

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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[Before meeting chatter]

[Gavel]

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR DAVIS: Good evening to everyone. We'd like to welcome you to the great City of Rivera Beach for the Regular City Council meeting.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

CHAIR DAVIS: At this time, Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters? [Pause]. Chairperson Terence Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lynne Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Tonya Davis Johnson will be attending the meeting telephonically due to medical reasons. Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Interim City Manager Danny Jones?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Andrew Degraffenreidt?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Here.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Commissioner Davis Johnson, you here?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I am here.

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright. Thank you.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR DAVIS: Now, we will have a moment of silence and we will stand for the Pledge, will be led by Councilperson Hubbard.

[Moment of silence]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I pledge allegiance...

ALL:...to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIR DAVIS: That had to be the first.

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Alright.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

CHAIR DAVIS: At this time, do we have any additions, deletions and substitutions?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. Yes, Mr. Chair. We have additions. Item 8A, B, C and D. They're all Community Benefits under Consent Agenda.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Any others from the Council?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Um, only addition that I have, sir, is, I wanted to add the procedure that we are using for the City Manager search.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: A discussion...

CHAIR DAVIS: That will be...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...on that, please.

CHAIR DAVIS: That'll be Item No. 20.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Davis Johnson, could you mute your phone, please, until it's time to speak? Pretty please? I would like to, at this time, to entertain a motion to add an Item that failed in the last meeting. No, across the Board and I would like to bring it back for presentation for reconsideration for the senior affordable housing but it will require a motion and a second, to have this Item added to the Agenda.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

CHAIR DAVIS: Do you have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Pardo dissenting.

CHAIR DAVIS: That Item will be 20A. No, 18A. 18A.

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL

CHAIR DAVIS: Any disclosures by the Council? [Pause]. I will discl...' Oh, yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. I did speak with the gentleman representing the community..., senior community center.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I had a conversation with... Mr. Kroll.

CHAIR DAVIS: And I also spoke with Mr. Kroll via conversation.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So did I.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Anyone else?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: As City Manager, I spoke with Mr. Kroll also.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Davis Johnson? [Pause]. Okay. Okay. We have a motion to adopt the Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: There's a delay and so, I'm [sigh]...

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm unsure as to what you said.

CHAIR DAVIS: No. We're just asking for any disclosures.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: None.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIR DAVIS: Do we have a motion to adopt the Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIR DAVIS: At this time, we're gonna go to the Consent. Would anyone like to have any of the Items removed from Consent?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: One second. [Pause]. For discussion, 5 and 8, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Items 5 and 8, Councilperson Hubbard. Anyone else? [Pause]. Anyone else? I would like to have..., well, I can do it later on, let's talk about the "Ban the Box", if it's gonna go through. But I think that'd be a good Item for the public to know...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, then pull it for discussion.

CHAIR DAVIS: Item No. 6. So, 5, 6 and 8.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Sir, I'd like to add 3 to that for discussion. A constituent wanna get more information on it.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: She needs to speak into the microphone [inaudible]...

CHAIR DAVIS: Please, speak into the microphone.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: A constituent wanted to get more information on No. 3. I almost overlooked that one.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So please...

CHAIR DAVIS: So, 3, 5, 6 and 8?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: Motion to approve Consent with 3, 5, 6 and 8 being [stammer]...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Removed.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...pulled.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes, sir..

CHAIR DAVIS: Madam Clerk. Properly moved and second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I didn't hear a second [inaudible]...

CHAIR DAVIS: The second came from Councilperson...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Hubbard.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: She said, yes, sir.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Vice Chair made the motion.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Thank you. Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

3. ITEM NO. 3

CHAIR DAVIS: Now, we can move to Item No. 3.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF THREE NEW FORD F-350 CREW CAB DUMP BED TRUCKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$114,141, FIVE NEW FORD TRANSIT CONNECT VANS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,945, TWO NEW FORD F-250 REGULAR

CAB TRUCKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,808, THREE NEW F-250 CREW CAB TRUCKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,328, TWO NEW FORD EXPLORERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,313 AND ONE NEW EAGER BEAVER 16,000LB TRAILER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,544.10 FROM DUVAL FORD, HUB CITY FORD AND NORTRAX BY PIGGYBACKING THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONTRACT NUMBERS FSA16-VEL24 AND FSA16-VEH14; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBERS 001-1123-534-0- 6451 AND 460-1127-541-0-6402 FOR THE PURCHASES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$430,079.10; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Staff.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: What you have before, Mr. Chair and, and Board, is an Item to follow the City's vehicle replacement plan. As a part of the 2017 fiscal year budget, vehicles were budgeted to be replaced and this is just an Item moving forward..., moving that budget Item forward to replace those vehicles identified.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The Items that were identified, are you saying that they need to be replaced or they just happen to be on, um, in rotation now to be replaced? And, the second part of that question, the maintenance guy that handles our vehicles and things a like, has he found a problem with this or we're just automatically rotating vehicles out?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: I'd like Mr. Brent Johnson to come speak specifically about the vehicles that are being replaced. But we do have a vehicle replacement plan and that is designed to maximize the City's opportunity for less maintenance and for the highest value in, uh, if we're gonna trade or sell vehicles. At that time, there's a calculation that is used and a formula that's used for vehicle replacement. But I'll let him speak more specifically about it.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Good evening, Council. Brent Johnson, Director of Public Works. As Interim City Manager Danny Jones referenced, there is a criteria that we go by. It was one that was developed some years ago. In reference to your question, the fleet services mechanic or fleet services manager has gone through these vehicles, listed for replacement, and has recommended them for replacement because, as you know, the older things get, the more maintenance they require. And so, we try to keep our fleet or, at least the plan moving forward over the last few years, is to keep our fleet less than 10 year..., right at about 10 years old. And, no more than 100,000 miles. Because, after that point, you start incurring a lot of maintenance costs.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So you're saying that mo'.., all of these cars are.., all of these cars are cars that are 10 years old or has over 100,000 miles?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am. They meet one of those criteria.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: You're welcome.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mr. Johnson, while you're.., real briefly, could you specify which each vehicle and what department they all cover and what they, what service used for?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Oh man.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible] gonna be used.

CHAIR DAVIS: Yeah.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: [Chuckle].

CHAIR DAVIS: I see 250, I see a [inaudible]...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Okay. I'll run down the list really quick. If you need me to slow down just, just let me know.

CHAIR DAVIS: Slow down [inaudible].

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: [Chuckle].

CHAIR DAVIS: Take your time.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yeah. Let's get that too.

CHAIR DAVIS: Cause I just wanna know because I wanna make...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...sure, you know.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Um, listed here, we have an F250 Crew Cab, which is for.., to.., the replacement of a Parks & Recreation vehicle. We have a F350 Crew Cab Dump Bed, which is a replacement of another Parks & Recreation vehicle.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Slow... Recreation vehicle for Parks & Rec, that's for what?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Maintenance crews.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Alright.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Maintenance crews. There's another F350 Crew Cab Dump Bed for Parks & Recreation and another 250 Crew Cab Dump, uh, Crew Cab truck for Parks & Recreation. There's a Ford Escape which will replace an old Ford Taurus for the media.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Our person. There's an F150 which will replace one of the building official, or building inspector trucks. There's a Ford Explorer for the replacement of an old Crown Vic, which you all know that nobody really drive the Crown Vic's anymore.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: For the fire department. There's another F250 Crew Cab for the fire department. There's a Ford Explorer to repl'., uh, to replace the library Ford Explorer. There's an F250 regular cab to replace a Public Works vehicle. Another F350 Crew Cab Dump Bed to replace a Public Works vehicle. An F250 Utility Body which is.., has all the compartments on the side and that's to replace a Public Works irrigation truck. There is.., there's a Ford Transit Connect van to replace the mail carriers' vehicle, for purchase.., for Purchasing. There's...

CHAIR DAVIS: Don't they have a new Explorer?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: N'... The.., no. The administrative.., the administration does but not the mail carrier. That's an older vehicle.

CHAIR DAVIS: So the, the Ford Explorer I see, the young man driving around, that's not new?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: No. Depending on which one he's driving. If he's driving the actual mail carrier truck, no, that's not...

CHAIR DAVIS: Oh...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: ...a new one.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...so if he's driving...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Right.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. I see what you're saying.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: We have two.., two more Ford Transit Connect vans to replace, two Finance vehicles but those Finance vehicles are for your customer service representatives.

CHAIR DAVIS: To what.., so, the customer service, that's the guys that handles the meters?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Right. And we went with those vans because, it was my understanding, that they wanna have.., be able to store tools and extra water meters and stuff like that. So, they needed something to be able to carry those tools and supplies in.

CHAIR DAVIS: So, have we kinda consulted with those that's doing the work to make sure that those are the proper vehicles...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: I don't consult...

CHAIR DAVIS: Those...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: ...with the employees specifically. I consult with the department heads.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: And they've stated that that's what they would like.

CHAIR DAVIS: I just wanna make sure that, you know, when you start pulling equipment out of vehicles...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Mm.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...and you start talking about vans, that's.., it requires a lot of reaching. So, you have a lot of back injury, things of that sort versus having a truck. So...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Well, I mean, they have right now, some of 'em are driving Ford Rangers which is sort of one of the...

CHAIR DAVIS: Similar.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: ...same cause the stuff's in the bed of the truck so they're always reaching. Actually reaching further because you have the tailgate.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: And they have to reach over the tailgate to get it. This will actually make it easier for 'em.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: They don't let the tailgates down anymore?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: They do but you have to start beyond the tailgate so that's an extra foot and a half, two feet, they have to reach versus the van they're..., they have direct access. But I did hear that there was..., there were one or two complaints from Finance but...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: ...from what I heard also, those two customer service reps went to a dealership and looked in and sat in a Ford Transit Connect and they were fine with 'em.

CHAIR DAVIS: Let's, let's double back and just make sure if we're gonna spend this money that, it is not a safety issue when you're talking about supplying certain levels of equipment into those type of vehicles. But I support this Item as long as that's not a issue but the employees is my..., are my concern.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: No problem.

CHAIR DAVIS: But other than that, I have no other questions for this Item, sir.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Not a problem.

CHAIR DAVIS: Anyone else? Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: You have a public...

CHAIR DAVIS: Oh.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...comment card on this.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mr. Willis Williams. One card.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Good evening. Willis Williams, Riviera Beach. Somewhere down the line, we're gonna have to stop this. Just because something was in place prior to this administration taking forward, doesn't mean you have to continue to do it. These trucks and vehicles does not go anywhere other than the City of Riviera Beach. It's very unlikely that they go out of this town, out of this community, anywhere. And if you got one or two of 'em down there with over 100,000 miles on it, anywhere around the City, they're probably in their 90's. Evidently, the individual who made this judgment did not watch CNN over the weekend when they talked about all the vehicles that's gonna be on the road in 2017 will 25 years old. Just because we have this money, don't mean we need to spend it.

Now, we got rid of the best retirement system in the world for our employees and we didn't have a backup plan for that other than the Florida State Retirement System. Now, how in the world can we have a backup plan for something so trivial as buying vehicles? This is just ridiculous. We gotta stop spending taxpayers' dollar just cause someone says we

need this. I wanna hear from the guy who's down at Public Works who make these judgment calls, who is the director of the vehicle maintenance, the cr'... I wanna hear him come in here and give you, verbatim, that this is what we need. You go out and look at the vehicles. Don't just take somebody's word that this is what we need. This is ridiculous. We gotta stop spending taxpayers' money this way. Just because we have it don't mean we have to spend it. We need to find better ways of taking care of the taxpayer. Take care of your employees. You're spending \$400,000? On trucks? They're usin' 'em now. [Stammer] Somebody tell me, is one broke? The only one that I know that needs to be replaced is the one that the Council drive every now and then and that should've been gone. That shoulda been gone.

But come one people. Ju'.., ya'll gotta get better than this. Don't just take every time somebody come in here with a number, we just spend taxpayers' money like that. That's ridiculous. At least go back and say, 'Listen, we're gonna have to search this.' And you're always piggybackin'. Just cause you can spend my money.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Chuckle].

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Stop spending my money like that. It don't make no sense. You got.., ya'll come on, now. We asked ya'll to do.., you, you were elected to do a job. Just don't come up on Wednesday night and, and, and say, 'Aye,' and you.., and, and you don' done the job, do the due diligence that it would take to find out, do we need these. We got, we got, uh, pumps that are still down in, in the water crisis. We haven't done.., fixed all of 'em yet. Let's spend the \$400,000 where it needs to be spent.

Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright.

[Beep]

[Clapping]

CHAIR DAVIS: That's the end of public comment.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I don't have a problem with us going down and taking a look at 'em or talking to the maintenance man or putting a little more investigation into it because I would hate to have Mr. Williams think that I'm just willy nilly misspending his money. So, if we want to bring this back on the 21st, if it's okay with the rest of the Council, those are my thoughts.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

CHAIR DAVIS: Here's...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, I'd like to hear from the City Manager about this Item.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: We have a Director who oversees the City's vehicle maintenance program that supervises the personnel and the maintenance department. These recommendations are coming from industry experts and professionals that the vehicles need to be replaced. You know, at some point in time, the vehicles reach a point of diminishing returns where they may still be capable of being driven but the cost to maintain them in the upkeep and the down time, makes it not feasible.

So, I'll go with the recommendation of Staff and the experts that work at the vehicle maintenance departments.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: You done, Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I am. Thank you, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: One thing that I would like to see and I'm gonna support this Item now but I would like to see a vehicle maintenance report for all the vehicles that we're replacing. So I can go over this later and if I need to make an adjustment, I can address it in the next meeting but I will approve this Item as it is now.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Madam Clerk.,

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: He said he was pulling the Item?

CHAIR DAVIS: No. I said I, I will support this Item now but I would still like to see a vehicle maintenance report of all those vehicles so I can.., if I need to make any adjustments, I can do it at the very next meeting.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilpersons Hubbard and Miller-Anderson dissenting.

5. ITEM NO. 5

CHAIR DAVIS: Item No...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 5.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...4. 5.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$94,715; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION AND LOSS CONTROL SERVICES FROM THE INSURANCE LIABILITY FUND ACCOUNT NO. 602-0539- 513-0-3101 FOR CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Staff.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. This Item is a recommendation to implement the last of a three year contract...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...for Gallagher Bassett to provide claims administration. And, Marie Sullen, the Risk Manager, is here to provide greater detail if the Council has additional questions.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The Manager.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: My question is, in relation to, to Item No. 5 and Item No. 8, how do those relate or, or correspond with Bassett & Gallagher.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Actually, Item No. 8 was a request for a proposal and that is a recommendation from the Purchasing Department on those who sub'.., based on those who submitted. Item No. 5 is a company that we currently have under contract and there's an option for one additional year renewal. Staff is recommending that we exercise that right to, uh, for that last year under that contract.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: In Item No. 8, that's what...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: No. In Item No. 5.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: 5.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. So, Item...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Item 8 is a...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Won't, won't take...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...new...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...effect 'til what year?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: No. Item No. 8 is a new contract.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Item No. 5 is a continuation of an existing contract and this is the last year of an option to renew for one additional year.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. So, what I'm asking you, with that option, would that option go from 2017 to 2018 and the one that you put the RFP out for in Item No. 8,

that will begin when, exactly? If this is that last year to, um, with the one year option to renew?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: The, and Item No. 8, will be three years starting this year.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Starting this year?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. This fiscal year. And Item No. 5 is one year for this last fiscal year of, of 2017.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Any questions from anyone else on Item No. 5?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Is this... [Inaudible]. For, Item No. 8...

CHAIR DAVIS: Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...being that the No. 5 is to give the one year additional, what's the push to put 8 in here for the following year without them finishing out the remaining year first? If we go with that, on 5?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: The services are two different types of services and I'll let Ms. Sullen explain that.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

RISK MANAGER SULLEN: Good evening, Council. Marie Sullen, Risk Manager. I think there's some confusion. Item No., Item No. 5, is Gallagher Bassett who is our third party administrator. They pay the bills on the worker's comp, the liability, the attorneys' fees, Medicare set aside that are required under federal law for worker's compensation. And they do also, surveillance, whatever that's necessary to bring a claim to resolution. So, that's Item No. 5 and we currently are under contract with them. We are requesting to complete that last option of a year and then from there, we'll go out for bid for the next contract.

And, in Item No. 8, is our broker, Arthur J. Gallagher. And they were the last party that actually put in place our current liability policies, property liability, auto, um, pollution. So, they are the broker, Arthur J. Gallagher, which is No. 8. And No. 5 is a third party administrator.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No relation?

RISK MANAGER SULLEN: There are some relation, yes. [Chuckle].

CHAIR DAVIS: Vice Chair, you...

RISK MANAGER SULLEN: One is...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...[inaudible].

RISK MANAGER SULLEN: ...a parent company.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: No more questions, Vice Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-uh.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I'm fine. Thank you, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson? [Pause]. Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

3. ITEM NO. 6

CITY CLERK ANTHONY:

RESOLUTION NO. _A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE "BAN THE BOX"

INITIATIVE AND REQUIRING THAT, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, ANY QUESTION REGARDING PRIOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS BE REMOVED FROM PRINTED AND ONLINE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORMS; AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A “BAN THE BOX” HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT POLICY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR DAVIS: Do we have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Mr. Jones, can you have Mr. Davis come and give a presentation to the public to explain the uniqueness of this particular policy and how the public can benefit from it? And how it changes our application process.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. As he's gettin'.., getting the PowerPoint or presentation together, as you may recall, the Justice Service Center earlier this year approached the Council about supporting the national initiative to advocate on behalf of ex-offenders and the Council voted in favor of supporting that initiative put forth by the Justice Service Center.

What you have before you tonight is a Reso'.., is a...a Resolution implementing the 'Ban the Box' in the City of Riv'.., in the City of Riviera Beach. Mr. Davis will provide an overview of the 'Ban the Box' and how the City will implement that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Before that presentation begins, would you please ask all of my colleagues to speak into their mics? I'm told that it's muddled because you're not speaking directly into your mics, please?

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: Good evening, Mr. Chair, Council.

CHAIR DAVIS: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: Interim City Manager, City Clerk. Bruce Davis, Human Resources Director. Before I start with 'Ban the Box', I would like to take a minute, if I may, just to introduce the new t-shirts that we have for MLK this year and they will be going on

sale soon. What we have as a special feature t-shirts, just for the MLK events this year. We wanted to bring them out so you could see them and we will have a sample coming to your office tomorrow.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. What do they say?

[Inaudible comment]

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: It says that, the theme, Building Bridges for a Better Future.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So do I get a refund then? I bought one of those shirts about three weeks ago.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I'm teasing, you can keep the money.

[Laughter]

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: But I did buy one a couple weeks ago.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: But, they have been out in selected...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: They came into the office.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: ...places but we will be going to a more general distribution starting this week.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: 'Ban the Box'. [Inaudible]. [Pause]. 'Ban the Box' is an initiative that has started to remove the felony convictions box from the City employment application. [Pause]. Tonight, we have a motion that we're asking you to approve, or, we have a Resolution that we're asking you to approve, that will take the 'Ban the Box' from the City employment application. It will still be in the hiring process but it will be moved from the front to after an offer, an offer has been made. [Pause]. 'Ban the Box' is a name that..., an international campaign is, more than internationally campaign slogan that is being, I would say, advocated. And it is to remove, again, the hiring appli'..., the hiring application checkbox that asks if an applicant has a criminal record from the start of the process to after an offer has been made. The purpose of it is to give..., is to enable ex-offenders to display their qualifications before they're asked about their criminal record. We want them to have an opportunity to go through the process with a discussion about their skillset. [Pause].

This campaign actually started back in 1990's in Hawaii and it, it gained momentum in the states but, in 2007 and 2009, during the recession, things started to regain and have more momentum and now it is.., has come to the forefront again. And, it really regained momentum because it became more difficult to find work and the emphasis that was put on backgrounds, background checks after the 911 and the terror attacks. The latest statistics that we have are from June, 2015, certified statistics that we have and, at that time, 52 U.S. municipalities and 18 states had legislation regarding 'Ban the Box'.

And I also want to point out that with the Ordinance that we're asking that we put in place, we will have an exception for sensitive positions, those that involve children and what we call, at-risk adults.

CHAIR DAVIS: That's it?

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. You made a comment earlier about an offer and then the question will come up, come up after the offer is done. Can you explain and elaborate a little bit more about that?

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: Yes. What happens in the hiring process now, on the application there's a question that asks you about your criminal record.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: And then you will indicate what that is, which means that the hiring manager, or the, the decision maker, if you're going before a panel, will have that information before you come to interview and there may be discussions during the interview about that criminal record. Under this process, you will go through the interviewing part, a decision will be made based on skillset and then we will issue what we call a conditional offer where we will give them a job offer subject to the outcome of the background check. Then, we will conduct a background check.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: In addition, you know, in the background check, the'.., they are asking that you consider the time since the offense occurred, any mitigating circumstances and to see if that person will still qualify for the position in light of their background.

CHAIR DAVIS: So, if someone had a felony, it's been seven years or five years, they've been doing great things with their life, no incidents with the law and that, we take into consideration?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. And it won't eliminate them at the beginning of the process, it will give them consideration throughout the process and then the final decision is made after you've eliminated them for skills as opposed to just because of a previous history.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Any other questions by the commission?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No.

CHAIR DAVIS: I have on public comment card, Mr. Fane Lozman.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman, 4901, 5101, 5241, 5251 and 5301 North Ocean Drive. So, I can finally come here and give my address. Judge Colin entered an order to give... had the City give me my address and the City Manager, fortunately, complied with Judge Colin's Order.

So, Item No. 6. I like the presentation of the Human Resources Director. I've heard a lot of good things about him. I wish him luck in his new position. One of the concerns I have, because I've been spending a lot of time... not a lot a time, I've been spending some time over the last year, investigating Cedrick Thomas, how he became a police officer, what impact it will have now that he's admitted to committing multiple crimes that he hasn't been prosecuted for because he was given immunity, how does 'Ban the Box' impact police officers? You know, police officers and people in the sensitive position that, maybe, uh, security guards and things like that, that deal with firearms, that deal with people in the City. I understand a, a regular type position but what about, you know, what about that type of, uh, police position? Is that exempt? They mention in the PowerPoint, some positions may be exempt where, you know, that 'Ban the Box'. Does that [stammer]... as part of your certification with the Florida department of Law Enforcement, would that not be applicable? But are there some situations where it would be applicable and then what do you do in the situation, like, at the Riviera Beach Marina where you had some convicted sex offenders living on their boats? Is there certain crimes that 'Ban the Box' does not apply to?

CHAIR DAVIS: That's end of public comment. Staff.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: As Mr. Davis indicated, there are certain positions that 'Ban the Box' check would not be applicable for.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. I'll get the information and update the resident on that. Any other questions? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

8. ITEM NO. 8

CHAIR DAVIS: Item No. 8.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A THREE (3) YEAR AGREEMENT WITH ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER AS BROKER OF RECORD FOR THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH TO FACILITATE PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE CITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

CHAIR DAVIS: Do we have a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Any questions? Staff just did a presentation. No questions? [Pause].. One public comment card. Ms. Bessie Brown.

MS. B. BROWN: Good evening. Bessie Brown. The only thing that I wanna clarify, you're saying this is a new, um, and it's another.., different person, that this contract was, was going to be from 2016 through 2019? [Pause]. I just want that clarification.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. It's a three year contract.

MS. B. BROWN: Because it's not written on the Agenda. Okay.

Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Jones? Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Jones, I know that the Risk Manager explained and her explanation that they're providing two sets of services. In this particular one, they went out for, for bid for...

