celebratory event. You know, 97 is not very sexy, but we think it's pretty darn cool, and much like the city, we are thinking about what's going to happen here over the next couple of years, as we head towards our joint centennial, the city being founded and incorporated in April and us on 10/10, October 10th. At the end of the week, we'll be gathering together many members of our board and leadership and doing what we used to do around our anniversary celebration and that is go out and visit with our businesses on our birthday blitz. So if any of you would like to join us, the date is 10/14, we are gathering at 10:14 a.m., we are going to go and visit a number of the businesses up and down Ponce de Leon, across Miracle Mile, Aragon, Giralda, Andalusia, great opportunity to connect and keep folks excited about what we are doing with the Mayor, and we have been doing with our partners over the last year-plus. And so, if you are interested, we'd love to go walking with you, we'll be done around noon and then maybe have some lunch together. Thank you, very much and happy birthday to us.

Mayor Lago: Mark, thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the city.

Mr. Trowbridge: You got it. Thanks everybody.

Vice Mayor Mena: Thank you Mark.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: That's it, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Let's close the public comment and let's move onto to, would you like to handle the 10:30 time certain first?