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### **MAYOR WAYNE M. MESSAM DELIVERED MIRAMAR'S FIRST VIRTUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS** Accomplishments, Challenges and Vision for the Future Revealed

**MIRAMAR, FL** (Tuesday, November 3, 2020) – City of Miramar Mayor Wayne M. Messam delivered the annual State of the City address virtually on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. from the Miramar Cultural Center.

The State of the City presents an opportunity for residents, local businesses and community organizations to learn about accomplishments and major issues that affect their city. The virtual event included an intriguing panel discussion with Leah Carpenter, CEO of Memorial Hospital West; Silvia Montalvan, Miramar Firefighter Paramedic and Major Shalida Smith, Code Compliance Manager with the Miramar Police Department. The panelists shared with Mayor Messam their first-hand account of being on the frontlines at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The State of the City also featured compelling testimonials from residents who recovered from the virus and businesses who were recipients of the City's COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Grant Program. The program offered more than \$1 million to small businesses impacted by the pandemic.

Other key highlights from the State of the City address included:

- Miramar remains a corporate leader creating over 1,600 high paying jobs averaging over \$65,000 annually;
- Property values up an average of 7.11% over the last five years;
- Over \$160 million dedicated to infrastructure improvement projects in Historic Miramar including the completion of the East Water Treatment Plant;
- 3.7 million square feet of retail space added;
- 113 affordable senior housing units to be built in west Miramar;
- Opening of Paw Central Dog Park at Miramar Regional Park.

“The virtual address was a first for us due to the pandemic and I could not be prouder of our city as we continue to stand together during these trying times,” said Mayor Wayne Messam. “I am pleased to report that Miramar remains strong and we remain focused on delivering the vision of making the necessary investments in our community. I cannot thank our city staff enough for the work that they do. Miramar is off to a great start in the new fiscal year and we will continue to stand by our residents, business community and our staff as we continue to achieve our municipal goals.”

To view the Mayor’s State of the City address, visit [MiramarFL.gov/SOTC](http://MiramarFL.gov/SOTC).

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