[Inaudible background comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: For the second one?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And, so, we're just.., the parent.., this is the parent company, um, it's really the same company, they're providing two different services?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Essentially, yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Because that's what I was trying to ask before when we were saying we were gonna stop.., we were gonna exercise our one year with them and start on the, on the second one. And as Ms. Brown just pointed out, this would start, I guess, the end of 2016 and go to the end of 2019?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Alright. Thank you. I just was trying to get that clarification a little earlier.

CHAIR DAVIS: Anyone else on the Board? [Pause]. Davis Johnson, any questions? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

CHAIR DAVIS: Any petitions and communications for filing?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: None.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

CHAIR DAVIS: Awards and presentation. Item No. 9.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: PRESENTATION OF THE UNIT COMMENDATION AWARD TO SERGEANT ROCHELET COMMOND, OFFICER NODANE CHERISMA, OFFICER ASHLEY PUCKETT, OFFICER WALTER TERRELL, AND OFFICER VERLEY MOYTON.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Who's gonna conduct the presentation?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Acting Assistant Chief Mitchell.

ACTING ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: Good evening, Council.

CHAIR DAVIS: Good evening, sir.

ACTING ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: Interim City Manager, Chair Davis. This is a Unit accommodation. Oh, may I have my awardees, Officer Moyton, Major Thomas, Sergeant Commond.

[Applause]

ACTING ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: One of the members of this Unit, Officer Ashley Puckett, who was a vital making and creating this program that they're getting this accommodation for and, as you know, this Unit reports to Major Steven Thomas. The Unit accommodation award is being issued to Officers Nodane Cherisma, Ashley Puckett, Walter Terrell, Verley Moyton and Sergeant Rochelet Commond.

On September 29, 2014, the Riviera Beach Police Department was award the cops grant from the United States Department of Justice. With this grant, the Department established its first School Resource Officer Unit. This Unit has created, as a supplement to the everyday uniform efforts of the Police Department with the goal of bridging the gap between police departments, juveniles that live and attend schools in the City of Riviera Beach. And please note, that these officers also go to all of those schools outside the City limits of Riviera Beach to interact with these young men and women and their staffs. On Saturday, October 29, 2016, the SRU Unit conducted its 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat event. The goal of this Unit was to allow families across the City of Riviera Beach to come out and participate in

a safe Halloween event while interacting with the police officers that serve the community. The event was a huge success with an estimated attendance of over 800 people. Volunteers of this event included police officers, firemen, local community personalities, Riviera Beach City Councilpersons. To name a few, Chair., I mean, Ms. Pardo was there, I believe Councilman Davis, Ms. Miller-Anderson and Tonya Davis Johnson and I believe Ms. Hubbard was there. And the City Manager was also out. The volunteers decorated vehicles in multiple Halloween themes and passed out candy as trick or treaters walked from vehicle to vehicle, taking pictures and enjoying a safe environment. A haunted house was constructed, which was the highlight of the evening.

The City of Riviera Beach would like to recognize Officer Nodane Cherisma, Ashley Puckett, Walter Terrell, Verley Moyton and Sergeant Commond for their many hours that they put in and their efforts to make this event a success. It was through their hard work and imagination that the City of Riviera Beach was able, again, to show it is the best waterfront City in which to live, work and play. And in the past two years of this event, we've entertained well over 2,000 young men and women and their families, even with last... this year's inclement weather so a well round deserving of hand for these officers that represent this City.

[Applause]

ACTING ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: Each officer will receive a Unit accommodation, as well as a chest plate to wear on their uniforms to proudly display their efforts for the children of this City to let them know that we, as a community, will do what we can to make them citizens that we can all be proud of.

Sergeant Rochelet Commond. [Applause]. Officer Ashley Puckett is not here but she and several of the officers were in, what I call, great theme. They.., we had Wonder Woman, we had a Super Girl and we had a ballerina. So...

[Chuckles]

ACTING ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: ...they were well within the theme of the evening. Officer Verley Moyton, he's also the officer that does your meetings at night. [Applause]. And this is my copious note taker and recordkeeper of all events, Officer Nodane Cherisma. [Applause]. You know you're last, Walter. [Chuckles]. Walter's a die-hard Dolphin fan so he's not in great spirits today because of what happened on Sunday. I said, [chuckles], 'Well, keep hope alive.' Walter Terrell. [Applause]. [Inaudible comment]. No. We got it. These are your SRO, Bridging the Gap officers who do what they do for this community, playing it forward so that we serve our citizens, our children and, most of all, we serve this community.

Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright.

[Applause]

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you all for what it is that you all do. I'm sure our children appreciate you all coming out in great spirit and sharing your personal time with them. And your creativity. And, for the record, Councilman Davis, I was not there. Darth Vader was there.

[Laughter]

ACTING ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: Oh, I'm sorry. I forgot, he was Darth Vader.

CHAIR DAVIS: [Chuckle]. Thank you for what you do.

10. ITEM NO. 10

CHAIR DAVIS: So, now we're gonna go to Item No. 10.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ORDINANCE NO. __AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "FLOOD PREVENTION AND PROTECTION", AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 25, ENTITLED "FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT", IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR CURRENT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF SAID CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FLOOD RESISTANT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, AND TO ADOPT CURRENT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Staff.

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Good afternoon. Jeff Gagnon, Assistant Director of Community Development. Tonight you have before you the first reading of this Flood Plain Management Amendment Ordinance. This was on our Agenda for last Council meeting, however, it was shipped to this meeting. We didn't get a chance to visit it at that time. But, the City participates in what is known as the CRS program which is the Community Rating System. And, part of that program requires us to update this section of our Code. It provides comprehensive update, provides for a new administrative section, new definitions, as well as providing for recognition of a new Flood Plain Maps when they come online, which is anticipated in July of 2017.

The Planning & Zoning Board reviewed the Ordinance on October 27th and they unanimously recommended approval of this Amendment. I would be happy to entertain any additional questions from the Board, at this time.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you, sir., Any questions by the Council?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: None.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I...

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I just wanna comment. You guys did a...

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...great job on that.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Davis Johnson, any questions?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Alright. Three second delay, I like that. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson? [Pause]. Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Than motion is approved with Pro Tem Miller-Anderson out.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you so much.

11: ITEM NO. 11

CHAIR DAVIS: Now, we can move on to Item No. 11.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ORDINANCE NO. __AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA, ENACTING A MORATORIUM

FOR A PERIOD UP TO SIX MONTHS AS THE FILING AND/OR RECEIVING OF ANY APPLICATION FOR SITE PLANS FOR SINGLE PRICE OVERSTOCK/DISCOUNT STORES WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE BOUNDARIES SUBJECT TO THE MORATORIUM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Hello, sir. You have the floor.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Deandre Spradley, Principal Planner for the City. What you have you is.., before you is a Ordinance on first reading and, just for definition sake, we are considering single-priced, overstocked discount stores are basically establishments that sell a broad range of outlet, close-out, discontinued, liquidation or overstock and general merchandise primarily at a single discount price and/or in a low and very low prices ranges, including but not limited to, food, alcoholic beverages, apparel and accessories, costume jewelry, notions and small ware, housewares, fountain refreshments and toys. This Ordinance is in response to feedback that we had received from the Council, as well as members from the public and, basically, this is giving us time to create regulations to, basically, kinda like, buffer, if you will, the single family.., I'm sorry, not the single family but the single priced stores such as Dollar General, Dollar Tree, um, Family Dollar or any of those type of developments.

[Inaudible background comment]

UNK: Amen.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Any questions by anyone from the Council?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, Davis Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm just inquiring, why are we limiting it to six months as opposed to one year?

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Because we believe that we have enough Staff that we can get this done within a six month timeframe.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: Any other questions? [Pause]. And no public comment cards on this Item. Just one minute. Let me see, Bonnie Larson. Come on, Ms. Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. My question was the same as Ms. Tonya Davis Johnson. Why is it up for only six months? And, because if we.., if we say it's for a year, if we get it done sooner, that's fine but we don't wanna have to, like, extend it another six months if we don't.

The other thing is, I think there's some businesses that we should just totally eliminate from now on, within the City. I mean, these rules and regulations were done years and years ago. If you drive down Broadway, look at all the discount stores that we have. We look like a dollar city. And, you know, let's.., let's just...

[Inaudible background comment]

MS. B. LARSON: ...not do it. We're trying to upgrade ourselves and there they are, right on Broadway, our main street, discount this, discount that. [Stammer], that's all we're ever gonna be if we don't eliminate some of these things and I think we need to go back and look at all the businesses that were approved years ago and eliminate some of those, in addition to this. But that's my main question, it.., well, that is a main point but also about the six months cause we don't wanna have to extend it again if they don't get it done within six months.

Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright. Any other questions for this Item? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson? [Pause]. Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you, thank you.

12. ITEM NO. 12

CHAIR DAVIS: Now, we have Item No. 12.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ORDINANCE NO. ___ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENACTING A MORATORIUM FOR UP TO ONE-YEAR AS TO THE FILING, RECEIVING AND PROCESSING OF ANY APPLICATION OR PERMIT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, DEVELOPMENT OR OPERATION OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AS DEFINED HEREIN, PROVIDING FOR THE BOUNDARIES SUBJECT TO THE MORATORIUM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So moved.

[Chuckle]

CHAIR DAVIS: Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Staff?

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Good evening once again. Jeff Gagnon, Assistant Director of Community Development. This is an Ordinance on first reading proposing a one year moratorium for any sort of application in association with medical marijuana dispensary or medical marijuana treatment center uses in the City. As, I think everyone's aware at this point, there was recently a amendment to the Florida Constitution which now enables medical marijuana to be sold with certain limitations. It's unknown at this point, why type of impacts this may have on cities, communities, neighborhoods, so Staff is requesting a one year moratorium in order to study this further and also analyze any potential impacts to the community.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you, sir. Any questions by anyone from the Board?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: Any questions, Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

MR. F. LOZMAN: I have a card in.

CHAIR DAVIS: Oh, I'm sorry. I apologize. One card. Mr. Fane Lozman. [Pause].
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MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Singer Island. When I visit my properties on a regular basis, I put a chair out by the sidewalk and I talk to people who walk their dogs or just walk up and down on the west side of Singer Island. I've talked to hundreds of people, trying to get their impressions on City government, how things run, what they think of Dawn Pardo and other interesting topics. And, we talk about how they're feeling, 'How ya feeling today?' And, Singer Island is a lot..., the average age of Singer Island is a lot older than they, then, one, they think it is. There are a lot of retirees out there, they're in their 70's, 80's and 90's. And, some of 'em said, 'Oh well,' you know, 'my heart's giving me a hard time,' or, 'cancer is giving a hard time.' Or, 'I lost my wife from cancer.' There are people..., the reason the medical marijuana passed is because there was a medical necessity for it. People in this state voted that they believe for children's seizures, for chemotherapy and things like that, there was a demand for it. The voters approved it. Okay? I personally could care less what Jeff Gagnon has to say and I'll get to him during public comment. The voters approved this, there's a need for that for residents in our City, that have small children that have cancer and of the other aspects of medical marijuana. It doesn't take a year to implement the will of the people. You wanna take three months? You wanna take four months? It doesn't take 12 months. This is supposed..., this is supposed to be the best City to live, work and play. Well, there's a lot of people living here that need this, this medical marijuana and just to randomly say, 'We're gonna take a year to do it,' that's unacceptable. The voters have spoken and you need to reduce that timeframe from this arbitrary amount of one year.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Any other questions pertaining to this Item? That'll be the end of public comment. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson? [Pause]. Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Item No. 15.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: 13.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible].

REGULAR - OLD BUSINESS

13. ITEM NO. 13

CHAIR DAVIS: I'm sorry. Yes. 13.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Regular old business.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. __ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID NO. 566-15 TO ARZ BUILDERS, INC. OF BOCA RATON, FLORIDA FOR THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING TRELLISES AND INSTALLATION OF NEW TRELLISES AT OCEAN MALL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$385,000; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%); AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 305-1237-572-0-6401; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Staff. Questions from anyone from the Board?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: At this.., at the last meeting, this Item was asked to be brought back after Staff had additional time to research some information that was brought up by Ms. Hubbard. I'd like Mr. Mealy to come up and address that additional information and any decisions on moving forward.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: Good evening, Council. Dean Mealy, Purchasing. After last week's meeting, I went back and did additional research. Ms. Hubbard did bring to the fact that there was six judgment liens but they were dated 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Each were marked as either lapsed or terminated and, considering

it's been 12 years since any of those had been filed as any activity on them, we went out then and also canvassed additional resources of who they have bids with now. The City of Greenacres and Palm Beach International Airport both gave excellent to good recommendations on the firm. Also, they.., I have been able to secure a copy of their bid bo'.., bid and performance bond, which is dated November 3, 2016. So, based on the fact that they do have a performance and payment bond, the fact that the local references here, in Palm Beach County, are favorable, we still recommend moving forward at this time.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Sir, I still recommend that this go back out for bid for, um, for se'.., for several reasons. One, as I stated, I only found this because I was looking to see who the, who the company was and who was affiliated with the company. I think that, under the circumstances how we are operating now because we are in court with the.., or in negotiations or mediations, if you will, with the surety bond company on a company with our Utility District now, we need to make sure that we don't go down a road that we have once, um, that we're already in the middle of trying to get a company that don't have as many issues.

I think that, based on the response of this bid alone, is reason for it to go back out. The respondents to the bid, if you will, that, that it needs to go back out. Not just merely because I stumbled on this, the certification, the judgments against this company, you only, we only ha'.., we had three people that you presented to, to us and I said to you earlier, and I say all the time to the public and to the people on this dais, I want the culture of doing business in the City of Riviera Beach to change for the local people. It seems that everybody, from everywhere, are eager to bid and to work here but somehow the local contractors, the local service providers, the local professionals don't think it's worthwhile bidding on our projects because they feel, you know, that the culture is not as it should be and it costs money to put bids out.

I think that we should bid this project out. This is merely, almost a carpenter's project for four trellises for \$400,000 that's being spent outside the community.

CHAIR DAVIS: Any other...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Chair...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...questions?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, Ms. Hubbard, what are you suggesting to...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I'm suggesting that we put this contract out for bid again, that we res'.., we re'.., uh, rescind... We.., well, we.., just put it out for bid. We don't have to just pull this but put it.., I mean, we don't have to vote on this tonight...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...table this, or pull this or withdraw it from the Minutes, the, the meeting tonight and just send this bid out again. Send this particular contract out for bid again.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I know on last week, I think I rem'..., recall you stating about breaking it up so that others were able to vie for the, the bid whereas they may not have since it's in such a large package?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No. We cannot.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Wh'... What I was saying...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: You told her to put it on mute.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...about the break', breaking up of the bid, if that, that was an example of how we can do bids in order for our locals to participate, if we were contending that the bonding was an issue. One, I don't think that the bonding is an issue for, for everybody in the City of Riviera Beach. Someone stated that bonding was a problem and the, and, because it was a large project, that maybe that's why our locals wasn't bidding.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I was saying, if that was the case and if that's what it took to get the locals in Riviera Beach an opportunity to get this work, then let's break it up so that they can get this work. It might take a little bit more work for the Purchasing Department but I'm all for burdening them with that.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: If I may state real quickly. Approximately six weeks ago, you had me rebid the bathrooms at several of the facilities because we had put it out as one bid. We actually broke it up by facility and I will let you know right now, that no local firm, from Riviera beach, even though we did do outreach, bid on that project. So, we went out a second time, no local bidders bid on the project as we separated the sites into four different bids.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Well, I would say if you want to award this to a local bidder, All Site Construction, they bid on it and, you know, they were..., it doesn't really tell us where they...

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: Actually, they were...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...scored.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: ...non-responsive because they didn't submit the bid for all..., for both tre'..., sets of trellises.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: They did not...

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: Did not.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...for both?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: They were non-responsive.

[Inaudible audience comment]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So where did this money come from? You know...

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: They put a bi'..., they put a dollar amount in but he did not take in [stammer] the entirety of the project.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So, he just bid on one trellis?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, he didn't understand or whatever? Okay. So, my problem with this is, if you want more local people, then lets change the procurement policy because we're constantly, you know, Staff is constantly presenting us with Items, alright, and things that really need to be done and we keep putting it off and putting it off and putting it off. And, you know, I agree with Mr. Mealy, you can't force someone in Riviera Beach to bid on a contract. And, you know, he..., I know that he has been very proactive trying to get businesses in the City to, to bid on these contracts.

The last thing I'll say, if we're not gonna bid on this, I'd like to know when you guys are gonna over and dismantle the existing trellises because I was over there with Brent, Mr. Mealy, you were over there with us, maybe six months ago when you were with us...

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Those trellises are deteriorating quickly. Especially the poles that are in the ground. So, I would say, at..., you know, if we're not gonna vote on this and if we're gonna put it off and, you know, who knows when it's gonna come back, someone needs to go over and dismantle those trellises because, god forbid, something happens and it falls on someone then we're really gonna be in a pickle.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I wasn't quite finished Mr., [stammer] Davis.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Mealy, one thing that I was gonna say that Ms. Pardo did touch on is, the restructuring of our bid process so that locals can get it. From

community benefits agreements to the sheltered market..., market concept, A4, things like that, I have to say to you that I know you've been doing a lot and you hosted a lot of small business educational workshops for people to come out and I do understand that you say no one locally bid on the bathroom concept. I will tell you this, and I mentioned it to the City Manager and Mr. Johnson about the bathroom contract, there were two general contractors, long time contractors, that was there trying to bid on that contract. They said that the bid package itself was incomplete and convoluted. And it..., they were going to do an RFI, giving you explanation about the problems with the contract, but it was such a short turnaround that you put on a contract like that..., when I say you, I don't mean you, Mr. Mealy, so don't take offense. The turnaround time on that was not appropriate, that there should've been three times the amount of time that was put out for that pro'..., for, for that particular type of bid and for that, for that project.

Now, I'm not here to go back and forth with you about that comment that I just made but I'm just telling you that those are facts. That's how they felt. You asked me why locals don't bid and I tell you that's why locals don't bid. And I tell you again, the culture of bidding in Riviera Beach... When you put a bid out, that size, when the turnaround time is like that, when..., as short as it was, when it's incomplete, when it's convoluted... When a man who knows what he knows and looking at that and he says that this is contradicting itself, you're asking for this but you, you want me to bid this and this is not how it can ever end up. When they, professionals, [stammer], and know what they're talking about and they're looking at that, then those are the things and those are the reasons that people locally don't bid. So, I say that to you to, to answer your question as to why the locals aren't bidding. Two locals were there.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: And we..., just to clarify for Council, in the last nine months, we have made all service type construction bids mandatory site inspections. That means, if you wanna bid on it, you're gonna have to be at the same pre-bid, mandatory site visit, ask the exact same questions of the project manager and, if you have additional questions, you put the questions in writing and we do an addendum to answer the question.

In this particular case, it was a 21-day turnaround, which is our standard for a construction project. Anything valued over \$25,000, we put on the street for 21 days. I'm just saying, when we, when we do bring the community in, and we bring other people in and we do mandatory site inspections..., cause I think it's really important that we have a dialog with all the vendors that are, that are interested in bidding, that way everybody's bidding apples to apples. There's not a confusion, 'Well, I'm not really sure,' or, if we do it in two separate things, well, this group mighta heard this and this group mighta heard that. I'd rather make sure that we, we really standardize what information's being shared and that if people have questions, which is very clearly stated to the vendors present, if you have additional questions, you must document that in writing per the code, per the code of silence, and make sure that we answer with an addendum, giving them enough time to do a response. If a vendor feels, for any solicitation we have on the street, that they need additional time to respond, when they submit a statement to that effect, we have granted an extension, through an addendum, for every bid that's out on the street. Right now, we have three active solicitations, we've extended the date 'til next week in order to accommodate

vendors' inquiries to make sure that we properly respond so the information is shared with all perspective bidders. So, if somebody asks for additional time, we make sure we open that door.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Mealy, you mi'.., I don't know if [stammer] if you had 21 days on the calendar when you start writing the bid and by the time it hit' the street and by the time you wanted it back but, from the day that you held that conference, that pre-bidders conference, there weren't 21 days...

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: 21 days from the date that it's put on the street for bid.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. So, that's 21 days from the date that it's put out on the street for bid. Until you have the bidders' conference and, and...

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: Which is normally one week, after issuance. So that way they can...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So...

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: ...have time to review the document, formulate questions so when they go to the site visit, they have a basic understanding of what questions they may or may need to ask of the project manager. So, let's say you issued on the 1st, on the 7th you would have the mandatory site inspection, which is mandatory. If you don't attend the site inspection, you can't bid on the project. At that time, the reason we give a week is because it takes time for people to a) have a schedule available, time to make sure they can be there because if I post it today for tomorrow, you might have other obligations. So, it's our, our goal is to be as inclusive. Which means, we reach out, we give you a week so you can clear your schedule. Second of that, after that, you have 14 days. After four'.., during that 14 days, you have time to write questions in, [inaudible] the process and then we do a response via an addendum as we do to any contract that's on the street, whether it's an RFP, ITB, RFQ. And we do extend, as I just mentioned to you. We have three active solicitations, we just extended the dates to make sure we accommodated the respondent's timeframe.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Mealy, I still contend to you that, that's not a fair amount of time because after you had the pre-bid conference, and I'm gonna give you the twen'.., the 14 days that you say were left on the table, that's still wasn't enough t'.., enough time for someone to bid the project. And not only that, the day that you had the bid conference, all of the plans weren't available. They said that the other plans would be available the next day and they were not available the.., that next day. So, you're taking days off the table like this and people aren't able, able to bid. And I'm saying to you is, there's no way to defend this. What it is, is know what we expect the end game to be. The end game is to create a procurement process that is inclusive of the local contractors in the City of Riviera Beach. That goes from one end of this City Hall to the other. That's building, that's, um, community development, that's procurement, that's everybody. If we were on the same page, when you're talking with anybody and everybody, you know that

we're trying to put local contractors, professional services and local businesses with opportunities to bid on contracts. That bid, for those bathrooms, was not [pause] a very well done bid. And I don't wanna say it's not a fair bid. What I will say, that it wasn't done in a manner that would create the environment, the culture, the opportunity for people who, true to the cause and know the business and looking at your plans and your contract, and felt that their..., it was worth their while. They attended your, your pre-bid conference and, and they found that it was just not very professional and it wasn't done well enough for them to continue to invest the money because there wasn't enough time for them to RFI you and just, you know, weed out all the mess.

CHAIR DAVIS: Council?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: You done? Okay. I just had one question.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: Yes, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: To the trellises. When this initial bid came in conversation, were we doing one trellis or two, on the initial conversation?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: The initial approach was to do both trellises. The problem was, there wasn't enough..., when the bids came in, there was not enough funding to cover both.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: And, the decision was made by the previous Council to hold off and do both at the same time when the additional funding was put in the budget.

CHAIR DAVIS: Oh. Okay. Alright.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: Cause the package went out for both at the same time, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

[Inaudible background comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Any other questions? Madam Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Oh, Councilperson Davis Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I fully understand what the intent is in making sure that our local business are participating but they've gotta participate. If the, if the information is going out, I don't know how we, as a City, can conduct business and move

about and get the projects done that we need to get done if we are going to continuously have this conversation about the local participation. We bri'..., if the'..., if there is a, a pre-bid, mandatory pre-bid and everyone gets the same information at the same time, I understand, I fully understand the desire to make sure that our local contractors are involved in the process and that they are participating and ultimately being successful in obtaining the work. But, if, if our Director is saying we put the bid out on the street, no one locally submitted or responded, are we then going to hold it up until such time as those businesses decide that it is worth their while? We can't operate as a business like that. We cannot continue to place our projects on hold.

Now, if we want to have a roundtable discussion with those businesses who feel that they have been disenfranchised over the years based on the climate of, of, of favoritism or the conversations that we've had in the past, then perhaps they need to come to the table and share with us what those concerns are and we can take a true look at where the issues are, where the shortcomings may be and try to move forward. But I don't believe that we can continuously, as a City, just put these things on hold because our local folks are not participating. They have the opportunity to respond as any business. It's a business decision. And if they feel that it is not worth their dollars to invest in responding to the solicitation, we cannot, as a City, hold, hold it up.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Davis Johnson, I like the idea of the roundtable. I think [inaudible] we definitely need to work with Staff on. That'll be a great idea to, to hear those sentiments that Councilperson Hubbard is hearing.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: We...

CHAIR DAVIS: I, I have heard it different...

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: We, we fully agree...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...times myself as well.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: ...too, sir. That's why we're doing the, the workshops. We want to bring the small business community within Riviera Beach to the table...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: ...to be actively bidding. That's our goal. And right now, if you..., your current code allows for a preference for Riviera Beach re'..., businesses. Palm Beach residents also get a preference. In the State of F'..., if you're within in the State of Florida, you also get a preference. But the greatest preference goes to those businesses with a business license and a ownership business here in Riviera Beach. So, we are trying to reach out. And we're building a new database to make sure we do more outreach to those that are here in the community.

CHAIR DAVIS: Understood. Any other questions?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr.... Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I hear Ms. Davis Johnson. While I absolutely disagree with her that it's, um, it links just on a business decision for the local businesses, when we stand on the corner and beg people for their votes and say that we're gonna be responsible with their dollars and the only thing that we can do and have done is to give all contracts to people outside the City of Riviera Beach, I think it's time that we stop.

[Inaudible background comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: It's incumbent upon us to find out why people aren't bidding. And yes, these contractors have given us reasons why they aren't bidding but yet, we aren't focusing on what the problem is in-house, it's the culture of bidding, the way the packages are put together, not enough information that's making people not wanna bid. You ask.., you ask why people aren't bidding and I'm telling you why people aren't bidding and these are the thi'.., reasons that people aren't bidding on the projects. That's what we need to focus on. We don't need to assume that people don't have the skillsets or the intelligence to bid or that people are just not bidding. It'.., it's no use in bidding when you know the game has already been set and the stage has been set because you wanted to go to someone else.., you want the bid to go to someone else.

So, that's, that's what I'm saying. You know, it's the polic'.., polic'... And I wanna say this in closing, the policies and procedures that are in place in Riviera Beach and in Palm Beach County, aren't put in place for our community. So, because we are in charge, it's our responsibility to put policies and procedures in place that's gonna best benefit us.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Well...

CHAIR DAVIS: I'm gonna...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Chair.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I just wanted to say...

CHAIR DAVIS: Vice Chair.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Let me be clear...

CHAIR DAVIS: Hold on, Vice Chair has the...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I never...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...Vice Chair...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...suggested...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...has the floor

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, I never suggested that people were not prepared. I, I, I never suggested that. What I'm simply saying is this, we have the wherewithal to establish a program. So perhaps what we should consider doing is holding a procurement workshop so that, as this Board, we can review the procurement code, we can look at what is established by statute, we can look at what we can determine in-house to be our process.

We, we can't do this every single meeting.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: We can.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I respect your passion about it, Com'..., Commissioner Hubbard. I, I am just as passionate about our local businesses getting the work so we need to have the dialog and we need to do whatever it is that we can do in order to make sure that there is a fair and equitable opportunity for those local businesses. But those local businesses, we, we, we need to make sure that they are meeting us and we are meeting them at their need and we're putting provisions in place.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair, I...

CHAIR DAVIS: Hol'..., hol'...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...move that we table this, sir.

UNK. AUDIENCE: No.

CHAIR DAVIS: Hold on. I still have to get to Vice Chair comments before we get to you.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: She had the fl'... And then we gotta get to...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I'm sorry.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...public comment before we entertain any motions.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, what I was going to say is that, um, being that we have this here, we move forward with this but Ms. Davis Johnson did elude to the point of possibly workshopping this and...

CHAIR DAVIS: Roundtable.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:...Ms. Pardo did as well. I know we have the retreat coming up and I know there are several things we probably need to discuss but we need to prioritize. If this is one of the things that keeps coming up, that would be one of the things that need to be at the top, along with, I think we were talking about Broadway as well.

So, that would need to be something that we talk about immediately.

CHAIR DAVIS: And I like the roundtable idea even better where we can sit down and have a discussion with the local contractors and hear what they have to say.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CHAIR DAVIS: In a roundtable fashion.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. And we can do that as well, um, but I, I think we do need, as Ms. Hubbard...

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:...did state, I mean, we create the policies and we just need to create the policies that is going to give us the outcome we're looking for.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Now, we're gonna go to public comment. We're gonna go Fane Lozman, then John Miller.

UNK: So, are we going to call the vote? We need to call the vote [inaudible].

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Singer Island. There needs to be some accountability both for Andrew Degraffenreidt, Jeff Gagnon.., excuse me, Jeff Gagnon, Dawn Pardo, Tonya Davis Johnson. These four aggressively wasted the taxpayers' money to the tune of \$25,000 to stop me from getting an address. When we went to the court ho'.., to the court hearing, the Judge was like.., he couldn't believe he was wasting his time over such nonsense. And the best Degraffenreidt could come up with, was like, 'Well,' you know, 'he may wanna put a boat there one day.' And the Judge was like, 'What does that have to do with giving an address? I have letters from the tax appraisers, he needs an address for his 911.' We took testimony that the guy who came from the Community Development department, he said, 'Oh well,' uh...

CHAIR DAVIS: Excuse me, Mr. Lozman, you speaking on Item 14?

MR. F. LOZMAN: Isn't this public comment?

UNK: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: 13.

CHAIR DAVIS: No. For Item 13.

[Inaudible comments]

MR. F. LOZMAN: Hmm?

CHAIR DAVIS: Item 13.

MR. J. MILLER: No. It's just what we're talking about.

CHAIR DAVIS: Item 13.

MR. F. LOZMAN: You called my name up here, didn't you?

UNK: Yeah.

CHAIR DAVIS: I'll let you finish your comments. Let's go.

[Inaudible background comment]

MR. F. LOZMAN: I, I don't have an Item in for 13.

[Inaudible background comments]

MR. F. LOZMAN: Didn't you call me up here?

CHAIR DAVIS: Just, go ahead and finish your comments.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Alright. Anyway, there needs to be some accountability for the two elected officials...

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...for Gagnon and for the City Attorney for wasting \$25,000. Ms. Hubbard just talked about, you have to be good custodians of the taxpayers' funds. These four are not good custodians. I have some prominent members of the African American community, who reach out to me by phone, I don't have their permission to use their names and they said would I support their recall effort to remove Dawn Pardo and Tonya Davis Johnson from office? Absolutely. I would absolutely do whatever I could to support their campaign. I'm waiting for them to announce it and I hope.., hopefully, they won't get cold feet but I would like to remove those two people from office.

Let's talk about to'.., today, I was on Channel 5 and Channel 12, they interviewed me. The City came to my property and cut down a bunch of mangrove trees and also cut sea grapes up and down Ocean Drive. What are we gonna do about mitigating that damage? Replanting the trees that were cut on my property, on Singer Island Civic Association property and all those other properties? That needs to be addressed.

You got another month before, another month to month and a half before Cedrick Thomas is gonna be out of his probation period. How come a guy who admitted to committing multiple crimes, even though he wasn't prosecuted for them, why is he still a police officer? I know that the union sent a letter to FDLE, why isn't., you've given direction to the City Manager just to get rid of him once and for all?

Finally, I was at the County Commission yesterday. Talk about wasting money. The taxpayers of Riviera Beach are spending, uh, I think it's, like, a few hundred thousand dollars to fund a half a mile of Singer Island Beach that doesn't have public access.

[Beep]

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Why are the black residents on the mainland, who don't live at the beach, spending that kind of money? You can thank Dawn Pardo for squeezing that through. We're gonna try to stop that from going forward through the court system.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. So, I allowed you to speak for I'..., that was for Item 14 but John Miller, I'm bringing you up for Item 13. [Inaudible].

MR. F. LOZMAN: [Inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: Then, we'll go to public comment.

MR. J. MILLER: John Miller, 1290 Manor Driver. Let's..., this is not to offend anybody, Lynne, whatsoever. I've been in the business my entire life. Alright? And, uh, the last 14 years of my career, I was a contract administrator and a construction manager. I fully understand that you want local contractors. But I'm gonna tell ya how [stammer], in other words, usually how it works that I, I have to agree with the fellow that was up here. He seems like he has a [stammer], you know, with me being in the business, I'm listening to him, the way he's talking, I don't see him doing anything wrong. And I'll tell ya why. First of all, if you wanna get the contractors in, have this round'..., like you're saying, locals. Get 'em in, talk to them, tell them they have an opportunity to bid, tell them that they have to have their bonds ready, they have to have all their insurances, all these thi'... We wouldn't even look at a contractor. We'd have a preferred list and a preferred list was that they had to have all these things in place to cover you, every one of ya's. And the City, period. You have to do that. And, and, and here's another thing that happens, a lot of times contactors come in, I've walked right through the bid. I walk with the engineer. I'm the field guy. The engineer shows 'em the prints, he goes over the exact thing. 'Anybody got any questions?' For each segment of the project. Alright? Now, one person asks a question, that goes out. That one question..., the answer..., the question and the answer goes to every contractor that's there. Period. It's not just..., it doesn't go back to one. If there was four contractors, it goes out to four.

As far as RFI's and things like that, I guess that's what you're talking about. Usually that's for Requests for Information once a job's going but if it's about the bid, period, in other words, that's what they do. As far as time, a time limit, yes, you get the prints ahead of time. And then you come in. Right? And, a week with..., I mean, for a \$400,000 job, a week is plenty to look at those prints. It is. Because that's not a big..., that it is not a big project. So now, you come in, you gotta be there just like he said, you have to, you have to be present, you have to walk into it otherwise you're gonna be thrown out and then any questions that come up go..., the answers go to every single one. And, for a \$400,000 project, not being smart, 14 day'..., if it is four'..., if it was 14 days, that's plenty enough time. Because they have it a week ahead of time to start estimating. They already know what the materials cost before they even come in there. So now they're looking for what is..., what is not on the prints and things like that.

So, thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr., um...

CHAIR DAVIS: Hold on.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...while the one come, Mr. Davis, I wanna ask Mr., I, I..., from your expertise...

CHAIR DAVIS: Let's [stammer] we got...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: ...public comment now.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Oh, you got someone else?

CHAIR DAVIS: So, we need to get rid of this Item, call the vote for this and then we can go straight to public comment. Supposed to start at 7:30.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Bef'..., um, I wanted to make a motion on that Item, to pull the trellises Item from, from the Agenda and send it out for bid.

CHAIR DAVIS: There's a motion on the floor. Is there a second? [Pause].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Stammer] discussion. Second for...

CHAIR DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...discussion

CHAIR DAVIS: For discussion.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: You said pull the Item and send it back out as is to be rebid?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes. If the, if the..., if he wants to break it up, Mr. Mealy, then I don't have a problem with that but I think it can be sent out as is for bid. [Pause]. And Mr. Davis, a coup'..., [stammer] to..., through, through Mr. Davis to you Ms. John'..., Anderson, I'm, uh, I'm, I'm only talking about contractors who have those bonds, who have the bid, you know, who have their paperwork. Every time I speak of contractors, I don't know why people assume that I'm not..., I'm talkin' about unskilled, unprepared contractors. I'm talking about contractors that's bondable, that have years of experience, that are ready to do business. I'm not, you know, saying that I want any special exceptions or...

UNK: Right.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...set asides for these guys. Those guys didn't get those plans prior to, prior to the bid conference.

CHAIR DAVIS: Excuse me. Let the record reflect, the Mayor has now arrived. Vice Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: That's fine. [Inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: Um, this is what I, I will..., this is my, my input. I think, I really believe that Staff has done their due diligence in this occasion. In this instance, Mr. Miller, the gentleman that came up before us, has quite a level of experience. Moving forward, I do believe we need to do a roundtable to sit down and have this same discussion that you're having with con'..., contractors that we all can have that same sentiment and have that same experience with the same contractors and support this City and [stammer], with building our local business owners throughout the process.

But I don't wanna hold this Item up, at this time, to, um, so, so that Staff can focus on other procurement issues because they're gonna get backed up and it's gonna really become an issue with other projects that we really need to get through for the City. So, I mean, I, I share your sentiment, Councilperson Hubbard, and, and, and I do agree with you but, on this particular Item, I, I think it's only proper ...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: What's particular...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...that we move forward.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...about this Item, sir?

CHAIR DAVIS: Well, right now, I'm just..., right now, we're getting ready to move forward. But, I'm not saying that you're wrong. I said, I support what you're saying but, at this time, I think it's only fair that this Item stays and is approved as is and then, anything moving forward, that we have our roundtable discussion with the contractors and make sure that what Staff is telling us and what we all are experiencing, all at the sa'..., at the table to get this issue addressed. [Pause].

Anyone have any other questions before the question's called? [Pause]. Cause, what I will ask you is, Councilperson Hubbard, is would you please rescind your, your motion?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No. I'm not gonna do it. You...

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...can vote it up or down but...

CHAIR DAVIS: Ok'..., ok'...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...I'm not gonna...

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...rescind it.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. We'... Okay. We got, we gotta get through this meeting. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. That motion fails with Councilpersons Hubbard, Miller-Anderson...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Can you restate the motion, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The motion that we just voted upon was the motion to pull this item and to resend to bid and that motion just failed.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: So now...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Madam Chair...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...we're at the motion to approve the Ru'.., Resolution.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: The original motion.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Madam...

CHAIR DAVIS: Now, Councilpers'...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...Clerk, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I would like to change my vote because when she read it I thought she was reading for the, for the, um, to pull it.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...fine.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And I would like to change mine to yes, I would like to pull it, Madam Clerk and I'd like you...

CHAIR DAVIS: So, so...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...to read the...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...le'.., let's...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...motion before we vote on it.

CHAIR DAVIS: Let's recall the question, how about that?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes. That [inaudible]...

CHAIR DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Excuse me, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Stammer]. Why don't we have the Clerk read the question and then call for the vote?

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. That's...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Please.

CHAIR DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. The motion that is on the floor is to pull this Item and to resend it to bid, resend the project to bid and the motion, the maker of the motion was Councilperson Hubbard and the second was by Pro Tem Miller-Andersson.

CHAIR DAVIS: For discussion.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible] now.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. So, we're going to call the vote again...

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...for that particular motion. Councilperson Hubbard.?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion fails. We're back at the motion to approve the Resolution as presented.

CHAIR DAVIS: And that motion...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion...

CHAIR DAVIS: Resolution...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...is to approve..., awarding the bid to ARZ Builders, Inc. of Boca Raton.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. So, we have heard public comment. We heard from the Council. Any other questions before we call this question? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilpersons Hubbard and Miller-Anderson dissenting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright. So, now we're gonna go to public comments at this time.

CHAIR DAVIS: Public Comment should be restricted to issues, matters, or topics pertinent to the City of Riviera Beach. Please be reminded that the City Council has adopted "Rules of Decorum Governing Public Conduct during Official Meetings", which has been posted at the entrance of the Council Chambers. In an effort to preserve order, if any of the rules are not adhered to, the Council Chair may have any disruptive speaker or attendee removed from the podium, from the meeting and/or the building, if necessary. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

CHAIR DAVIS: Now, public comment. The first person is [pause] John Miller.

MR. J. MILLER: John Miller, 1290 Manor Drive. I, I have just a.., I have a few observations. First of all, that, the shirt.., who's got that t-shirt on for the MLK, Building Bridges?

[Inaudible background comments]

MR. J. MILLER: Isn't that appropriate. Alright? Isn't that appropriate in this day in age. You know, we really, we really do, we really need, uh, we need to build bridges. And bring our people closer together, that's first.

I, listen, I started meeting a lot of different people. My background is, like, worked construction all my life and I had my own little ministry and that was coaching basketball. I didn't just teach basketball, I taught life skills. Helped a lot of kids over 33 years. And helped myself while I did it. I met a few people over here, on this side of the bridge that, um, really impressed the hell outta me. And I'm gonna tell ya right now, Bishop Philip Dukes is the first. My experience with him was, one of the boys that I coached, who's now a man, has a drug problem. Comes from a great family. You's read about it.., everybody reads about it. Who's having the most drug problems in this country right now? Middle class white kids but it effects everybody. We all know that. Right?

[Inaudible audience comment]

MR. J. MILLER: It's terrible. This guy, Philip Dukes, Bishop Dukes, what he's doing with this young man that I had from New Jer'.., that I found down here from New Jersey, is unbelievable. I sat, I sat there and listened to what he was doing and I just had, like, a chill go through me. Now, I met another, I met another young man sittin' over in that corner over there. His name's Daniel Barnett. I sat with him for two hours on Saturday. Where were we? The Fire'.., what'd you call it? The Firehouse Park?

[Chuckle]

MR. J. MILLER: I sat there and he asked me to meet with him and, and I talked to eight, eight, nine youth, black youth and I had told them to look at me. I said, I'm not a threat. I'm an old white man.

MAYOR MASTERS:[Chuckle].

MR. J. MILLER: Alright? And, we had, we had a long discussion. They listened to me, they probably laughed at the old man when I walked away. That's okay. But what I'm tellin' ya is you have diamonds in the rough here cause you have problems. We all have problems in this country. I'm gonna step forward, from Singer Island, and help that man out and I'm gonna help that man out. But what I'm tellin' ya is that, I know you have all kinds of programs but I'm gonna tell ya right now, if you get.., what'd they say about a village? If you can take a village.., even throw an old white man in there, maybe something can happen.

[Chuckle]

MR. J. MILLER: And, I'm gonna keep at it and then I'm gonna, not only work for that, but I'm gonna try my best to bring the mainland and Singer Island a little closer together and it's gonna start with respect. Looking in your eye...

[Beep]

MR. J. MILLER: ...and knowing that it doesn't matter what color we are, we're all the same.

Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: Ms., Ms. Gibs'... Is it [sigh]...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Judy Gibson.

CHAIR DAVIS: Jude Gibson.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Judy Gibson.

CHAIR DAVIS: Judy Gibson. Correct?

MS. J. GIBSON: Yes.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

MS. J. GIBSON: Good evening.

CHAIR DAVIS: Good evening.

MS. J. GIBSON: Everybody, Mayor Masters and respected Council. My name is Judy Gibson and I am a proud to say that I live, work and play in Riviera Beach, Florida. I have the honor of being part of a team to support the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy located on West 11th Street, just off Broadway and across the street from the Port. The school is a free public charter school. It's a high school with a strong focus on the marine and technology industry for students in grades 9 thru 12. The students receive carefully and strategically planned hands-on approach to education, preparing them for college and employment in the maritime or tech industries upon graduation. From marine biology to boat and yacht design and from marine engineering or robotics or to obtaining a captain's license with certification in scuba diving. The Rivera Beach Maritime Academy gives kids the opportunity to plot their own course, in life, by preparing them for a high in-demand jobs in a thriving maritime academy in an industry locally, nationally and globally but, most importantly, locally.

As you know, Florida is home to a \$20,000,000,000 marine industry and we have the opportunity to not only put students in our Riviera Beach and surrounding communities, on

a path to obtaining these high paying jobs but also to offer adult education courses at night, giving our local neighbors the opportunity to learn a trade in the marine industry which is exploding in our beautiful waterfront in Riviera Beach and beyond.

As some of you know, I moved here 15 years ago from a very small town on Long Island in New York and I'm the third generation from my family and my surrounding neighborhood to move to Singer Island in Riviera Beach. There are over 50 of us here now that are full or part-time residents. And I love this City and I'm excited to see all the changes and the positive changes that have happened over the last couple of years and that are about to happen now. So, I'm praying that one of those changes is that you allow, will allow us to present the expansion plan of the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy from its 140 students in a 10 year old campus to a beautiful new facility to accommodate up to 600 students located next door to the Boys and Girls Club but we need your help. We need to get on the Agenda [chuckle]. We desperately need to get on the Agenda to extend the lease of the property that the school sits on now so we can build an education zone. I've been recruiting now for almost three months at different middle schools around the county. I have the pleasure of meeting with awesome students and, later, their parents who could only dream and were thrilled to hear that their kids could find a school that could offer such great opportunity to work straight out of high school in the marine or technology field. Equally impressive is how many parents now that wanna assign up for a new adult education course that we'll offer once the expansion takes place of our...

[Beep]

MS. J. GIBSON: ...campus. So, what we're doing, is we're actually pleading with you to please get us on the Agenda so we can not only work, live and play here in Riviera Beach but to learn as well.

And I appreciate for what you said about getting the two groups together because, as a community, we really, really need this. It starts with education but it needs us all to work together. So we implore you to please help us to get on the Agenda so that we can enrich the life of our own community by sending them to school and to work, live, play and learn right...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you so much.

MS. J. GIBSON: ...on our waterfront.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Peyton McArthur is next. Thank you. And then Donald Port or Donald Porn. I can't make out the last few letters.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MR. P. MCARTHUR: Good evening. Peyton McArthur, Port of Palm Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. P. MCARTHUR: Just two things. One, I bring greetings. We'd like to extend season greetings to the Co'., the Cou'., the Mayor, the Council, your Staff and all your residents and best wishes for a wonderful New Year. Also, I was asked if I would ask you to consider directing your Staff to call Mr. Busha at Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and ask him to, um, try to get our two groups together for that long overdue joint meeting. I believe that our first meeting was more than a year ago and so we'd like to move forward on that. We'd appreciate your support. And, if there's anything I can do or any information I can take back to the Port from you, please give me a call at any time. I'd be happy to do it.

Happy New Year and hope you have a wonderful year.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hold on, Mr. Peyton.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you, Commissioner...

MR. P. MCARTHUR: Yes, Mr. Mayor.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...McArthur. Hmm?

MAYOR MASTERS: Chair? Yes. I wanna thank the Port, Mr. Richards, Dr. Enright and yourself for making containers available that can be shipped to Haiti. I know Attorney Richard Ryles, and others, was just there a few days ago and containers was already there waiting on them. So, we wanna thank you for making that happen.

MR. P. MCARTHUR: Thank you, sir. We were glad to be able to facilitate it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you so much, Commissioner McArthur.

MR. P. MCARTHUR: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Donald. And next will be Fane Lozman.

MR. D. POAT: Good evening, Mayor, Chair.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. D. POAT: My last name is Poat. P-O-A-T. First name is Donald, uh, Marjam Supply Company in, currently in West Palm Beach but I am here to speak about the 15th Street building that's been put off on the Agenda several times pertaining to a sale or a lease. I expressed my opinion on a purchase on it. Mayor Masters, at the 9-22 meeting, clearly said it was a mistake to purchase the building. But I thought a decision tonight was going to be made whether it was going to be a sale or a purchase. Ms. Pardo made a recommendation at the last week's meeting about getting two current appraisals on the property, which I believe and is fair cause the other appraisals were done in 2014, I believe or maybe even prior.

[Inaudible comments]

MR. D. POAT: I'm also aware [stammer], understanding that there's several other people interested in the purchase of this building and my recommendation, as it's stated in here about going out and getting a realtor to market and/or sell that building, possibly put it out to a bid, a closed bid to the best buyer and save the City of Riviera Beach, if we use round numbers, a \$10,000,000 sale at 5%, is \$500,000 to go back into the coffers of Riviera Beach, maybe to buy those vehicles that this gentleman was upset about spending \$480,000 on. But to save that \$500,000, do a close bid and look at the documents, you know, clear, who has.., needs to get financing? I know my offer to.., for this building, when it comes to pass, is a cash offer, no contingencies other than environmental.

Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you very much. Mr. Lozman and then Tonya Hicks.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. You know, when I've come up here, I've been viciously attacked by a local resident. Okay? An elderly lady, 70 some odd years old. I would come up here, I get viciously attacked. 'This, this,' and she sits here and whines and carries on. She ran for Mayor and she got 300 votes out of 6,500 votes. And I was doing some traveling, I heard she came up here sobbing about her, uh, her house. She lives in a house that's owned by the Riviera Beach Housing Authority. For the record, just to get the facts straight, you have somebody who's committed housing fraud. They're living in a house where they lied on their voucher. They lied on their household income, they lied on who's living with them. That's fraud. That is a crime. Okay? The investigators are looking at it, this woman could go to jail. There's many families around Riviera Beach that would love to live in a house a block from the intracoastal. She attacked me, I did some basic research, had some people look around. We've come up with facts where this woman has committed fraud. Now, people may like her, people may not like her. Doesn't matter. She targeted me and then I did an investigation of her and that's what we came up with. So, she started that fight and if she goes to jail or gets kicked out of her house or gets fined or whatever, that's her doing for coming after me.

And that raises the question, she threatened me, this crazy woman. Like she threatened another person that actually went to court to try to get a restraining order against her. But she's gonna interfere in my development on the Planning & Zoning Board. Why is a woman who committed fraud in a housing voucher with West Palm Beach, on the Planning & Zoning Board? Could somebody explain that to me? Well, she was appointed by Cedrick Thomas when...

[Inaudible background comment]

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...Cedrick Thomas is only supposed to poin'.., appoint somebody in his District. And, where she lives is not in Cedrick Thomas' District. So, I just wanna get that clear what went on with this woman. She started the battle and I'm gonna finish it.

Um, let's talk about [pause] a few hundred thousand dollars is going for a half mile of public beach that no one in this room can go on. You can't walk down there. You got this considered to be private by the State of Florida. That's why the State of Florida won't give any money to do it. The State of Florida will not give any funds for this half mile of private beach but yet, the City of Riviera Beach is taking taxpayer funds to go for that. That is not gonna cut it. That beach.., I used to have access to it but they blocked off the easement for me to go there. So, I'm across the street from the condos where that beach is. Okay? We are not going to take our public money and fund improvements to private property.

[Beep]

MR. F. LOZMAN: That isn't gonna happen. Myself and another property owner are gonna file a challenge to stop that from happening.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you so much, Mr. Lozman. Ms. Tonya Hicks and then Mr. Willis Williams.

MS. T. HICKS-BROWN: Good evening, uh, Mayor Masters, Council Members, City officials. I bring you greetings from the, uh... My name is.., first of all, Tonya Hicks-Brown and I bring you greetings from the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy, 251 West 11th Street, here in Riviera Beach. You've heard from Judy Gibson earlier but I too want to just appeal to the Council to... We, we, we, we definitely, um, we thank you for agreeing to discuss the land lease of the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy on January 20th but time is of the essence and it's essential that we have that discussion, you know, in order to, to go forward with, with, um, with the Academy, the expansion and the, and the continuation of the Academy at this point.

I think we all are familiar with the concept of opportunity costs and that's what I have to deal with as a principal, you know, the, the cost of not going forward and it's a, it's a steep, it's a steep cost. I believe that the, the Maritime Academy will become even more and more vital educational facility for this community and Palm Beach County as a whole, as we, as, as things develop, uh, given the opportunity to do so.

I just wanna throw out just a few facts. I know you all are familiar with the school and I think probably, behind your jobs and maybe some of these officers and other public servants, like the ones that were awarded tonight, we principals have a, have a really tough job in, in our, our type of community serving as well. And so, one day, as I went to my mailbox, one of the things that really brightened my day was receiving a, a, a message from Governor Rick Scott and that message said, 'Congratulations, Tonya, on your, on your achievement.' And I, and I found it, RBMA, ranked in the top 10% this past year, of all Florida high schools in science achievement for school year 2016. We were ranked number 254 out of nearly 3,200 high schools in Florida.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Wow.

MS. T. HICKS-BROWN: So I think that's something that our community can be proud of.

[Applause]

MS. T. HICKS-BROWN: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

MS. T. HICKS-BROWN: Our students had 100% pass rate on their Microsoft Office Specials exams that they took. They had an 87% pass rate on the Microsoft Technology Associate exams so we're training students in information technology. Technology isn't going anywhere. RBMA had a 90% graduation rate in, in school year 2015, and '16 as well. We recently became the first school, under the auspices of Palm Beach County School District to offer robotic certification program. So, we're training kids in coding and programming and, and building robots and machines. We have only one sports team and that's a rugby team but, guess what, they're ranked No. 1 in the State of Florida...

[Beep]

MS. T. HICKS-BROWN: No. 15 in the nation and we've sent six kids, from this community, off to LSU on extensive scholarships.

So, in closing, I just wanna say, um, I believe we're becoming more and more of a vital educational facility for this community, as well as Palm Beach County and I implore the, the, the Council to please put us on the Agenda for the expansion and, and examination of the land lease for the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy.

Thank you for your time.

[Cheers and applause]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Willis Williams and then Bishop Philip Dukes.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Good evening again. Willis Williams. You know, somewhere you, you come continuously to these meetings and you hope that someone hears you and you, you woulda thought by now that eight months after the last election that we had that we all woulda been done gelled, at this point, that, uh, we could be more cohesiveness together because we'll never been able to get anything done in this community unless we work together. And I do not like to dialog, 'the mainland,' and the, the, the.., I don't like that. I don't know who come up with that. It's all Riviera Beach, it's always been always Rivera Beach, to me since I was a little boy who used to go up on the top of the bridge and fish. I remember seeing President Kennedy bunker being built. Scared the daylights outta me, we was over there one morning bi'.., uh, fishing and I saw all these lights over there on the Island, . I said, 'My God. What.., they done invaded us.'

MAYOR MASTERS:[Chuckle].

MR. W. WILLIAMS: [Chuckle]. And not knowing, as a kid, they was building that bunker.

But, we, we, we fast forward to today, 2016 and, Ms. Hubbard, I understand what you're saying. Uh, Mrs. Miller, I understand what you're saying. Just make it right for our community. There are people on the Island [stammer], a good friend of mine who runs an air conditioning shop up in.., that owns an air conditioning'.., not runs it, owns the air conditioner shop and live on Singer Island. Ms. Pardo knows him. He bids on stuff here, in the communi'.., in this, in this City. He can't get bids. It's not only on black folk that' not gettin' [stammer]. It's white folks too. So your bid process is not doing it's job to accommodate the people in our community. And, and that's all they're saying. Ms. Johnson, I know you're listening and I know you're hearing and I understand that you got the same type of passion for this to happen in our community so we don't have to stand on corners no more, pe'.., your work will speak for you when you get done [stammer], in your three year term. There won't be a talk about recall because everybody up there doing what they're supposed to do. I'm gonna continue to come here because I love this City, I've been here all my life, I don't know nowhere else to go. So, I'm gonna stay around.

But I asked you to gel, I asked you to create more compassion to one another. Understand that everybody has some sort of knowing something. I spent 20 somethin' years in the hotel industry. I understand the bid process. I was over \$2,000,000 project, just in the engineering dep'.., [stammer], that I had to spend in the year. I understand what happens. So please, just let us all gel, take a step back. I'm tired of gettin' in these meetings and going home after 11:00 o'clock at night. I'm sick o' that. I know somebody oughta be tired on that dais to say, 'This enough is enough,' and let's get this thing going so these next eight months won't be as difficult.

Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. After Mr. Dukes, Ms. Charlotte Darville. [Pause]. Bishop Philip Dukes.

BISHOP P. DUKES: Bishop Dr. Philip Dukes, 12...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Doctor.

BISHOP P. DUKES: ...29 [chuckle] West 23rd Street.

MAYOR MASTERS: A bishop and a doctor, huh?

BISHOP P. DUKES: Yeah. To everyone on the dais, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

BISHOP P. DUKES: A few months ago, I turned in some paperwork to you guys asking you for some funding to help me in our project of closing every dope house in Riviera Beach and doing rallies in our communities. I hope that you will respond. I wanna thank Ms. Pardo for her generous gift. Now, most of you know me, I don't think I have to prove myself. I started this back in 1999 [stammer], at the Jiffy corner. We took authority on that corner and.., through my non-profit which is non-religious and we're the only ministry that has this type of concept in South Florida because our standards in the black community are

too low. They've been too low for a long time. You can buy any kind of dope in our neighborhoods. You know, I had a longstanding marijuana dispensary before they made it legal. So I know what...

[Chuckles]

BISHOP P. DUKES: ...I'm talking about.

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: You're gonna be a millionaire.

BISHOP P. DUKES: Yeah. So, and our children...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: He's ahead of the curve.

[Inaudible comments]

BISHOP P. DUKES: Ya'll mess up my minutes now.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead, go ahead.

[Laughter]

BISHOP P. DUKES: And, see, and our children are socialized to a culture of violence. A counterculture. Okay? And what Operation Restore has done, I put together the plan, to go in any City and make it work because what we do, we give drug dealers a pass. Or, you get this group called Black Lives Matter. They're always talkin' about, 'All the police doin', kill us.' Well the police are... First of all, it's a, it's a three prong thing. It's the police, uh, some of 'em are bigots. That's, that's American culture. Second, some of them are afraid. Thirdly, they are afraid and got a right to be cause death and murder goes on in our communities, they got shot down like dogs. Right before we get outta here in the next three minutes, just like Beirut, Aleppo, or Surigao, we can walk outta here and there can be nine killings in Riviera Beach behind the dope game. So, ya'll help me and let's, in 2017, shut down every dope house in Riviera Beach and let's be an example to the State of Florida, then to the nation.

And we gotta make these end roads been between the Island and the mainland. Let's stop fooling ourselves. I grew up as a kid., I used to hear this all the time, "Dem white folk over there, don't care nothin' about ya'll. They' just placate ya. They're in pretense with you.' Well, that day is over with. Alright? So, let's band together and do what's right. They don't., no communities in America have the problem that black people have. That's not being., calling the race card, that's just the truth. Look at the numbers, look at the numbers. So, we gotta put something in the atmosphere in our communities to drive these young people into that youth program that Ms. Grimsey [sp] runs, into the Maritime Academy. We've gotta put something in the atmosphere to change that and that's what Operation Restore's gonna do.

Now, I'm gonna do this. Next year, I'm gonna shut every dope house in this City down. I'm raising money right now. I'm trying to raise half a million dollars.

[Audience applause and cheer]

BISHOP P. DUKES: Because we gotta stop.., it's the only way you're gonna stop killing. So I want you to help me. You know what I do, you know what I am. I don't need another pair of shoes, go look on my Facebook. I don't need a car, I drive a Bentley. Alright? But I do need you to help me.

Thank you.

[Beep]

[Laughter]

MAYOR MASTERS: You're not willing to sell your Bentley?

[Laughter]

BISHOP P. DUKES: The City of West Palm Beach tore my Bentley up and I'm suin' 'em right now because it was in, uh, it was smoking and they said my car was on fire. \$32,000 worth of damage.

[Laughter]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Darville and then Ms. Bessie Brown.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Council people.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Mayor. Charlotte Darville on 20th Street, West. Um, I would like to know what is going on with our street. So far, I received an email on November the 17th and that has been the end of it. And who on the Council up here is supposed to be my Councilperson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: That would be me.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Okay. I know when the former Council people were here, I know I could come just about any time over here and talk to my Councilman. Um [pause]...

[Inaudible audience comment]

MS. C. DARVILLE: [Chuckle]. I have been here for 43 years and it only took 16 years to get our sidewalks repaved. Or not repaved, I'm sorry, to get 'em fixed. And, it took us four years to get the speed humps because our street was a thoroughfare and it was like a racetrack. So, we were, we were very grateful for those things but 16 years, that's ludicrous. And, I'm not gonna wait that long to get our street repaved and get the lights up. Now, 20th Street goes right down to the water. Okay? And you want it to look decent? Like I said, I've been in that house 43 years and that street has never, ever been repaved. Anytime that we've gotten a letter from the City, we've already been working on our house, getting things done that they want done. My husband and I do most of the work ourselves, except when we had a new roof put on, we couldn't do that but we do most of that work ourselves because we can't afford to hire people. [Pause]. Okay?

And, [pause], Code Enforcement, I know you put a stop to 'em about sending out code violations for the housing. Have they stopped doing code violations period? Because I see violations all over...

[Beep]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Thank you, Ms. Darville. And I do believe Mr. Brent Johnson has been in contact with you...

MS. C. DARVILLE: He...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And so, we'll...

MS. C. DARVILLE: ...emailed me.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...get... Yeah. I'll, I'll have him speak with you again and [inaudible]...

MS. C. DARVILLE: On November the 17th.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. So...

MS. C. DARVILLE: And that...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I'll get an update from him and find out. And then, you know, you live two doors down from my mom so...

MS. C. DARVILLE: I know...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I know that she...

MS. C. DARVILLE: ...her very well. She's a sweetheart.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Exactly. Yep.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Yeah. [Chuckle].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, I'll talk with you afterwards...

MS. C. DARVILLE: Alright.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...and so will Mr. Brent Johnson.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MS. B. BROWN: Good evening. Bessie Brown.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Hold on. Mr. Earl Davis will be coming after Ms. Bessie Brown.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. B. BROWN: Um, someone was talking about the killings and shootings but, you know, it's too much killing and shooting today and we have, we have a Chief and we have a, we have a police department that we, we pay for.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mhmm.

MS. B. BROWN: We need some kind of resolve and resolution and know what's going on and then, and whoever our public people are, we don't..., we can't even, we can't even get the information off the channel that's, there's been another shooting. Now, now, now, [stammer], I forgot, I can't think of the name who, who we pay \$99,000 but, um, you know, we need to know what's going on, around here.

Also, it's my understanding that the football team that was here yesterday is still winning and playing.

[Audience cheer]

MS. B. BROWN: Are we gonna ha'..., is anybody gonna do a, uh, write up on them? Any, any of our news people here cause has anybody heard anything? Well, I haven't. That's, that's the reason I'm here. [Chuckle]. So.

And I, and is the moratorium..., the moratorium that you were doing, could you do one for service stations? No more service stations? Wawa, anybody, RaceTrac, 7-Eleven. I think we have enough. I think we have enough, just go up..., straight up Blue Heron from Military. You can, I think you can count about 15 of 'em. Could you please do a moratorium so that we don't have another one in, in this City? Oh my goodness.

And Ms., Ms. Hubbard, I worked in the Purchasing Department in this City and, as far as the bids and stuff and things, you know, I..., nobody's actually trying not to give local people an opportunity. I think that you all should really do the workshop with the people that are having the problems and the, and the Purchasing Department and the Procurement Code

2412 and see where the problem is. Because that's the only way you're gonna straighten that up. And there's nothing, and there's nothing bad about what's been doin'..., what's, what's going on. Cause you have to..., if you have a problem, you need to, you know, at least, state your problem and then you can..., then the Purchasing Department has to deal with it.

Far, as far as the beach rest'..., restoration, I truly hope that you all will not sit and approve restoring the private beach because there's a sign..., it was a sign over there that said private beach by the municipal beach. Now, our taxpa'..., we pay taxes too. Now, if, if the beach is private, they should take care of that restoration, the private..., with the people that are private.

MAYOR MASTERS:[Chuckle].

MS. B. BROWN: Okay? Now, and, and, and, and, [stammer], and I'm sure someone has addressed it before, that they couldn't go..., that they [chuckle], couldn't walk across the beach, down at the beachfront, waterfront, beachfront because there was a sign said...

[Beep]

MS. B. BROWN: ...'Private beach.' And, and [sigh]. Oh, I [clears throat]...

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank, thank you.

MS. B. BROWN: I just wanna..., I wanna say one more thing. MLK and Barack Obama [pause] are the worst streets in the City of Riviera Beach, coming down..., cause there's nothing there. They've..., you've destroyed the whole City and all the buildings..., and really, that's where most of the bui'..., um, businesses were. I would really appreciate it if they would find some..., put..., do some plans to restore that area because it's really dead.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you for your comments, Ms. Brown. Mr. Earl Davis.

MR. E. DAVIS: Good afternoon.

CHAIR DAVIS: Good afternoon.

MAYOR MASTERS:Good afternoon.

MR. E. DAVIS: Earl Davis. I don't guess I have to give nobody my address cause everybody know where I stay at. I've been there for 47 years.

[Chuckle]

MR. E. DAVIS: So, but anyway, I was sent here, not on my own, by a group of peoples that we've been havin', like, three and four meetings a month and they asked me would I come and talk a little bit and, uh, first thing, let's start with..., they said, 'What have you guys did for us lately?' That's the Council peoples. You know, they supported you guys, they, you know, worked hard to get you in that chair but don't seem like you guys

seem to know us anymore. And my main thing is, that they wanted me to talk about is the Public Safety building. I went out, I left you guys, all the guys a printout of all the money that the City of Riviera Beach is paying for rent over at the Port Center and all the money that they're paying for rent., well, through CRA. I, I left a copy for each one of ya'll, two copies. You know? And my thing is...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Did you get it?

MR. E. DAVIS: ...the Mayor is leading the pack, him and Dawn Pardo and Lynne Hubbard, to sell the building or rent but I think it's sell the building. But my thing is, if you sell the building, what you intend to do with the peoples that are employed by the City that's over at the Port now that we are payin'..., why don't you look at this and you'll see how much money we're paying, per year. You know, you guys, uh, got elected by the City of Riviera Beach, the senior citizens, like myself. You know? And, just to sell the building, what is \$10,000,000 for the money that you guys are paying a year? In four years, that, uh, \$10,000,000 has gone down the drain. I mean, you don't have to be a genius to figure this out. You know, you're pushin' to get rid of the building. You already paid for it. You should be trying to get some money to fix it up and put somebody from the City in that building. You know? It, it's just sad the way ya'll are doin'.

You know, and, uh, Ms. Hubbard, I said I wasn't gonna mention but the group gave you a nickname. I hope it's alright with you.

[Audience chuckles]

MR. E. DAVIS: [Chuckle]. Uh, they callin' you the Queen Bee, for some reason. And I don't..., don't ask me why, they just asked me, 'Would you please tell Ms. Hubbard we gave her a nickname?'

So, but anyway, gettin' back to the business at hand, do you guys have any kind of plan to do anything with those peoples over at the Port, when you go and sell the building on 15th Street? Don't everybody look at me like I'm crazy now. That was one question. Since ya'll wanna get rid of it. I know you don't wanna get..., you wanna get rid of the building but then you wanna keep on paying that high rent...

[Beep]

MR. E. DAVIS: ...over at, uh, the Port. Anybody wanna tell me what you plan to do with all the employees that's over there? Hello?

CHAIR DAVIS: Well, Mr. Davis, [inaudible] at their own discretion, one on one, they'll probably get a chance to answer that question but at public comment, you're restricted for three minutes.

MR. E. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. E. DAVIS: Well, it's alright.

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. E. DAVIS: I'll come back later. I got two more cards in there. The best is yet to come.

[Audience chuckles]

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Ms. Roseanne Brown.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

MS. R. BROWN: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. R. BROWN: My name is Roseanne Brown and, this evening, I have nothing to say to you about police and I have nothing to say to about scholarship.

MAYOR MASTERS:[Chuckle].

MS. R. BROWN: So, this evening, I'm actually coming as a member of the public because often, the media and everybody else tells you everything that you're doing wrong. But, I don't hear people mentioning a lot, the many things that you do right. I was gonna come last week...

[Clapping]

MS. R. BROWN: ...at the end of hurricane season because, what I wanted to talk about, was how this City responds to natural disasters. Our residents need to know how well you take care of them in those kinds of situations. I've not heard anyone come and comment or commend the City on what a great job that you do. If Hurricane Matthew had not taken a turn and came this way, they woulda known what a great job you did because you made the preparations for them. It didn't hit so everybody stays quiet. Your residents don't know that, when the shelters were announced, the list of shelters were announced, a shelter was not planned for the City of Riviera Beach.

Your residents don't know that your Mayor and, and your Chair went to battle with the county and would not back down until they announced that they were going to open Mary McLeod Bethune as a shelter. They didn't know that and nobody tells them that. When the, the declaration was made that the barrier islands had to be evacuated, Mayor Masters was rolling through here like a steamroller about to fire everybody if, uh, they didn't make provisions for him to be able to make the announcements to make sure everybody knew that that declaration had been made.

Your department heads, City Manager Jones. I know he's Interim but he wa'n't acting Interim, he was acting like a City Manager. City Manager Jones called the department

heads together and had a list of things that he went through on all of the preparations that needed to be made. But guess what, when he went through that list, not one thing was left undone. Your department heads were ready. They had all the preparations in place so if that storm had come through here, you woulda been in good shape.

I had the privilege of being an employee back in 2003 when the tornado came through, 2004 and 2005 when Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne came through here and others paid us a visit, we had a great system in place but I tell you now, what, what your residents don't know what you have in place now is even better than what was in, in place then. So, I'm here to commend Mayor Masters, City Manager Jones and every department head who put their lives on the line...

[Beep]

MS. R. BROWN: ...left their homes, came, moved into this building so that they could be ready for whatever might come. Fortunately, God spared us but had He not, your City was ready. I commend you because they couldn't've done anything that they did without your concurrence. That's why I'm here this evening.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIR DAVIS: Mr. Horace Towns.

MR. H. TOWNS: Hey, good evening to the Council.

CHAIR DAVIS: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. H. TOWNS: Horace Towns, Riviera Beach. Um, tonight, I., in the City I've seen that there is a lot of new opportunity coming to the City and, um, I have used my resources and my time trying to help minority and small business owners get bonded for some of those projects. Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach, on a county level. My wife and I own a bonding agency and, to all the residents and small business owners in the City, I would like to extend myself to help you get qualified and compete for some of these projects.

Second, I would like to commend the Council that has supported the Riviera Beach Chargers, who are gonna be playing in Super Bowl LX of the Pop Warner National Super Bowl Friday and those kids are so excited and it's amazing for them to be playing for something so historic. So, you know, to each one of us, you know, tell someone else to tune in or drive up and support these kids. These kids are excited, they're talented, they're the best in the nation.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mhmm.

MR. H. TOWNS: So, you know, Riviera Beach, I take my hat off to the program. This is something that's gonna be a staple, showing the positive changes that are taking place in our City. So, you know, again, hats off to that program and those kids.

Tonight, I will make appointments to see City Manager, Mr. Jones. You're doing a great job. Every meeting I'm, I'm at, you're there. You're everywhere but I do wanna take some time because I do my own assessments as a community leader and I wanna bring some attention to some things that are bothering me. Um, code, Code Enforcement has to [stammer], be talked about again. We gotta get qualified people in those positions. My background is 15 years government and I see where there's some improvements. I'm not here to get anybody in trouble but...

UNK: [Chuckle].

MR. H. TOWNS: ...there has to be better. And, also, I'm gonna speak about our hiring process. We have so many qualified people in this community. They get overlooked. I applied for a bogus job just to see if I would get an opportunity. Uh-uh. Nah. I ran divisions, \$50,000,000 budgets, I didn't get a letter, I didn't get a call. So, tell me what's wrong with that picture.

Thank you to the Council. Good night.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Dennis Clark. [Pause]. Oh, you want both Clarks at the same time or?

MS. E. CLARK: Hopefully, we'll be, um, not have to take so much time.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

MS. E. CLARK: Dennis and Evelyn Clark. We live at 133 West 11th Street, Riviera Beach. I'm gonna get directly to the point. Honey, why don't you just go right over there?

MR. D. CLARK: Okay, honey.

[Laughter]

MS. E. CLARK: Okay? It's all about the quality of life. And right now, my quality of life is not very good. As my husband points through these pictures, I want you to see how Riviera Beach is supposed to be the best place to live, work and play. In my world, it's the best place to live, work and contractors bring your garbage and dump it on 10th Street and 11th Street. 365 days a year, in the last two years, that's another 365 days a year we have to wake up and look at this filth and this garbage. It's right next door to the Marine school, it's the entre into the Marina, it brings drugs, it brings prostitutes, it brings more dumping, it brings vandalism. The new houses that we have right on 13th Street on our way to work

were already broken into this morning. They've been broken into with the contractors' equipment have been stolen and hidden in these vacant houses. We have to go over to our vacant houses, which we have boarded up but we have people living in there with bedroom sets, mirrors and they break into our building and, and tear up our place. We got crack and all sorts of drugs right behind our house. I wake up at 5:00 o'clock in the morning to find a dope dealer knocking on our backdoor saying that someone has dropped him off to come pick up his drugs and we're on our way to work.

And, do you think I want to live like this? I have complained, I have brought it to everybody's attention. Keep on going, honey, because it gets bigger and bigger and bigger. And really, I'm just rather tired of it. Where does the buck stop? It stops with you, Mr. Mayor. As much energy as you put into your campaign and also trying to sell buildings, put as much energy into cleaning up the City of Riviera Beach. I worked the political campaign, um, the past few months. I had women come from Jupiter, Delray Beach, Lake Worth, [stammer], very far south. As we canvassed the City, this is what they took look at. I was so extremely embarrassed. And then, to top it off, a young man's body in the middle of the street, dead, shot, 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. We had to get the hell out of there. I had to get those ladies back to safety. And I came here purposely because I want you to see this is what we deal with day in and day out.

Honey, if you wanna add something, please do.

MR. D. CLARK: You said it all, honey.

MAYOR MASTERS: Bring me..., I need the pictures. Bring the pictures up here, Tawanna.

MS. E. CLARK: I don't wanna be patronized at all because this has...

MAYOR MASTERS: We need to see...

MS. E. CLARK: ...been a...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...the pictures, ma'am.

MS. E. CLARK: ...two year, ongoing situation that I have brought to everybody's attention. Our safety is at risk. Neighbors...

[Beep]

MS. E. CLARK: ...don't feel comfortable coming and talking about this and we have to be the spokesperson. I don't wanna be the spokesperson. I got a full-time job. I can't take pictures like this every single day but it's, it's rough out here.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Um, I do want to say that Major Rozier, I know he's been working very closely with you all and I just asked him [inaudible]...

MS. E. CLARK: It's not enough, Ms. Miller.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: That..., and we'll get...

MS. E. CLARK: He can only...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...together.

MS. E. CLARK: ...do so much.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: But we'll get together and...

MS. E. CLARK: You know?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...see what we can do.

MS. E. CLARK: He can only do so much.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MS. E. CLARK: This falls in the lap of the City Council, it falls in the lap of...

MR. D. CLARK: [Whispering: Code Enforcement].

MS. E. CLARK: ...the Mayor.

MR. D. CLARK: [Whispering: Code Enforcement].

MS. E. CLARK: Well, if you wanna say it...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Well...

MS. E. CLARK: ...you can.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I'll get with [inaudible].

MR. D. CLARK: It's also about Code Enforcement, about what they're failing to do.

CHAIR DAVIS: Correct.

MR. D. CLARK: You know? And it's just, like someone said earlier, we have to hire qualified people who are willing to go out here and do their jobs and not just drive around all day in trucks.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mr. Clark, just one minute. Can we restart the clock?

MR. D. CLARK: Yes.

CHAIR DAVIS: He had a separate card. Give another three minutes. For his card, that's two separate cards. Go ahead.

MR. D. CLARK: So, [stammer], part of it's about, about Code Enforcement. They're not doing their job, they need to be able to do their job and do it right. And not just riding around in their pickup trucks all day long, you know, looking around, this that and the other. They know who these people are. They know exactly who the individuals are that are doing this type of thing and they're not doing their job. So, when I complain and we send emails over to Ms. Moore, nothing happens, nothing happens. We met with you, Mrs. Miller-Anderson and we've discussed it, trying to follow up with you as far as the efforts that you put into it and guess what? Nothing happens. So, we gotta do something. Something's gotta happen because it's not worth it. I., we go to work, we come home. We go to work at 5:30 in the morning, we come home at 7:00 o'clock at night and what do we see? Piles of trash. One day, I think I sent you all a, a copy of a picture. I think I sent it to you, Coach Davis.

CHAIR DAVIS: I got it.

MR. D. CLARK: That the pile was as high as 6' high. Right there at the entrance of the Maritime school. Right at the entrance of the Maritime school. Now you mean to tell me that we don't care enough about those children, who are doing such a great job and those teachers that are going in there every day to teach these children, that we don't care enough about our neighborhood to where they have a nice place to drive into and see? We don't care enough about that?

Go ahead and tell me, go ahead and tell me.

MS. E. CLARK: I want a caveat too that the gentleman way before us talked about the drugs. I mean, that is our street. We have 24 hour, 7 days a week, 365 day of people just comfortably coming through, buying drugs, selling drugs and then just ruining the neighborhood. We just cannot continue to live like this. And again, I'm asking you Mayor, cause I really wanna tell you, you need to do something about this. It really is. There's gonna be a moment when something is gonna be terrible and I asked you last year what you were gonna do about it. You were on the telephone and here we are with the pictures that you see and nothing has changed.

MR. D. CLARK: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hold on just...

CHAIR DAVIS: Coach, um...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...a minute, please. Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Mr. Jones, as we get ready to go to public comment, Ms. Bonnie Larson, as you come up, um, I'm sure that we can do some sort of investigation through [inaudible]...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, as you know...

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible].

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...part of the Council's strategy was to refocus and restructure Code...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...and Code was removed from the police department and placed under Community Development.

CHAIR DAVIS: Right.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: That transition hasn't quite taken place. I have a strategy that I plan to submit to the Council within the next couple weeks on how to move us forward. I think part of that strategy, again, is gonna be improving the neighborhoods through home ownership and working with our housing partners to, to eliminate or to improve conditions where citizens have a more vested interest in the community, as well as a crack down on the drugs and the code violations. So, I do have a strategy we're developing.

MR. D. CLARK: City Manager Jones...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: As well as the so'..., sober homes.

MR. D. CLARK: I'm sorry to interrupt. City Manager Jones, will these individuals...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mr....

MR. D. CLARK: ...have arresting powers? Will they be able to arrest individuals?

CHAIR DAVIS: Mr. Clark? With all due respect...

MR. D. CLARK: Sorry. You're, you're...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...and I have a lot of respect for you, Coach but...

MR. D. CLARK: Thank you, [inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: ...proper order is...

MR. D. CLARK: You're right.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...you know, public comment. Mr. Jones gonna contact you so you can sit down and have a great thorough report and investigation so we can make sure we help you all.

MR. D. CLARK: Thank you...

CHAIR DAVIS: Get this situation...

MR. D. CLARK: ...Coach Davis.

CHAIR DAVIS:in the right direction.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And I will, and I'll, I'll discuss...

MAYOR MASTERS: Hold it. Stay right there.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...a little bit of the strategy with them and hope to get his input.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And then I just wanna add too, that, as I said earlier, Major Rozier has been very diligent about working with the Clarks on that area. The last time I talked to him was a couple weeks ago regarding it and he said that he thought that it had gone down some so, if it's, it's increasing again, then obviously they're gonna have to take different measures. So, we, we can get on that. I mean, we've talked before, we've been talking for over a year now and, um, I know at one point, we had some improvements and then sometimes we have the contractor dumping the, the trash out there from his construction site and he's been cited for that and we'll just have to talk again a little more.

MS. E. CLARK: There are other contractors.

CHAIR DAVIS: Excuse me.

MS. E. CLARK: That is not the only one, there are others.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: We'll get together.

CHAIR DAVIS: Ms., Ms. Clark. [Stammer] all respect, I love ya'll very much. We're gonna work hard to help you out but we must move through public comment to get to Ms. Larson so we can make sure that we finish these in a timely fashion.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Alright.

CHAIR DAVIS: But...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: ...Mr. Jones, please...

MAYOR MASTERS:Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: ...respond to this family...

MAYOR MASTERS:Hold on.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...to make sure that we have... Ms. Bonnie Larson.

MAYOR MASTERS:Mr. Chair, I need, I, I...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS:...have just a 10 second response.

CHAIR DAVIS: With all due respect, Mayor...

MAYOR MASTERS:Ms. Miller...

CHAIR DAVIS: [Stammer]...

MAYOR MASTERS:...just re'., Anderson responded.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mr. Mayor. Mr. Mayor, will you please respect the meeting. We wanna move through these meetings. We're not gonna be here late at night no more.

MAYOR MASTERS:[Stammer].

CHAIR DAVIS: We done had our training phase, that phase is over. We need to get through this meeting. You can have Staff meet with them, you have your Staff in the audience, to get your questions, to get their contact so you can resolve this issue, what you need done. With due respect to, to time.

MAYOR MASTERS:Mr. Chairman?

CHAIR DAVIS: Ms. Larson.

MAYOR MASTERS:Mr. Chair? Ms...

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Lar'...

MAYOR MASTERS:...Co-Chair Anderson responded. This couple called my name three times. I just have 10 seconds, that's all I ask for.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mayor. Let's wait 'til...

MAYOR MASTERS:It's just fair.

CHAIR DAVIS: ... we get.., let's finish public comment and then we'll let you...

MAYOR MASTERS:Then you'll...

CHAIR DAVIS: We'll go...

MAYOR MASTERS:...come back after...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...back to you.

MAYOR MASTERS:Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: That's all. I...

MAYOR MASTERS:Fine.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...wanna get through public comment.

MAYOR MASTERS:After public comment., don't leave Mr. & Mrs. Clark cause I'm gonna respond cause you called my name three times so I wanna tell you what the Mayor's., is going to join partnership to do, with you.

Thank you.

MS. B. LARSON: I understand fully what the Clark's are saying. I think every neighborhood has this problem. There was, I heard on the news the other day, there was some incident on Avenue E and just south of Blue Heron. We never heard what it was. They said, 'We'll get back with you.. The City says they'll get back with you and let us know.' It'd be nice to know what's happening in our City and in our neighborhoods so we know not to go out of the house, do this, that... We need to know but there's a shooting here, like, every week it seems like. I was so embarrassed. I was out, um, last week for a meal and the tables were very close and there was a table right next to me. And I wasn't listening to what they were saying because I was carrying on my own conversation but, when they said Riviera Beach, my ears picked up and we were sitting pretty close. My ears picked up and you know what they were talkin' about? They were two Latin women and one was giving directions to the other and the fir'.., the second one stopped the first one and she said, 'Wait a minute. Wherever you're giving me directions, do not take me through Riviera Beach cause if I have to go to Riviera Beach to get to this location, I'm not goin'. I'm not going anywhere near Riviera Beach.' Today someone said to me, 'Oh, I go to Riviera Beach but only until about 4:30.'

Things happen in [inaudible]. I cannot go outside at 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 in the morning. I, I've done it now as an experiment and it never fails, someone's coming walking, dealing, someone's on a bicyc'... What are they doing at 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 in the morning? I know what I'm doing on my own property. What are they doing in our neighborhood? We know what they're doing. We know what they're doing. Broadway is a disgrace.

We had a gentleman come here, um, and we gave that man \$225,000 to apply for some tax credits to put low income housing. And I'm gonna say low income housing because it is. We'll talk about that on No. 18. But anyway, and I mentioned at that time, he's from a

very large real estate company, I mentioned there are dead branches and everything laying on that property. That was last month. Those dead branches are still there. That realty company did nothing. They got \$225,000 from us but they didn't even clean up that property and they don't even own that property.

We have, on Broadway..., Broadway is really a dump. There's a, there's a location there and they opened up those gates one day and there was 8' tall of old mattresses which have been in there for months and months, probably years. They're using a company other than Waste Management, they've been sitting there for weeks with all the trash and all the landscaping debris, etc. It sits there right on Broadway. What do people think? There's a Chickee Hut, hut, close to B'., close to Blue Heron which has been..., two-thirds of it is missing. It, it does look like a third world country. Bulbs are exposed, either take it down or fix it. Fix it. This is why we look the way we look. Code Enforcement..., now, don't come after me but, you know, people are getting fined for a lot of things. They come up here and talk about it but these people who own property, the investors, quote investors, they can do whatever they want and they're making our City look like a dump and no wonder we don't get any other better companies coming in here. We need...

[Beep]

MS. B. LARSON: ...to do something.

Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Larson. Now, we're finished with public comment. Before we move to the next item, Mr. Mayor, you wanna make some comments?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, just briefly. Tell the Clarks to come up. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark, if you can hear me.

CHAIR DAVIS: They're outside.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Ju'., you can hear me so you're okay right there. I just wanna say to you, you haven't made an appointment with the Chief of Staff so therefore, that you brought it publicly, now I'm involved. And I hold two people responsible to make sure it's cleaned up, the Chief of Police and the City Manager. And I'm asking them, every week, I want a weekly update on my desk, by 10:00 a.m., as to what progress. This is not acceptable and I'm sure they're working on it but I need to get..., I will get directly involved. And make sure weekly that we see pro'., more progress cause we don't wanna go up and down like a yo-yo, we want progress up, up, up, up until it's done.

Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: Get with her, uh...

CHAIR DAVIS: Ms. Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Alright. So, this is for Mr. Jones.

MAYOR MASTERS:...Ms. Isaacs.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: What I think you should do, you know, part of this whole process, you need to find out who owns the lots, that are being dumped on because the owner needs to secure their property. Okay? [Pause]. Got it?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright. Now we're done with public comment.

MAYOR MASTERS:You did hear my...

14. ITEM NO. 14

CHAIR DAVIS: Let's move to Item...

MAYOR MASTERS:...request. Weekly, every Monday.

[Inaudible background comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: ...No. 14.

MAYOR MASTERS:11 a.m., 10 a.m..

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PROVIDING AN INTERIM PROCEDURE FOR THE PARTIAL RELEASE OF CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS THAT ATTACH TO PROPERTY LYING OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR DAVIS: Do we have a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Staff.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Attorney, can you bring us a brief.., provide us a brief update on the, uh, on this Resolution and recommendation?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The essential foundation of the problem is that we have absolutely no policy in terms of releasing liens. There are a number of concerns, that have been calling my office trying to have closings at the end of the year and I have no

direction to move in. What has been proposed to you is an interim policy which is a stop gap measure until you get the time to get to the mo'..., to the, um, workshop...

CHAIR DAVIS: Workshop.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...that we had previously [stammer], attempted to get at. Basically, what this interim policy does is impose a fee for the release of liens for property that are outside, outside the corporate limits of Riviera Beach. Those liens were created as a result of the operation of Section 162.09 of the Florida Statutes which makes code violations attached to the property that's in violation and all other properties owned by the violator within the county. For a number of reasons, people who own properties outside of Riviera Beach have Code Enforcement liens based on violations here and I need a mechanism in which to address those.

CHAIR DAVIS: And so currently, we don't have one? No...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: We have...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...policy?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...nothing.

CHAIR DAVIS: Nothing? Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: ...Any, any ques'... Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes. Mr. Attorney...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I don't have a problem with this interim measure but what I would like to ask you about is your thoughts on pulling the percentage of the value of the property out and let's go with the flat fee until we come up..., until we have the workshop.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: If that's your pleasure, I'll gladly make it so.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: That's my pleasure but I did want a little feedback from you on it but...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: But there's nothing else I can tell you. You've said it all. It makes sense to remove that until you, as a legislative body, have had the opportunity to discuss the impacts of imposing that percentage and what that percentage should be and how it should be applied. And, quite candidly, we've not had a chance to do that.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And that's what I was asking you.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: If you think it makes sense?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: It does.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Oh, yes, ma'am. It does...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Absolutely.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...make sense.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: To remove the percentage and just...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...go with the...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And, and, and...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...flat fee until...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...you determine what's appropriate...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...we have...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...perspectively.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...the workshop?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes, sir.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Vice Chair, you have any questions?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, with this, I know we were sent an email yesterday with some additional information and it gave the samples of other cities that have certain flat fees and, um, percentages that are set. What amount are we..., are you looking to do, Ms. Hubbard? What would you...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Well, um, the percentage part can wait 'til the [pause], wait until we have the workshop. And [pause], I would say the Attorney, between \$125 and

\$250 and.., depending on the amount of work he has to do, he can determine whether he assess \$125 or \$250.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: On a, on.., to be uniform, let's do it as a flat \$250 cause it's just gonna be on a short term.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I assume, at some time in January, we're gonna get to that workshop and we're gonna establish the parameters by policy as to how we're gonna move forward with the Code Enforcement Administration.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: See, the problem is...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: \$250 fine.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...a lot of people are trynna close at the end of the year for tax reasons and we don't have anything to assist them with.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yeah. [Inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: I can, I can support that. Just make, making sure that we do our workshop in January so that, you know, the taxpayers can have something that's in place, hard, moving forward. But I support that understanding what we need to do. So, they, for one, understand what they need come and pay right away.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible] a motion.

CHAIR DAVIS: So, we need to... Councilperson Davis Johnson, do you have any questions?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I do, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: How many.., you say that a number of people have called in requesting this partial release of liens,. How many property owners have come forward? What, what numbers are we talking about? I did not see that.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I was not asked to provide [stammer]. If I had to give you an estimate of the number of people who've called in the process involved, that would be somewhere in.., between 10 and 15 property owners, a number of them being large concerns that own real property throughout the State of Florida that have more than

15 properties in Palm Beach County that are impacted by liens, per property owner. I know Deland is one of 'em. I can't think of the other large property owner that, that contacted my office.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: But if these are large property own'.., if these are large property owners with an excess of 15 properties, why would we not want to place an, place a charge?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Why would not want to?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Place the charge. The 2.5 of the market value that we're asking to be removed temporarily, if these are large property owners with large values, and large volumes of properties, why wouldn't it.., why wouldn't we want to access anything beyond the application fee or the administrative charge?

CHAIR DAVIS: That would be to the Council.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: It's my understanding that some of the property owners impacted by this interim policy, are not large property owners and there were concerns expressed to me about the equitable application of that 2.5 for the small guy. That's a policy decision and I don't make it. And, and the challenge I got is, 'I got a short window to do something and you have not had a chance to resolve those issues yet.'

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I just need something to control it until we get to it.

CHAIR DAVIS: So, so how does the two point.., oh... Councilperson Davis Johnson, you still have the floor. Has your questions been completed or you have some more...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I'm...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...questions?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...listening. If you have something, please, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR DAVIS: Just real briefly. The 2.5% that's being suggested, how would that impact a sm'.., um, the smaller properties? How did we come to that number, 2.5%, is...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I made it up.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...my question. Right. Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: That's what I've been trying to tell you, I made it up.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Chuckle]. We've not had a chance to address these issues nor the impacts on the commercial as opposed to the residential property owners in, in the City.

CHAIR DAVIS: I, I would like to... Here's the issue, someone that has a large property versus someone that has a smaller property, should not receive the same benefit.., a benefit off the back of someone who don't have the nec'.., necessary resources. Is there some way that we can, I don't know, that we can do this where one is commercial and one is residential, a different percentage or would that be... I don't wanna do that.., suggest...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The problem that I...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...that if it's not proper.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...foresee is that if there is a distinction, then you are going to get inundated with trying to...

CHAIR DAVIS: Determine.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...make adjustments to that during the interim. If it's uniform, everybody gets the same result until you have a chance to make the distinctions.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: By way of example...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: You know, people now are saying, 'Well, why can't you let us go like you did Reverend Evans? For nothing?' You know, the problem is, we didn't have a policy. We had a problem that was at a critical mass at the time...

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...and in your discretion, you decided how to resolve that issue.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: That's not precedent.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Okay?

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: So, in terms of establishing the uniform procedure going forward, there has to be the legislative decision and you simply have not had the opportunity to get there. So...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...I need something uniform to apply 'til you get the opportunity to get there.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And I think, in all fairness, the \$250 uniform, across the board, does that and does not negatively impact the big guys or the little guys until you can get to resolving those policy questions sometime in 2017.

CHAIR DAVIS: Which'll be January. I can support that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Davis Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I fully support the \$250 charge, however, I think that a uniform policy does put the, put the larger property owners and those that can afford to cover those costs at an advantage. Because we're saying...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...if we wanna protect our, our homeowners who have lower incomes and their property values have, have gone away, then certainly that should be put into place, that should be put into place for those homeowners because that was the [inaudible] behind a lot of the conversation that we had [inaudible] Code Enforcement and code liens and protecting those homesteaded property owners in our City who were suffering. So, to just randomly do away with any, any costs for those individuals that you mentioned, not those that are, that are on the lower echelon but I'm talking about those that have commercial properties that have, you know, this..., the, the wherewithal to pay some sort of, um, charge, [inaudible] should be afforded.

That's just my thought.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So, what could we do [stammer], I'm just trying to sit here and think about some different options, Mr. Degraffenreidt. I'll let you go and, um...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: You know...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...give us some ideas.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Chuckle]. The issues that have been raised on the dais and by Ms. Johnson are valid issues. It requires some thought and some discussion and I think you need your code administrator here to help you flesh out those issues. Respectfully, I don't think this is the time to do it. I think, and I'm recommending to you, adopt the Resolution... And that's why I made it a Resolution, it's not an Ordinance, it's not law, it's temporary. It's designed to be interim in order that you can make those educated decisions when you have the chance. You're trying to do it tonight and you ain't got the time.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Well, let me ask you a question.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Will all of the la'.., landlords, landowners have an opportunity just to rush in and get their application stamped, they'll all go for \$250 and they won't come up under the, um, law that we put in place after we have the workshop where the percentage will be put in? Is that a possible, is that possible?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: With respect to the landlords who come in and get through the process before you have your workshop, yeah. That, that would resolve their liens. The \$250 would.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: But, right now, we're in the middle of Janu'.., excuse me, December. Our workshop is in January. What's the likelihood of you, you gettin' to see all those [chuckle] people?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Chuckle]. A snowball's chance in you know where.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. So, okay. Okay. So, um, I'm a little more comfortable with that since you're gonna...

CHAIR DAVIS: So am I.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: If he... Because I.., no, I.., because hon'.., honestly, I'm not trying to set the stage for a lot of commercial property owners who have neglected their property to get away without paying the debt that we're gonna incur to have it cleaned because...

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...as the other families that just came up here and stated that they didn't like to see it like that, we have to clean it. We have to get with Waste Management and Public Works and get it clean, one way or the other. So, therefore, we have to charge them if they're neglecting their properties. So, but, we're.., but, you know, for a couple residents we talked about last week, we're not tryna to, uh, do that to people who lost their homes in foreclosure.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard, would you amend this motion to.., from 2.5% to \$250, make a motion? Amend the motion?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I [pause], I move that we amend this Resolution presented to us by Mr. Degraffenredit to delete the percentage rate from the Resolution and go with just the flat fee of \$250, during this interim period until we have the workshop, workshop to set the percentage rate.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR DAVIS: Do I have a second?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Second for discussion.

CHAIR DAVIS: Second. Second for discussion. Councilperson Davis Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilperson Hubbard, could we consider, as opposed to removing the 2.5 fee, perhaps we can set a lower threshold for our residents and have a, have the 2.5 for those commercial properties?

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible].. Attorney Degraffenreidt.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Actually, the, the interim policy that's before you does not re'.., does not really address our residents. It just addresses property that our Code Enforcement liens attach to which are outside our corporate limits.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr.., with all due respect...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Attorney Degraffenreidt, I understand that it does not address our residents.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: But I.., what I am suggesting is that you have indicated that there is a potential that those commercial property owners could come forward and they should not be able to walk away for \$250. So, I'm just.., I, I'm thinking that perhaps we can just put two tiers in place, at this moment.

CHAIR DAVIS: The resident.., the res'.., the Riviera Beach...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: As opposed to wiping it away.

CHAIR DAVIS: So, so are...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The...

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: One of 'em lost their foreclosure.., one of 'em no longer is, is a resident because she lost her property in foreclosure and what she has now is outside of the City. That property that she had, has been sold twice but yet, the penalty attaches to the property that she has now outside of the City. So that's where we, um, that's just an example of how this is, this is really, really a tenuous situation, at best.

CHAIR DAVIS: But I, I, I like what was suggested earlier by.., what everyone's saying but I like when the comment came out about how long it would take.., cause we can get a workshop in by January, for the New Year. I know we can do that. We basically agree to do it and make sure everyone shows up to get this accomplished. So, it's a very short timeframe for folks to get, come [inaudible] anyway so that's why I can support the \$250 now and then we come back and we suggest.., we, we put a hard percentage in place, um, in January to make sure that this uniform is very strong and that we can capture all those that, um, [pause] that's being suggested as far as, that's not from Riviera Beach that, that have the resources at that time. Because the chances of them.., well, I ain't gonna say that. I just say I support the \$250.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, you wanna call the question?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CHAIR DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. The motion that we are voting upon is to approve the Resolution removing the 2.5%. Councilperson Hubbard?

CHAIR DAVIS: 2.5% and amended to \$250.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: \$250 is already included in your Resolution.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. So, just to remo'.., okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: It's just removing...

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...the 2.5%.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Alright.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo? [Pause]. Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis Johnson dissenting and Councilperson Pardo out.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

[Inaudible background comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Now, we have to call the question over again cause, by the time she called your name... You want us to recall the question? [Pause]. [Inaudible]. Recall the question so Ms., Councilperson Pardo can put her vote on the record.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilpersons Davis Johnson and Pardo dissenting.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

15. ITEM NO. 15

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. _A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE EXTENSION IN THE CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT WITH PUBLIC TRUST ADVISORS,

LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Staff.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: What you have before you is a contract renewal for one year of a three year contract. There was an option for an additional one year. This is the last option under that contract. Staff is recommending that you approve this item. The City's investment policies requires that the City engage in the use of a professional investment manager and this company has provided us good service thus far.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Any questions from Staff, I mean, from the Council?

UNK: Nope.

CHAIR DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unani'...

CHAIR DAVIS: Really...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...'mouse vote.

CHAIR DAVIS: Really quick. I see Reverend.., hey, Reverend Evans, did you.., I missed you on the public comment card. Did you wanna speak on that last Item? Or are you satisfied where things are?

REVEREND EVANS: The workshop [inaudible] with me.

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright, Rev. Well, thank you.

REVEREND EVANS: I just wanna know when you're gonna have it.

CHAIR DAVIS: January. We're gonna make sure the date is there.

16. ITEM NO. 16

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID NO. 672-16 FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS WITH ONE (1) ADDITIONAL 12 MONTH RENEWAL TERM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH AUTOMATED DIRECT MAIL SERVICE CENTER, INC., OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA TO PROVIDE MAILING SERVICES FOR UTILITY BILLING AT AN ANNUAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$83,025; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENTS FROM THE APPROPRIATE OPERATING ACCOUNTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Staff?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: What you have before is an Item to contract for mailing services. And those fees, I will say, include all postage and materials as well as labor.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Any questions from any of the Council?

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, I have a question.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Um, I know this has always been a...

[Inaudible dais comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...bone of contention with most of us that we wanted to bring this to Riviera Beach and this will definitely delete what we've been doing, was it, was it Orlando, somewhere?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, I have a couple questions. How much are we, are we saving now by bringing this home?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. We are...

MAYOR MASTERS: How much...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...saving.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...are we saving?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Mealy, do you have those numbers?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: Good evening. Dean Mealy, Purchasing. The dollar amount is, basically about the same amount as with the current contract with, um, the current provider. However, there was five firms that bid and that firm price is much higher than this current recommended bid, which is a Riviera Beach firm, by the way.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, it is a savings? We are saving?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Is there anyone here from this...

PURCHASING DIRECTOR MEALY: Yes, sir. There is.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...local company? I would like to..., I have a couple questions. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: He made my New Year.

[Chuckle]

MR. J. RICH: Elected City Council Members and City Staff, good evening. I'm Jim Rich, representative for Automated Direct Mail.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Rich, can you just kind of give the public, since they're viewing it, television and around the world, how long your company has been in existence in Riviera Beach and if you're working with any other governmental entities or any non-profit organizations as far as direct mail?

MR. J. RICH: Automated Direct Mail's been around for almost 20 years, here in Riviera Beach. We do have a sister company in Brooklyn, New York where, if we ever have a disaster, we have a, a backup plan, Plan B. We work with other cities. We work with, uh,

YMCA Easter House project in Martin County and a variety of industries, banking industries, hospital industries , Cheney Brothers, a provision here locally in Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS:And also, how many employees, approximately, do you hire? Or do you have?

MR. J. RICH: Currently, we have about 30 employees.

MAYOR MASTERS:And most of them are from the local area?

MR. J. RICH: Yes, that's correct, City of Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS:Thank you, sir.

MR. J. RICH: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS:Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright. Questions by the Council? Madam Clerk. Oh.

MS. B. LARSON: Whoa.

CHAIR DAVIS: Bonnie Larson.

MAYOR MASTERS:I think she's coming.

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. A very quick comment. Words are very, very important. Now, this says [inaudible] contract for five years and it says with one additional 12 months renewal term. It should say, 'an option' and I wouldn't sign it before it did, an option for the additional year. I didn't quite get that about how much money we're saving. I didn't get an answer there. So, I'm glad they're Riviera Beach and, when you said you was including postage and labor, does that mean postage from them to us or postage from them to us and then we're gonna get an envelope with postage on it to send back?

So, those are my questions but make sure that says an option for the additional year.

Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS:Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: That's the end of public comment. Any questions by the Council? [Pause]. Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you.

17. ITEM NO. 17

CHAIR DAVIS: Item No. 17.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. __ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECLASSIFYING THE UNCLASSIFIED PART-TIME LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION OF THE MAYOR TO THE MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Staff?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: What you have before you is an Item that was discussed during our last budget session where the Mayor proposed reclassifying his assistant because of the duties and the time spent in his office and it was directed to be brought back during the fiscal year. And that's what you have before you tonight.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Any questions by the Council? [Pause]. Here's my concerns with this question. We have an Item here that, when we run for office, we understand our duties and responsibilities that we all agree to. So now, we're asking to modify a position that was voted upon by the, the people. So, what, what impact does this legally have as we change the responsibilities of a position that is an elected.., up underneath a elected position? So, what impact does that have?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: We run for Council, we run for Mayor. Correct? So now we have a position that we're saying, as an individual, whether if it's the Council or the Mayor, we wanna change the duties and the responsibilities. We ran for a position knowing the responsibilities and then we change.., we [stammer], we're being asked now to change the responsibilities. I'm just not comfortable moving forward with that.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I don't know who you're asking but, who.., what are you.., I'm not understand. Changing...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: What position?

CHAIR DAVIS: It's a legislative position.

[Beep]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: But you're saying they ran for...

CHAIR DAVIS: Well, the Mayor...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Uhuh.

CHAIR DAVIS: Like, for instance, let's talk about my position.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Uhuh.

CHAIR DAVIS: As, as the Chairperson, I run for the Chair, I know that.., not Chair but as a Council, I have certain duties and responsibilities. The legislative assistant position come with certain things. So now, we all give our Staff, that we all have, responsibilities. Now, we knew what their jobs are. Now, to add to that, that's up to our discretion.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CHAIR DAVIS: But to change the position and add a price to it, I have a problem with that.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: That's all I'm stating.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Mr. Jones, I'm sorry. Go ahead.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. The reason that I don't have a problem with it changing is because it does not change the Mayor's budget one cent. The Mayor's budget is going to remain the same. What we have, and I tried to, um, expound upon that earlier, is when they created the legislat'.., legislative block, we were locked in to two positions, legislative aide and legislative assistant. We weren't given a wide variety that we could choose from and spend our money like we wanted to. If the Mayor chooses to spend more of his dollars to accommodate the workload that he has, if it's not going to expand his budget or we're not gonna have to pay any more money than we've paid, then it's okay how he uses his budget.

The other thing is, the Mayor is the Mayor of the City. Like it or lump it, he's the Mayor of the City, he's the face of the City, he's going to be called upon and asked to do a lot more than the Council is. Nobody's lookin' from outside to say whether he's a voting Mayor or a non-voting Mayor. What they're saying is, that's your leadership, that's the head of your City. He has to have someone that's quite experienced and quite knowledgeable and she has to be compensated for her skillset, number one and for her workload. The, the Mayor gets involved in a lot of things that we probably wouldn't be asked to be a part of just for the mere fact that he is the Mayor of the City and he needs that level of support.

So, I think that she works very hard and she deserves to be compensated for what she does. And again, it's not gonna increase the Mayor's budget. He's gonna have to work within the, that, that dollar because there's a range.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, I would like that part clarified because I thought when we were going through the budget over the summer, the Mayor's budget was going to increase to accommodate for the raise for his aide.

CHAIR DAVIS: Exactly.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So, or his now Chief of Staff. So, can someone clarify that for me?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Please?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: The \$3,180.77 would be increasing his budget by that amount.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: We did not increase our budgets already? Doing the budget, doing the budget, we put in our COLA's and our, and our increases then. I'm taking that part into consideration. I'm not, I'm not talking about on top of our already newly budget, annual budget that we've just gone through. I got that. That, that was an increase. I'm, you know, I'm not saying that that wasn't an increase. But I'm not..., I'm saying, we're not gonna double, uh, trying to double down on, on that, are we?

CHAIR DAVIS: That's what's being suggested.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Would that...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. His budget will be increased by \$3,180.77.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Is that, again, on top of...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Any...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...what we've already done?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Any unilateral increases that took place in effect, that were in effect after October 1st, yes.

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes, that's increa'..., in the unilateral increase or on top of it?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: It will be on top of it.

MAYOR MASTERS:Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS:Yes.

CHAIR DAVIS: [Stammer]...

MAYOR MASTERS:Mr....

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I'm sorry.

MAYOR MASTERS:Mr. Chair, Mr. Davis is the one who worked all this out, uh, with the numbers. Can he be asked to come and explain this a little better?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Cause that wasn't my understanding.

MAYOR MASTERS:It wasn't my understanding either.

CHAIR DAVIS: Hold on. What was, what was being...

MAYOR MASTERS:Well, I'm...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...requested?

MAYOR MASTERS:...asking Mr. Davis to come.

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS:HR?

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Cause that wasn't...

MAYOR MASTERS:And say, and say...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...my understanding.

MAYOR MASTERS:...exactly what this is a'..., about. Cause it was the...

CHAIR DAVIS: Hold'... Let's, let's slow down here because... Councilperson Hubbard, did your question get answered?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I'm sorry, [inaudible]?

CHAIR DAVIS: Did, did your question get answered?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No. Like, the Mayor, I, uh, it did get answered but what I'm saying, it wasn't what I understood. Like the Mayor seems to have understood what I..., the same thing that I understood as far as the dollar and cents to this position went. But, and if Mr. Davis can clear it up, I would...

MAYOR MASTERS:[Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...surely like to hear it because...

CHAIR DAVIS: When we're talking about money, it should be the responsibility for the Finance Director, if I'm correct.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: If you recall, this issue came up at the second reading of our approved..., of our approving the final budget.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And, it was going to require additional dollars.

CHAIR DAVIS: Correct.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: At that time, the Council decided to address the issue after the adoption of the final budget for fiscal year 2017.

[Inaudible dais comment]

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: At the first meeting in October, after the budget was approved, Staff brought back the Item and that meeting was cancelled and, and... it has been tabled and cancelled several times to lead us to where we are tonight. But, it was proposed to have an increase to the Mayor's budget and provide an increase salary for the change in position and title. Classification, I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So, at the second reading of the budget, we didn't, we didn't..., that was not included when we did the second reading of the budget?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: No, it was not.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. I., that's what I was saying. I thought we did it during the budget period already so there wouldn't be a need to increase it, um...

MAYOR MASTERS:Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...any more. Especially with the COLA, we did...

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...I think, three to five percent.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah. COLA...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mayor?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...was [inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS:Yeah. Mr. Davis, would you please come and...

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS:...HR?

UNK: He asked the question.

UNK: [Inaudible] budget.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: Bruce Davis, Human Resources Director. We did work with the Mayor's office to put together the proposal for the reclassification. And, what this will do, to summarize it, it will change the position from legislative assistant to Mayor's Chief of Staff.

UNK: Okay.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: That job has a pay scale and that pay scale, the minimum, is in the documents that we presented for the Agenda Item.

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible].

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: Now, I have not calculated a pay change because that would be step 2. Step 1 is to get the position approved. And the rule that I will follow in doing the pay scale change, is that we have the option of bringing her to the minimum or we could give her a 10% increased and we give her the, the greater of the two, up to the greater of the two. And we haven't met with the Mayor yet to finalize what the final number would be as far as pay change but it will be somewhere within that range.

CHAIR DAVIS: So, do you wanna... Mayor, do you wanna have this go back and work on that with, with Staff so you can make sure this is...

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, it was my understanding when, when this came up, Mr. Jones, that you said there was not.., I think Ms. Tonya Davis Johnson or someone asked, would this have a budget increase or something and I thought you answered no.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: It was within the...

CHAIR DAVIS: No. [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...the budget.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: In a previous Item, I think we were referring to an Item that...

MAYOR MASTERS: Cause, it's gone back and forth so many times.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Another...

CHAIR DAVIS: That's not why.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...Council Member was proposing to use different classifications within.., and have those classifications available within the legislative range.

CHAIR DAVIS: Now, that was correct.

[Inaudible dais comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Well, Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: For further discussion, if it is.., if, on the second Ordinance or the second reading of the Ordinance it wasn't included and it didn't, uh, and so, it wasn't passed, I would like us to go ahead and increase the Mayor's budget by, by the \$3,200 or whatever it takes for him to get her to the lowest part of the scale or to the 10% that they negotiate, that they negotiate for us. I, I don't, you know, I'm.., I don't want to, I guess, belabor this situation and pretend that I don't see the amount of work that Ms. Isaacs is bombarded with. We know that we all have part-time workers and that they don't have to put in the hours and go to the ceremonies and do as many baby kissings and ribbon cuttings and representation of us as, as she does. And with her background, coming from broadcast journalism, she deserves to be compensated for her years of experience in broadcast journalism, PR and representing the Mayor when he's, you know, not available.

So, if it's, if, if it didn't pass on the second Ordinance, the reading of the second Ordinance, I'd like to propose that we go ahead and increase the Mayor's budget by \$3,200. We throw away money for less reasons than that and she's well-deserving of it. So, if you don't mind, Mr. Chair, I'd like to make a motion that we...

CHAIR DAVIS: Let.., at least allow me to go to the other Council...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Absolutely, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...before and we'll come back...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Excuse me.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...to your motion.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: You're absolutely right, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Davis Johnson, do you want to comment on this before we go to the maker of the motion? [Pause]. Councilperson...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Um, I'm sorry for the delay. We would just need to know what that dollar value is because, apparently, according to the HR Manager, the determination is to first get the reclassification and then to determine. So...

CHAIR DAVIS: That's what I said.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Jones, is there a way for the Manager now..., I'm sorry, for, for the Director of HR to tell us what that dollar value is?

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible].

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: In the Item, the proposed or estimated cost that the HR Department has included is the \$3,180.77, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That's the dollar value?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, ma'am.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: That's it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Nothing further.

CHAIR DAVIS: One thing I wanna say..., Council'..., Vice Chair, you have anything you wanna say? I don't wanna... One thing I wanna say is that all our Staff do the work that we give them. We must take into consideration on how much work our Staff can handle. Now, the one thing I would take in consideration in supporting, is you said, okay, at the current title, we make your Staff member a full-time employee. Now, I would definitely support an Item like that where they get paid for the 40 hours versus the 30 hours. But, to come at this time and talk about Chief of Staff, and this has nothing to do with the type of work that your Staff person does, she does a wonderful job. We all understand that. But, if that's the case, we might as well make a [inaudible] Mayor position and, and change that, that title as well because, if the responsibilities gonna continue to increase, we need to make sure that that position need to be reevaluated, from the Mayor to the Chief of Staff. And then that's something if we do, I can support that totally. If your, your role as the Mayor gonna, gonna change and you keep going to all these different places and you putting this work on your staff member, I mean, I can support that. But, if you're gonna change it, change it all because she's here and she does, she does her job. I'm not debatin' that. But, if you're gonna change it, change it all.

But, to come and ask us to support changing [stammer] the positon, but we all know what our, what our Staff does, so, what I'm gonna call my..., if I wanna change it to a Chief of Staff, no. If I wanna bring volunteers in to work, they're volunteers to help out with our Staff. But that doesn't warrant giving somebody else more money for getting help. Vice Chair doesn't have a Staff member but she's making it work.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. Barely. [Inaudible]...

CHAIR DAVIS: I'm ain't gonna bring [inaudible]. I apologize but I'm just trynna make illustration of what our responsibilities are as elected officials. If one elected official has volunteers in their office and then they're asking their paid person to get more money while they're receiving help, I have an issue with that. And it has no merit on how they're performing. It's just the fact that we have someone getting paid to do a job, they're receiving help with volunteers, the expansion of the office and now they're gettin' more money. So now, if you wanna say, 'Hey, listen. Let's give my person a full-time title,' I can support that, Mayor. But to change the title, at this time, mainstream, I think is unfair, um [pause]. I don't think, I'm just not comfortable with doing it.

That's just where I stand.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, I supported the Mayor when this first came up and I continue to support the Mayor on this. You gotta remember, when the Mayor came into office... Well, let's talk about the previous Mayor. He was your ceremonial Mayor. When our Mayor Masters came into office, he started the Veteran's Affairs here, inside City Hall, he took on handicap issues, inside City Hall, he took on a lot of other issues and I agree, he does have volunteers that come into the office that assist but his Chief of Staff., well, we'll call her his aide right now, she's responsible for those people. She gives them the tasks to do and that's taking up some of her time also. And, you know, I do'.., I just don't get it. \$3,200? I think she deserves every penny of it because she is helping out the Mayor of this City. So, you know, I just, I don't understand what the issue is with this. We've blown a helluva lotta more money than \$3,200.

CHAIR DAVIS: All I...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So, was there a motion?

CHAIR DAVIS: No, not yet. We haven't got to the Councilperson Hubbard. You have a motion you wanna place on the floor, Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I make a motion that we reclassify this position from legislative assistant the Mayor., to the Mayor's Chief of Staff.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Discussion. Will there be an amount, a cap, on how much we can go to with that limit? What's gonna be the amount of the salary?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I would say keep it at the \$3,180.77.

MAYOR MASTERS:Right.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. And, so the salary stays the same?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No. The salary increases, what she's making...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...now to what she's going to be making. Really, it increases \$1.76 an hour.

MAYOR MASTERS:Not even \$2.00.

CHAIR DAVIS: Well, if that's the case, we just change the salary, we don't need to change the position.

MAYOR MASTERS: Can we call for the previous question?

CHAIR DAVIS: Hold on, Mayor. I'm..., we're, we're in dialog here, then we'll come to you, then you [stammer] we'll call the question. So, if the, if the money's the situation, how about we address the salary and assist with that and I can support that. If the money is the situation. So, we're just addressing a s'..., a position to help out on the salary. If you wanna address the salary, let's address the salary but to call it a Chief of Staff to do something, we don't need to do that. You wanna address the salary, address the salary.

Mr. Davis, I see you have your hand up.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: If I may, we have two questions here.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: The first question is, working a person in the job classification for the level of work you're giving them to do.

CHAIR DAVIS: Correct.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: And that's the first evaluation we did. We took a look at what the Mayor is looking for his position to do, the services provided and then we looked at it and it, it is the level of work that is Mayor Chief of Staff, and we did an analysis to come to that conclusion. That's why we're making a recommendation. If we were to just give her a pay increase...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: ...and keep the same accountabilities that the Mayor plans to give her, then we will be working her out of class.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. So quick question, when that..., in any other normal situation, Mayor has Chief of Staff, have there always been a Ceremonial Mayor with a Chief of Staff?

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: When you ask me a question like that, I can't..., when you put always in a question, that really...

CHAIR DAVIS: Well, I mean...

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: ...throws it [inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: ...based upon your experience of what you experience through the research that you've done, cause I know you haven't had a chance to research everyone, with all due respect to you and I can understand that. So, based upon the experience that you do know or aware of, does a Ceremonial Mayor normally have a Chief of Staff?

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: I can't answer that question...

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible]...

HR DIRECTOR DAVIS: ...because the research I did, I did not look at the full classification of the Mayor, I looked at the classification and the duties of the assistant.

CHAIR DAVIS: Well, could we postpone until that question is answered, bringing that back at a later date?

UNK: No.

CHAIR DAVIS: Cause we wanna make sure we have all the facts.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS:Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Now, if you wanna move forward...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: ...you all... Mayor, Mayor, go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS:Okay. Mr. Chair, there's a motion on the floor, can you carry the motion?

CHAIR DAVIS: Mayor, we sit through...

MAYOR MASTERS:That's what a...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...these entire...

MAYOR MASTERS:...Chairman...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS:...does.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mayor, you a'...

MAYOR MASTERS:Carry the motion.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mayor, you asked me a question so now I'm finna answer [inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS:Okay. Answer the question.

CHAIR DAVIS: We sit., we come to the meetings on time and we leave late. So, due respect of our time and the public's time, I'mma gonna take my time and making a very

important decision. You're asking me, as an elected official, to change a position without all the information that we need. That I, at least, I need.

MAYOR MASTERS: Then you vote no.

CHAIR DAVIS: Now..., and to change the information that I need is, is there any pos'..., where...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: ...in Florida, we ain't gotta go through America, where the Ceremonial Mayor has a Chief of Staff. And if you have one, you have my vote.

MAYOR MASTERS: Parliamentary question for the Attorney. When there's...

CHAIR DAVIS: Attorney's not here right now.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, parliamentary question for someone who can answer the question, when there is a motion and second, point, blank, period, the Chair has a fiduciary duty, whether he like or not, agree or disagree, in all respect, to carry a simple motion. And I'm asking for the parliamentary procedure, I'm asking for a call, call the question.

CHAIR DAVIS: Like I said, I'mma go back to this cause just to time sensitive, I'm gonna, um, let this question be called since that's what you want but I will bring the information back later. Just for the record.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I'll wait 'til...

MAYOR MASTERS: The Attorney's here now but, if you'll call the question, I'm good.

CHAIR DAVIS: Just for the record, we will find out...

MAYOR MASTERS: That's fine.

CHAIR DAVIS: Yeah. Like, I thought..., I think if that was important to you, you should've done that along with Staff.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's fine.

CHAIR DAVIS: Staff..., it's not their job to do all our work for us.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Question, Mr., Mr....

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...Chair. Just to get some points of clarification here, Mr. Davis stood to say that two things have to happen here. He first has to reclassify the position.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Then he and the Mayor will sit down to talk about the salary range.

MAYOR MASTERS:The motion is for \$3,000..., almost \$3,200.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And it's al'...

MAYOR MASTERS:That's the motion.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: \$3,180.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...and it's already in the..., and it's attached to..., and, and that is attached right now to the reclassification...

MAYOR MASTERS:And that's it.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...of the position. So, I'd like to restate my motion, if you will.

CHAIR DAVIS: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: As presented...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...in the Resolution...

MAYOR MASTERS:[Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...from the HR Director, I move that we approve the reclassification of the legislative assistant position in the Mayor's office to now be the Mayor's Chief of Staff and provide for an Effective Date.

MAYOR MASTERS:The three..., you left off the \$3,000. That's [inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The \$3,000 is already...

CHAIR DAVIS: It's already in the language.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...included in the...

MAYOR MASTERS:Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...motion.

MAYOR MASTERS:I just wanna make sure.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: It's in there.

CHAIR DAVIS: It's in the documents.

MAYOR MASTERS:Just wanna make sure.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: It's in the documents.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. And my second...

MAYOR MASTERS:\$3,200.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...still stands.

MAYOR MASTERS:Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Any other questions before we call the actual question to this vote?
[Pause].

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: Any questions? Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. Mr. Chair, before we proceed. We'..., are we approving the Resolution as presented?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. Because it states to reclassify it.

CHAIR DAVIS: Already in the Resolution.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: It's already in the Resolution what you stated, Ms. Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. So...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Just...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The first motion was by you and seconded by Ms. Miller-Anderson. And then, you came back and made another motion to basically approve the Resolution...

CHAIR DAVIS: As...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...as, as presented. And then, Ms. Pardo second it, so there really isn't any changes. I don't know if you were trying to make any additional changes?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No, ma'am.

MAYOR MASTERS:Just...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS:...clarifying it.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: So, I'm gonna respectfully ask that you rescind your second motion so we can just deal with the one motion that's on the floor that you first made, which was to approve the Resolution as presented. If you're understanding what I'm saying.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes, ma'am. I'll rescind my...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Second motion.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...second motion to approve the motion as presented and as it stands.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Good. Madam Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis dissenting.

18. ITEM NO. 18

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Item No. 18.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PROCURE TWO APPRAISALS FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1481 WEST 15TH STREET, RIVIERA BEACH, FL AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SOLICIT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM A COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BROKER TO DETERMINE A PROCESS BY WHICH THE CITY SHOULD SALE OR LEASE SAID PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Let's go to public comment cards. Ms. Bonnie Larson. Earl Davis, after Ms. Larson, if he's here.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. This has been a, um, controversial subject since the day it was bought. And, like I said, what I remember distinctly was money was taken out of the Utility Department, the Water Department and look what problems we're having now with our water. Money was taken out of that department to help buy this property and when you're given the price of the property as we bought it, as Ms. Hubbard I think it was, brought it up, we spent a lot of money on it since then. When they bought that property, we were told that it's in a move-in condition. We even bought the fur'.., we paid extra to have the furniture. They said it's move-in condition, we could just move right on in there. No problem., No other expenses it would be. Well now since then, that story seems to have changed.

What I'd like to do tonight...

[Inaudible background comment]

MS. B. LARSON: ...we've owned this property for a number of years now. Some people wanna sell it, some people wanna keep it. What I wanna propose to you tonight is that you hold on to it for now, make the decision later because, you're also proposing to revamp, rebuild City Hall, the library, etc., etc. Now, where are you gonna put all those people while you're doing that? Where we gonna come up with \$62,000,000, first of all, to do all that? So, I don't know how any of that's gonna happen but the City seems to think they wanna rebuild everything and the gentleman last week mentioned \$62,000,000. I don't know where he got that figure but it's gonna be a lot of money. But the bottom line is, you're gonna need somewhere, if you do that, which the City wants to do, that's not to say it's gonna pass but the City wants to do that, for some reason, where you gonna put all the

people who are now housed in the buildings that you wanna tear down and rebuild? Why would we sell it at this particular point because then we'll be renting again. Which makes no sense. We got this building sitting there, they told us it's in move-in condition, why not use that as a staging area for the employees?

Another thing I'd like to suggest as far as building and rebuilding, we have that property on 21st Street and Broadway. Why aren't we putting a building there and moving the CRA into it? Build an office building there, right on Broadway, use it for the CRA instead of paying BB&T all the rent that we pay them, move the CRA into there. Then, if we ever, please, get rid of the CRA, we can rent it out to someone else. Let's make use of that property that we have sitting there on Broadway. But right now, I don't believe I would like to sell the property but I don't believe this is the exact moment to do it because, like I said, if you tear down the buildings here, where you gonna go? We're gonna be renting again.

So, I just wanna put that idea out there, that and the idea about constructing an office building on that Broadway property.

Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. John Miller. John Miller, John Miller. John Miller. Earl Davis.

[Beep]

CHAIR DAVIS: Now, John Gi' [stammer]...

MR. J. GILIBERTI: Giliberti.

CHAIR DAVIS: Giliberti. Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS:What's the number? 18?

CHAIR DAVIS: Your time.

MR. J. GILIBERTI: First off, thank you. I apologize I've only got three minutes. I was asked to be on the docket and I was denied. I think I have an answer for the building. My name is John Giliberti. I'm with Giliberti, Incorporated and we build electric and hybrid industrial vehicles. What I'm proposing is renting the building, not all of the building because upstairs there's plenty of offices that I don't require. Those offices could be used for..., if you're going to build something or, if you wanna get the people that you're renting at the Mar'..., uh, at the Port and bring them over, I'm open to that. But what this would allow is, number one, the new City Manager isn't in yet. This would allow a year for that person to realize what's going on. It would allow the Mayor and everybody to go ahead and get the value of the property, deciding on what it is. While you're, you're doing that, I would be putting jobs to work. Within the end of the year, I will be hiring citizens of Rivera Beach and...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. J. GILIBERTI: ...putting them to work. [Pause]. I'm sorry. Should I [stammer] stop? This is really important. I am at a timeline that, if I can't do it, if we don't have an up or down vote tonight, my..., I've been working on this for two years with the City of Riviera Beach. At the end of this month, my lease is out. So, what I'm proposing is, the best of all worlds and I think would allow people to go to work, it would allow people that are coming back into the system. We have the Redbox, we have all this, we can put these people back to work. All the citizens that are looking for jobs, I need welders, I need fabricators, I need people that can assemble vehicles. They don't need a college education, they don't need a high school education but they need a job.

So, if I could please, please answer any questions but, if I can get an up or down vote to do this... We're talking about..., you still own the buil'..., you pay \$22,000 for someone to come in to evaluate that property and all the other properties you have, they did. They said it would be better off for you to rent it then to sell it. If you sell it, it's gone, it's done. It's no different than what happened with the Marina. Someone wanted to buy it and put a hotel and everything and you said, 'No. We're not gonna do that.' You did it yourself and now you own it and now you rent it but you still own it. So, at this point right now, if we go ahead and try to go ahead and get somebody to give us bids on this property and all the other..., I think we spent \$300,000 to rent the office at the Port. \$300,000. So here, we can bring those..., and I don't know if they're on a month to month rent there or if it's a yearly and maybe the years out at the end of this year, I don't know. But what I'm offering is, if you need office space, I don't require all that office space but I've got a contract with an airline that's looking at me rebuilding 300 to 600 vehicles. That's people building these things, taking 'em apart, fi'..., uh, re-sandblasting 'em, painting 'em, putting 'em back together again, putting 'em on the rail line that's on there. I've got another company that I'm dealing with that is gonna require 1,000 for their Caribbean. That's using the Port of Riviera Beach. So, all of these jobs that we can put to work. Every time I hear, 'We're waiting on doing this so that we can give the jobs to Riviera Beach, we're waiting on this contract so we can give the jobs to Riviera Beach. I'm here asking, I'm pleading with you, these are jobs that your people and my people, coming together and actually getting something done.

Now, two years into it, at the end of this, once it's decided that you're gonna get it up for [inaudible], who's gonna get it then who's gonna decide if that's a good person...

[Beep]

MR. J. GILIBERTI: After a year, if we've been a good partner, we keep moving forward. That's all I wanna do.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

MR. J. GILIBERTI: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Staff, you wanna talk about this? Not a bad idea but...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: No. Actually, what we are proposing to do is follow the direction given to us at the last meeting. And, if you notice, I said solicit a

professional for consultation. I didn't necessarily say hire one. It's an assessment I think we need to make.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And this will give us time to do so. We could have these appraisals back to you by the second meeting in January.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And, a, a recommended direction from industry professionals. We have continued to work with ULI to provide us with direction on how to move forward.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: As you may recall, the Council did vote to seat the library at Site B, which is across the street now, currently, at Wells and we really need a workshop or some type of meeting where we're given direction to meet on how to develop the site. You know, we can develop the site with one individual building or are we gonna look at the overall needs of the City and develop a site plan even if you're not willing to move forward now...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...but at least develop a comprehensive and complete site plan to move forward. The window for the library, if we...

CHAIR DAVIS: Talking about the library or you talking about the site plan.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: No, um, I think we need to determine where we're gonna put facilities totally.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And, then, at least, develop a site plan to do that. If we look at the timeframe that we're required to spend the money that's currently allocated by grant...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...uh, that window narrows every day. We have to be in the building, turning the door open December of 2019.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: There's a year of design and a year of construction, so that window's narrowing.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: So we're asking to just consult with a, with a professional...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...and get the appraisals. Hopefully, we might be able to do that by the first meeting in January but we know we'll be able to do it by the second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And, in the meantime, we would like to kinda schedule a workshop and have those professionals giving us guidance on how to move forward.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Any questions or concerns by anyone from the Council? Madam Clerk, roll call.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson? [Pause]. Councilperson Da'...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

18A. ITEM NO. 18A

CHAIR DAVIS: Now, we., 18A, the presentation of the senior, um, the senior affordable., affordable., senior affordable housing. We got., Staff., I would like Staff to give us a presentation, based upon our last conversation with this Board last week, um...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, sir.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Can the Clerk at least read the motion that was on the...

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING \$75,000 LOCAL MATCH IN THE FORM OF A GRANT TO WENDOVER HOUSING PARTNERS TO BE USED AS A 9% TAX CREDIT FOR A 120 UNIT 55+ AFFORDABLE HOUSING RENTAL COMMUNITY, BERKELEY LANDING, LOCATED AT 3100 BROADWAY AND 3124 BROADWAY TO COMPLY WITH THE LOW INCOME RENTAL HOUSING TAX CREDIT INCENTIVE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR DAVIS: Do we have a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

CHAIR DAVIS: Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Staff?

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Deandre Spradley, Principal Planner. What we did is that we met with the applicant. The applicant is here. We met with them since the last Council meeting and we pretty much asked them to give us examples of some of their developments. This particular development here is located in Longwood, Florida. It's about 20 minutes north of Orlando and, prior to this development coming to the area, it was a distressed area and, after this development, this development spurred other development. They had storefronts that were there that were empty for years prior to this particular development but after this development, those storefronts became busy and then this also spurred other development in the area. There was a question of last week whether or not this was low income versus affordable housing. This is not a low income property, these are, you know, affordable units for those that are 55 and plus.

I'm just gonna go through a few pictures to kinda show you what their type of development will look like. And then also, we.., we were.., as we were discussing with

the developer, we do know that Council has a retreat scheduled for next, you know, January but what we wanted to do is, basically, incorporate your vision into the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan can be amended every seven years. But, we have a feeling that you, you know, once you see what this type of development is, you will probably feel a little bit different from the applicant. This is just a outside picture of it. What was that project called again?

MR. K. KROLL: This one's called Heritage Village.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Heritage Village and it's located off of 436 in Longwood. This is the sun rail. It actually has a sun rail spot there, right to the outside there of the property. [Pause]. This is the swimming pool area. [Pause]. Looks like outdoor seating and looks like there's a grill. If you look to the back there, they have grills on site. [Pause]. This is one of their entertainment rooms. And again, this is a 55+ community.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, I have a question for them. So, what you're showing us, is what's going to be built on Broadway?

MR. K. KROLL: Yes. In terms of amenities and the, the type of, of product, this is exactly the type of product that we're gonna be building there. In terms of the design, the aesthetics, the look, the site layout, that is really all to be determined by the City over the coming years. Uh, this Resolution gets us to that starting point, enables us to work together toward the common goal. And, if, if we can't meet the City's requirements for the development, we simply cannot build it, it will not happen. This Resolution just gets us to that starting point.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. I thought it was..., I thought the last time you were here, you said that if you received the tax credits...

MR. K. KROLL: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...then you would move forward with it.

MR. K. KROLL: That's correct. When we receive...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: But, if you don't...

MR. K. KROLL: ...the tax cre'...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...receive the tax credit, you're not moving..., you're not purchasing it?

MR. K. KROLL: We're gonna...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: The property?

MR. K. KROLL: No. We will keep applying for the tax credits as long as it takes. We're not, we're not going away from it, we're not gonna walk away.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, regardless of whether or not you get the tax credits next year or the following year, you're going to own that property?

MR. K. KROLL: Correct. Absolutely. The, the only reason we'd walk away is if we don't have the City's support which is what we're trying to gain tonight.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right. So, they'll have a movie theater in there, there'll be a swimming pool?

MR. K. KROLL: That's correct. All of our properties around the state have these exact same amenities. Swimming pool, theater room. Um, we have a...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MR. K. KROLL: ...large...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

MR. K. KROLL: Sure.

CHAIR DAVIS: I would like to, at least, let's get through the..., let's try to get through the presentation for time sake and then let's ask our questions cause I'm really interested in seeing this presentation cause I didn't get a chance to see it before.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: [Stammer].

CHAIR DAVIS: Yeah.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: And I will say one of the things that I noticed when I did a little research on their partic'..., this particular development, it is a smoke-free development. So, you can't even smoke on the property there.

[Inaudible dais comment]

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: This here is like a..., looks like a community room where you kinda just go, hang out a little bit.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Look at it. It's so nice.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Another kinda, like, chill waiting area.

CHAIR DAVIS: Look like card tables.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible]. Let's find out.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Again, if you wanted to read a book or something like that. It looks like a...

MR. K. KROSSL: That's an apartment.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Okay. My apologies. This is a actual apartment, inside of an, an apartment, looks like the living room there. [Pause]. They do come with the pool room, for those that do like to play pool.

MAYOR MASTERS: I do.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Um...

MAYOR MASTERS: I do. [Chuckle].

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Okay. This looks like a, um, where they kinda either serve drinks or something like that. Another thing where you're just kinda, like, relaxing. [Pause]. But again, I mean, even if you look at the floors, you know, this not a, a lower standard type of development. [Pause]. Another view there. [Pause].

CHAIR DAVIS: Workout room.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: This is one of the fitness centers. [Pause]. This is the bathroom inside of one the apartments and it is important to note that, if you remember from last week, he said that the rent will probably be about \$600 bucks.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: But, basically, at market rate, if you was to pay for that particular apartment, here in the City of Riviera Beach or Palm Beach Gardens or any oth'.., areas that are surrounding the City, you'd probably pay about 15 to \$1,700 a month.

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible background comment].

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Here's a look at one of the bedrooms. [Pause]. And again, just think of that \$600 price range. Um, you won't be able to find this here, nowhere, in South Florida.

CHAIR DAVIS: Nope.

[Inaudible dais comment]

UNK: [Inaudible].

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Kitchen area. [Pause].

CHAIR DAVIS: Yeah. Seniors.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Another image there.

CHAIR DAVIS: That's [inaudible] my grandma.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: This looks like a., like a little study area before you go into the bathroom.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: That's makeup.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Makeup.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Makeup area.

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No studying.

[Inaudible background comments]

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: These are some ideas that actually Terrence Bailey the City Engineer, he provided with us during the meeting. We were thinking this is probably the, the look and feel for Broadway that you're looking for, that mix use where you have the retail at the bottom and the residential up top.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So, this not., you're not telling me that this is what the...

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: No, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: This will be just for...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The look...

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: ...what we...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...along Broadway.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: The., what we are anticipating your look and feel for along the Broadway.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: You know, that there is a., about a eight story residential building and, again, you have the retail on the bottom. [Pause]. More mix use concept. [Pause]. Another example.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: To much density. Yeah. Mhmm. To much density.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Even here, we have a supermarket on the first floor and you have three stories residential above that. [Pause]. Quick photo. But again, you know, once we hear from the City Council regarding your new vision for the City, we will be able to incorporate those things inside of the comprehensive plan.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you. Anyone have any questions regards to this lovely senior affordable housing?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: But I don't, I don't have any...

CHAIR DAVIS: Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. I don't have any questions. I spoke with Mr. Kroll at length the other day. And I, you know, I made it very clear that the project, I understood, that it was not a Stonybrook, it was a low income, or affordable housing for seniors. What the concern was, as I think Ms. Hubbard brought up, was in, in terms of possibly bringing it over to the area where, where the old Ivy Green because we needed to do something over there. And, um, you know, that.., the site in which they're currently looking at was the site that they were pretty dead set on. Now, what I'm, I'm okay with is because of the type of development they're talking about putting there, it currently is or was residential and the idea is to try to revitalize that area and, you know, I mean, after careful consideration, I, I, I'm actually onboard with it. At this point, we would only be allowing them to apply for those tax credits and, you know, if he does not get the tax credits, he said he would continue to try to get it and, I mean, you know, who knows what could happen between now and then and if he gets it or don't get it.

So, I.., you know, I'm in full support of it. I do wanna make sure that we hold true to the type of product that we're gonna see out there and the jobs, we talked about how many people would be able to benefit from this in our community with jobs, during the construction phase, as well as once it's post-construction. And being able to have people on staff, even talked about one of the property managers being able to live onsite for free and that would be one of our residents that are currently in Riviera Beach. And, you know, we do have several.., many seniors that are looking for affordable housing and I, I shared my very personal story. We, we are certainly trying to get my father-in-law in a place somewhere. And it's not easy, you know, for affordable homes. I mean, the most of the places have about a year or two waiting list. And so, I, I do understand that we do need it and, and I still share my concern regarding the Ivy Green area. Yeah. I, I think...

UNK: Ms....

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the... And, and he did say they would be open to looking at that and working with our Housing Development if that was something that we could do in the future.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Hol' on. Just to address that so I can go to Councilperson Hubbard. Ivy Green, you will be seeing soon, application from Ivy Green. There's another developer that's applying for tax credits. So that, like I stated last week, that was..., that's off the question because there's someone else who's already applying for it. They'll be coming before us probably within the next meeting or so. So, you know, that's how we got to where we are now. I mean...

Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: As Councilwoman Anderson said, wi'..., you know, with fur'..., further consideration, I have learned a little more about the project. [Stammer], I, I have two questions. Is it going to remain definitely a senior citizen complex?

MR. K. KROLL: Yes. Yes, ma'am. The first phase, what we are showing you here, the 120 units, will be for senior citizens, 55 and over.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So, you have..., now, we..., I didn't hear the presentation about a second phase.

MR. K. KROLL: Well...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Tell me, uh...

MR. K. KROLL: There's adjacent land that borders us, to the south of the property that we, that we would like to develop also in the future. And, we'll, we'll see what the market bears at that time and see what the City's desire is for it. If it's more senior, if it's family, if it's market rate, um, if it..., it can be a mix or it could be all commercial or a mix of multi-family and commercial. So, when we go into a City, we look at it in a multi-phase outlook. Just like what Mr. Spradley showed you in Longwood, we went in there, that City, the blight that was there, uh, [stammer], it, uh, what Riviera Beach has, pales in comparison to what Longwood was. We went in there, the whole picture changed there very quickly and what, what that City has experienced there, we, we built not just one but we've al'..., we just completed our second phase, a second development there. They're all, 100% leased, a year long waiting list and the revenues that the City has realized off of those two developments, what they've been able to do with those revenues in terms of rebuilding a dilapidated park, buying a fire engine, new police cruisers, the new sun rail station there. It's incredible. I can go on and on.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes. And, and..., as your representative explained today, the impact that it's going to have on, on that area and how [pause], it's go'..., that it was go'..., it's not going to be mix..., retail and mix in this particular phase. Now, this particular phase is only what your applying for tax credits for. You're not..., we're, we're not talking anything about Phase 2?

MR. K. KROLL: That's correct. This...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: We're...

MR. K. KROLL: ...is for Phase 1.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: This is for Phase 1.

MR. K. KROLL: That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And this is a senior building, and this is gonna be a senior building, always.

MR. K. KROLL: That's correct. Yes. As per the, uh, the, the laws, the federal laws for the tax credits, that's... And we, and we don't just come in and plop it down and get out of town. We are required to own them for 50 years so we take great pride in the product we build and own. So.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Okay. So, we did allow for the..., your competitor across the street to make his application and gave him his support so giving you our support to make the application, um...

MR. K. KROLL: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...we're just hoping..., and I'm hoping and one thing that I'll hold true to...

CHAIR DAVIS: Excuse me. I need, I need to entertain a motion to extend this meeting 15 minutes. Cause it's 9:55.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I would like to extend it, maybe, 30 minutes.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: On last week, I did ask...

CHAIR DAVIS: Is that a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Let me finish. I did ask Interim Manager Danny Jones to speak about the, the crime. And...

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the presentation regarding the police department. So, I think it's important that we at least try to get..., he can, he can get that in there.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, I'm saying 'til 10:30.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. The motion. Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Pro Tem, can you speak into your mic, please?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...Miller-Anderson? Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Back to Councilperson, was it, Hubbard, you had the floor.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. I just wanted to make sure that all the amenities that we saw in the senior building and those are the things that we're talking about in just in Phase 1 because, with after [stammer], you know, further consideration and talking with your representatives, I too think that I can support this project.

MR. K. KROLL: Yes. Absolutely, ma'am. Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: And, and speaking with you earlier.., well, yesterday, we talked about.., cause I said, some of us are gonna be in Orlando this weekend...

MR. K. KROLL: Mhmm.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...or tomorrow, you were willing to provide a tour for any of the Council while we're up there...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: ...to come by and take a look at the site.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson...

MR. K. KROLL: Yes.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...Hubbard.

MR. K. KROLL: Yes, absolutely.

CHAIR DAVIS: He's gonna provide a tour. If you would like, if you're gonna be at the League of Cities in Orlando, he'll provide a tour if you so choose to. I don't know what your schedule's like but he said he would make himself available since we'll be in Orlando, to, to tour the site.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. So, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I have some... Are you ready for me?

CHAIR DAVIS: Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Good evening, sir. How are you? Just, just...

MR. K. KROLL: Mr. Mayor. Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just briefly.

MR. K. KROLL: Sure.

MAYOR MASTERS: Security?

MR. K. KROLL: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Are you gonna have security on, on the, on the premises?

MR. K. KROLL: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS:[Inaudible].

MR. K. KROLL: 24 hour security. Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS:Hopefully, hopefully that'll be a local security [inaudible]...

[Inaudible background discussion]

MAYOR MASTERS:...Riviera Beach.

MR. K. KROLL: [Chuckle]. Abso'...

MAYOR MASTERS:But I know [inaudible]...

MR. K. KROLL: Absolutely. Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS:...but hopefully.

MR. K. KROLL: That typically is the case.

MAYOR MASTERS:[Inaudible]. I like the lands'..., I wanna talk a little bit about landscaping and lighting and because it's, it is on Broadway, I would definitely like to see those beautiful trees, as many as possible and kinda give a , you know, aesthetic, I guess that's the word, look, in addition to the beautiful building. To have some..., particularly for the seniors, the trees bring shade and it brings beauty as well. And, the lighting. You, you..., it's gonna be well lit?

MR. K. KROLL: Well lit, of course.

MAYOR MASTERS:Okay. Will there be, um some..., the, the rental is around [stammer] I've heard a couple numbers, \$600? \$700?

MR. K. KROLL: Yeah. They're in the \$600 to \$700 range and it includes utilities. And again, the only way that we're able to offer those kind of rents, is through the subsidies that are provided through these federal tax credits.

MAYOR MASTERS:Would there...

MR. K. KROLL: [Stammer]...

MAYOR MASTERS:...be or ca'... I didn't mean to cut you off, sir.

MR. K. KROLL: Sure.

MAYOR MASTERS:Would there be or can there be some type of, uh, [stammer], discount or whatever word you wanna use for Riviera Beach residents who are living now in the City that want to move in?

MR. K. KROLL: I, I can't answer that off the top of my head. I would have to..., it's...

MAYOR MASTERS:You can look at it.

MR. K. KROLL: It all goes by IRS, their §42 tax [inaudible] where they call them and so, it all goes by the IRS code and..., but I'll certainly look into that. And if there is any possibility for that, we'll definitely do that.

MAYOR MASTERS:And if there isn't, maybe there..., you can figure out something.

MR. K. KROLL: Sure.

MAYOR MASTERS:As it...

MR. K. KROLL: Abs'...

MAYOR MASTERS:...relates to...

MR. K. KROLL: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS:...Riviera Beach residents because we really wanna make sure we get...

[Inaudible background comment]

MR. K. KROLL: Oh, the residents, I guarantee you, the residents are..., they're all already here. You know, they're, they're starving for adequate housing, for quality housing. And, uh, so, they'll..., from day one, it will be full of Riviera Beach residents. That is the case in every one of our properties around the state. So...

MAYOR MASTERS:And...

MR. K. KROLL: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS:...also, I know Commissioner Miller-Anderson mentioned the construction jobs as it's being built but will there be other type of jobs once it's built, inside the facility?

MR. K. KROLL: Sure. Well, some of the jobs that, that this facility supports, of course, it has the onsite property management, you've got repair, you've got maintenance, you have landscaping, you've got everything, all the other ancillary services, like waste management, HVAC is a constant thing. We live in Florida, we know how much a/c requires in terms of maintenance. So...

MAYOR MASTERS:So, that might be a creative way to give something back...

MR. K. KROLL: Oh...

MAYOR MASTERS:...to the Riviera Beach business.

MR. K. KROLL: Well, if I can..., I'll give you a couple numbers actually and these are all verified through, you know, case studies which our, our own properties that, that we operate around the state right now. You know, over 40 local jobs are created in direct support of the property's ongoing operation, another 40 additional jobs are created throughout the local community as a result of the property's ripple effect and this leads to over \$2.2M in annual local income as a direct result of this property. And, not to mention, \$370,000 of annual local government taxes and other general revenues as a direct result of the property. In addition, this property is estimated to pay about \$80,000 in annual property taxes. From my research, it would be one of the highest, if not the highest single tax paying parcel in Riviera Beach. That property currently pays [stammer] \$18,000, I believe it is. So...

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. Of course...

MR. K. KROLL: ...we're talking over four times increase just in tax revenues off the property.

MAYOR MASTERS: And, of course, you'll have built-in wifi and all the technical stuff [stammer]...

MR. K. KROLL: Of course.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...that comes...

MR. K. KROLL: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...with all this?

MR. K. KROLL: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS: And also, I heard last week, veterans will also, veterans are...

MR. K. KROLL: Yes. Our...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...welcome as well as seniors?

MR. K. KROLL: Yes. The, um, the, the people who run our, our property management group have a terrific relationship with the Department of Veteran's Affairs around the state and nationally. We just hosted the VA at our new property down in St. Petersburg, on the west coast. And so, they have a great relationship through all the communities we're in. We know right here, in Riviera Beach, we have, of course, the Veteran's Hospital right here. And we find that, on average across our properties, we have over 30% of our residents end up being veterans.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, thank you. Just for your FYI, we would like to partner with you as it relates to veterans cause the Chief of Staff, she was sitting here but she's, I guess, in the office but we have a veterans program here. And it's..., we have veterans here that help run that program, Monday thru Friday that..., and one of the things that the Chief of Staff is

doing with the, the, the..., we call it MOVA, the something Office of Veteran's Affairs, there's only six cities in the United States that has an Office of Veteran's Affairs within the Office of the Mayor.

MR. K. KROLL: Well...

MAYOR MASTERS:And that's, uh...

MR. K. KROLL: I can, I can tell you this, I commend you for that and that's actually one of the reas'..., that's one of the things that drew us to Riviera Beach. I was aware of, of your, of your veterans program that you have and that's one of the things that, that drew us here, we..., because we knew that there was a, there's a market here for this product already.

CHAIR DAVIS: And excuse me, Mr. Kroll. Mayor, I know you're excited and you love seniors, like we all do but we are timestamped...

MAYOR MASTERS:That's fine. [Stammer]...

MAYOR MASTERS:We have, we wanna...

MAYOR MASTERS:I'll wrap it up. Thank you for coming and...

MR. K. KROLL: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS:Glad we're not gonna l'..., leave our veterans out.

MR. K. KROLL: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS:Cause they really need housing. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you, sir. Any other questions from the Council? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem...

[Inaudible dais discussion]

MAYOR MASTERS:We're callin' the que'...

CHAIR DAVIS: Ms. Larson, let's go. Public comment, Ms. Larson.

MAYOR MASTERS:While she's coming, make, make sure you, sir, make sure you get in contact with Debbie Isaac, the Chief of Staff of the Veteran's Affairs.

MR. K. KROLL: Absolutely will.

MAYOR MASTERS: Meet, meet with her. Okay. Thank you.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. Couple things that I'd like to remind all of us, um, the other gentleman was here from a realty company and he wanted the same thing. He wanted \$75,000 per property, on one property he wanted \$75,000 times two and we gave it to him. These are people who do not, do not own this property. Someone asked, 'Do you own this property,' and he said, 'Well, we will.' So, that means no, they do not own this property. And I'm just wondering, could you explain to us the theory behind this? How are we giving money to..., this much money [chuckle] if fact, to people who don't even own the property just so they can apply for the tax credits for their company to make money? This is not..., this was not in the pictures here tonight... Well, you're shaking your head no. I have a right to say my opinion.

CHAIR DAVIS: Oh no, no, no. Go ahead.

MS. B. LARSON: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: I'll answer your question when you're done.

MS. B. LARSON: Alright. Just let me say my three minute's worth and that'll, that'll be it. You don't listen anyway, it seems like. But, if you want retail, the vision was retail and residences along Broadway. Now, you heard him say, 'No. This project will not entail retail.' So, it's not gonna look like that, it's not gonna have the business underneath. He said that very clearly. 'No. This phase will not have that.' So we have to really decide, what do we want along Broadway? Do we want a six story building or something like this? Is this what we want? \$600 a month, gosh, all of us are gonna move in. How are you ever gonna enforce that? They're two bedrooms, seniors don't really need two bedrooms? Do they? Because who's gonna be living in that second bedroom? Maybe they're 30 year old son or daughter, who's unemployed. We don't know. You can't enforce that. It might be 55 and older for the person renting but who's to say they can't, you know, use the other, the other bedroom for their children.

We're talking about jobs. Yes, there are jobs for construction but you have to remember, you have to start thinking long-term here. The project will take maybe 18 months, I think he said, I have no idea. But, however long that takes, okay, you'll employ some construction people. There's no mandate, you cannot make them hire Riviera Beach residents to do that. And after that, what do you have? That's a 18 months job..., what do you..., after that, we have nothing again. You have one live-in manager. You..., you usually have a..., I've lived in places like this, you, you have a manager, you have a maintenance man and you have one or two, maybe, other people. You'll hire a landscaper, from somewhere else. It's not permanent jobs for Riviera Beach people except in that construction phase. So, I think when people come in here and, and tell you, you have to listen to what they're saying. This was not the vision, what we had at the charrette for Riviera Beach. This is surrounded by single family homes. So, we have to think about, do we want it or don't we because this is not gonna entail any retail. And, like I said, once you start putting in all these, I'm gonna

call 'em low income cause \$600 is pretty low to me, that's all you're gonna have a long Broadway.

So, let's look long-term at Riviera Beach. Are we trying to upscale...

[Beep]

MS. B. LARSON: ...or are we not?

Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Larson. Thank you. I have a lot of great respect for you, Ms. Larson but I was trying to answer the question once you was complete. This is affordable senior housing. The application..., we're not cuttin' a check tomorrow. This is just for them to make application. Once the application goes to Tallahassee, there's an award in February. Then it comes back before Planning & Zoning, CRA and City. Then it comes back before this Board for a final approval. And anybody that knows Councilman Terence Davis knows that I will not approve no co'.., no Item, on any Agenda, that does not include us on, on the short-term jobs and the long-term jobs. It will not happen. I will not budge, I will not change my position on that. But thank you for doing your due diligence.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Can someone talk to me , I've not heard anything about potential parking for this...

CHAIR DAVIS: Parking...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...facility.

CHAIR DAVIS: Parking Staff?

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: The parking that they propose in the application, it does meet the current land development regulations. But again, any final site plan application will be presented back before the CRA, the Planning & Zoning Board and City Council for approval.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: With all of that being said, so does.., what I'm trying to visualize is, uh, garage parking, flat top parking. And I understand that it has to go through all of those various measures but I've not seen any renderings. I've seen renderings of buildings and potential look for the units but I've not seen anything remotely associated with parking. Are there no renderings for parking associated with this?

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Yes, ma'am. In the Agenda package that I provided last week, in the backup material, the site plan is there on site, um, as well as the elevations. And, it's my understanding...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: It, it's my understanding of talking with the applicant that, currently, right now, the plans are, you know, kinda like 9% complete and contingent upon your retreat, the plan.., the design could change based on what you're recommending.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. I'll, I'll pull my Agenda Item from.., excuse me, I will pull my Agenda Item from the last meeting to review it.

CHAIR DAVIS: Are you done, Councilperson Davis Johnson before we move to the next...?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I am done, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you, ma'am. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo? [Pause]. Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis Johnson dissenting and Councilperson Pardo out.

CHAIR DAVIS: Before we move to the next Item, I want the Council to take into con'..., consideration from the last meeting and now, when we talk about the Broadway and the Blue Heron corridor and what those retail and what that development looks like, would you all be willing to consider a moratorium for six months to be placed on the Agenda to discuss what we want our fabric to look like before any other construction come through? Uh, excluding this applicant? Just...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Where?

CHAIR DAVIS: On Broadway and Blue Heron, a moratorium on construction, on projects?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: Cause right now, there's...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...been a discussion on what everything looks like.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CHAIR DAVIS: And so, are we gonna deal with 'em as they come or are we gonna go ahead and slow down for six months and then talk about what we want once we go through our retreat? Because you have the different stores that pop up and then we wanna disagree with it but we need to stop.., we can blanket 'em all, currently now.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I don't mind putting in a moratorium outside of this project.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: But [pause]...

CHAIR DAVIS: For Broadway...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...it was just a meeting...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...and Blue Heron.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...ago that I proposed to put in a moratorium [chuckle], so that we would not have to.., so that we wouldn't have this problem and [stammer], and, with the dollar store that they brought back this week.

CHAIR DAVIS: But that was for...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: But this week...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...all projects.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...it seems like it's...

CHAIR DAVIS: It was for all.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...a better idea.

CHAIR DAVIS: No. Your motion, as I recall and if I stand corrected, was for all projects. I was talking about the Broadway and the Blue Heron corridor only.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: It couldn't've been for all projects cause that's where...

CHAIR DAVIS: Well, like I said, I stand corrected if, if I was, if I stand wrong but I just wanna address this. Cause we're gettin' inundated with, with stuff and...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yeah. We were...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...at some point...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...inundated...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...we gotta...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...and that's why I was [inaudible]. But, anyway, I, I move that we put in a moratorium until we get some parameters in place as to what we would like to see the build out of Broadway look like.

CHAIR DAVIS: Do you want...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Um...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...Staff to bri'..., Mr....

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...Deandre?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: It, it's gonna require some advertising, I think.

CHAIR DAVIS: Yeah.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Yes. I was gonna say that we would need 10 days, at least, prior to the meeting to advertise it.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: 'Til the next Agenda.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: And then bring it as a, a Ordinance.

CHAIR DAVIS: So, we need to do that in January?

PRINCIPAL PLANNER SPRADLEY: Yes, sir. It will have to be the..., that first meeting in January.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: So, everybody's comfortable with that? Okay. I'm done with regards to that. Vice Chair, you wanna update?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: We still have a discussion and deliberation Item. Are we not..., is it off?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Item 19.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item 19. The one cent surtax citizen...

CHAIR DAVIS: Oh, yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...oversight committee?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, yes.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Go ahead, Mr. Jones.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: 18. No, now. 18, cause we have one more Item left.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: Afterwards. Yeah.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes. Are they here? Item No. 18.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Not 18. We're on 19...

CHAIR DAVIS: 19.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...Chair, Chair Davis.

CHAIR DAVIS: I was repeatin' what I was told, so help me out now.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We're on Item No. 19.

19. ITEM NO. 19

CHAIR DAVIS: 19 it is.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: One cent surtax.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ONE-CENT SURTAX CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mr. Jones.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: As you know, on November the 8th, the voters approved a one cent surtax for Palm Beach County and, as a requirement to expend the money, the County Ordinance requires the participation of a citizen oversight committee and Staff was just trying to get direction on how the City would like to proceed. The Palm Beach County League of Cities, they're developing a oversight committee that the City can participate in or the City can develop its own oversight committee with the criteria that's outlined in the County Ordinance. And monies will be.., it's.., they're anticipating monies being available in mid-February to March but the monies cannot be spent until the oversight committee is established and in place. So, we're just looking for direction on how the City would like to move forward with the oversight committee.

[Inaudible comments]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Chair?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIR DAVIS: Councilperson Davis Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So I know that the, the matter of the committee is going before the Board of County Commissioners which is going to layout the, I, I guess, the, the layout of the oversight committee and what that process is going to look like, I guess, for all of the municipalities. Do we want to see what that language will look like on the 20th and formulate.., we can certainly discuss what we want our committee to.., how we want our committee to be established but we can certainly follow the guidelines that Mr.., ACM just mentioned with regards to the oversight committee and it's structure.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. So, an oversight committee, let the county do the recommendations and we can pick.., we can pick and choose based upon their footprint? Is that what you're saying, Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That's what I'm suggesting. I mean, certainly our, our...

CHAIR DAVIS: And then we can make...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...projects are...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...a decision...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...going to vary...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...whether or not we wanna keep our own...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...differently...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...based upon...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...from other municipalities and the county as a whole but certainly, um, I don't see a need to reinvent the wheel. If they're going to be releasing this and this is what's going to ultimately come through the League of Cities for the municipalities. We can...

CHAIR DAVIS: Well...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...certainly move on that after the December 20th vote.

CHAIR DAVIS: So...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We can actually ask for the language as it's being presented in December 20th to review it prior to it going before the Board...

CHAIR DAVIS: And...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...and extract the parts that we feel are most beneficial to us as a municipality.

CHAIR DAVIS: And so, we can., so we can modify it based upon our needs and what we want and then we can., if we choose to have our own sight'., oversight committee, we can use they structure to create our footprint. Is that what you're suggesting?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Absolutely.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. I can support that.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Jones?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: You were sa'., two things you pointed out. You said that either we could participate in the committee that the League of City established or...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: That they're...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...we could create our, our own?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: That they plan to establish.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Uhuh.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Or we could, well, the City can create its own oversight committee.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: With the parameters that are outlined within the Ordinance. That the county approves.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: That the... Okay. Of course, um, of course, my position is that we create our own oversight committee because we are, um, we're just so very different and unique from a lot of the municipalities in, in the City and, you know, I, I don't mind us taking the template that they have and, and working from that but definitely I wouldn't wanna participate and be a part of their oversight committee.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. And I agree with...

CHAIR DAVIS: Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...Councilwoman Hubbard, on that issue. We should create our own and, you know, we don't to have to recreate the wheel. We can kinda go along with what they're doing. They said I'm talking too soft, turn my mic up so they can hear me. I, I am in agreement with Councilwoman Hubbard.

CHAIR DAVIS: So that...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible]...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...that's the consensus? Do, do..., you don't need a vote, right?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-uh.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Just needed to get a little direction and I think you provided it. We will be in attendance at the meeting on the 20th and we'll request those documents from the county in reference to their agenda, in advance, and distribute 'em as soon as we have them, to the Council.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Great. So, that's the end of that. Mr. Jones, quick question before.., while we have time. Let's try to get in the Parks & Rec update on where we are for, for...

UNK: They haven't...

CHAIR DAVIS: ...for Friday.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Wanna do a motion to extend to 10:45?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Come on up, Mr. Blankenship and...

CHAIR DAVIS: Yeah. And then we'll go...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Motion...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...provide us with an update on...

CHAIR DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Motion to extend 'til 10:45.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second. Second. Second.

CHAIR DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm sorry. What was the motion?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The motion is to extend the meeting until 10:45, Councilperson Davis Johnson. It was made...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...by..., the motion was made by Cou'.., Pro Tem Miller-Anderson and seconded by Councilperson Hubbard. [Pause]. Councilperson...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo? [Pause]. Chair Davis?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Pardo out.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mr. Blankenship.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Good evening, Council. Richard Blankenship, Parks and Recreation Director. Well, we've made it there. We will be playing for the national championship on Friday at 1:15 p.m. We will be playing Hoffman High, or, Hoffman Estates. I believe, uh, [stammer] it's out of the Chicago area. We beat the team from Texas yesterday and the, the kids are excited, they're doing well and I know everybody can see their performance on the field and we're all proud of that. But what you don't see is off the field and you should be even prouder of that. These young men are [inaudible] behaving and, and acting like professionals for 10 and 12 year olds. So, that's kudos to the coaches, to, to the Parks & Rec Staff that's up there, to parents and volunteers. But, we do have a fan bus that is going.., we're leaving at 9:00 o'clock Friday morning. We have 40 spaces, it's \$20 for the fan bus and then \$17.50 for entrance fee once you get up there, \$12.50 for 9 and under.

CHAIR DAVIS: What location you leaving from on Friday morning?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We will leave from Barracuda Bay...

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...at 9:00 a.m. You need to call and make your reservation or come by and, and make your reservation and pay so we know what we got going.

CHAIR DAVIS: And what's the location the game will be at?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: It's at the Wide World of Sports, Field 17, I believe. And it will be on ESPN 3.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: And, if you got to see the coverage yesterday, they do, they do a very good job for ESPN 3.

CHAIR DAVIS: And, and I would like to tell the public, me and Mr. Jones was talking, you know, cause Mr. Jones is from out.., the western community and, and anytime that the Muck travels away, we need to try and travel the same way they do and go support our team. I wish we could allow the whole town to shut down and we go support our children but, uh, being realistic.., but, those that can go, man, please make a sacrifice for your community, your youth and travel to Orlando this Friday. The game start' at 1:15. Mr. Jones, will we have anything going on Friday for those that can't travel to come into the Council Chambers?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. We'll duplicate what we did for the previous game and provide live ESPN coverage here...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...in the Council Chambers, starting about 1:00 p.m. that day.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: So, we invite people from the public if they would like to come by and sit in on the game, as well as the employees during their break and during lunch hour...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...to come participate and support and cheer our team on.

MAYOR MASTERS: Also, Mr. Chair. The Office of the Mayor is going to facilitate, I guess you can call it a fan van that will accommodate 12 people and we'll be leaving at the same time, from City Hall. So, first come, first serve. Give the Mayor a call, we like to take seniors and veterans.

CHAIR DAVIS: Who's driving?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm gonna let you drive.

CHAIR DAVIS: Oh no.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIR DAVIS: [Chuckle]. Next time, I got you.

MAYOR MASTERS: We'll let one of our veterans drive.

CHAIR DAVIS: Next time, I'll, I'll take care of that for you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I just wanted to ask a question. I, I've been getting a lot of comments from people about the coverage of the team going as far as they've gone. I know, I remember at the pep rally, Channel 12 was out there and they ran a story. I believe Mr. Jones said Channel..., he sent me a clip of Channel 25 running a story. And also, people were wondering about the newspaper and I believe Mr. Jones said they were gonna send out another press release today?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: No. We, we decided to send it out 24 hours, so we're gonna send out a media advisory first thing tomorrow morning...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...to try to get them to cover it, provide a little bit more coverage than they have.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: I know Ted White has been aggressive [inaudible]. And I got... received phone calls, like, forward him over to all the coaching staff so they can get... reach as many folks as they could that's in Orlando currently. But yeah, it's Friday.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I would also like for us to prepare and plan for a hero's welcome of our kids upon their return.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We want to celebrate their accomplishment and whatever we need to do in order to be prepared for that, we need to go ahead and start making those plans that will probably happen a little later in the month or, you know, maybe a, a week or two down the line but we need to certainly make sure that we plan to celebrate the accomplishments of the children of Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Absolutely.

CHAIR DAVIS: Well, to, to the credit of City Manager Danny Jones, he talked about this as the clock was ticking, about partnering up with the School District and the county, with using potentially Suncoast Stadium and doing a big Saturday morning type of event and inviting the whole community. So, on a Saturday morning, for those who are not working, we can cap'.., captivate [stammer] that time to make sure that we get the whole community out to acknowledge our youth.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Absolutely.

CHAIR DAVIS: Yeah. So.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

CHAIR DAVIS: Staff, Staff heard you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

CHAIR DAVIS: Yeah.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And I also received information from a, a commissioner with the Palm Beach County Sports Commission that they put the information out through their advisories as well.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

UNK: Alright.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Vice Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: That's it.

CHAIR DAVIS: Anything else? I [inaudible] it. I mean, after this football game, I'm... You wanted to get a, a update on...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: The police.

CHAIR DAVIS: Police.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Over the last three weeks, two groups comprised of 10 individuals have been the source of the recent spike in shootings in the City. These two groups are involved in ongoing.., in an ongoing and bitter feud as it relates to gang and other illegal activities. The City of Riviera Beach Police Department, working along with the sheriff's office and West Palm Beach Police Department, have identified all the participants involved in these two groups and have organized their efforts to prevent them from being involved in future shootings and have established probable cause for the arrest of all 10 of those individuals. I don't know exactly how many of them are still at large but we're aggressively seeking to apprehend them and bring them to justice.

Moving forward, the police department would like to implement, and have implemented, proven strategies that has worked over the last couple years to help reduce crime and one of those strategies include the, the placement of the nuisance abatement vehicle, the Brinks truck. Typically, when that vehicle is in a neighborhood, it helps decrease crime, it provides the City with very valuable intelligence. So, we have one vehicle now and we're looking to acquire additional vehicles. Additional cameras on primary, on the primary corridors that lead into and out of Riviera Beach, will be placed at those entryways into the City.

And, Walter, go ahead and put that photograph up for me. The majority of these incidents are taking.., are occurring in rental properties. So, the City has instituted the nuisance abatement process for some of those locations. We have owners living outside of Riviera Beach, not really involved in our community, renting those homes. And, if you look at the red dots, the red dots indicate rental properties in the middle of our City. This is not the entire City. We estimate those numbers to be somewhere in the 60 to 65 percentile. Of that.., heart of our City, that's the entire City but, when you

look at the heart of our City where most of these shootings are occurring, it's occurring in the rental property areas. So, we've instituted the, the nuisance abatement process for those nuisance properties where shootings have occurred on.., at, you know.., several incidents have occurred at that same location. We enacted the, what we normally do during this time of the year, is the holiday task force and we put more officers on the street, in those hot spot areas to help prevent and deter crime.

With us tonight is Assistant Chief Mitchell. If you wanna provide the Council with some additional details as to the response from the police department and the.., those individuals who still may be at large and those you recently arrested.

ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: Good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

CHAIR DAVIS: Good evening.

ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: Mayor, City Council.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: Interim City Manager, Chairman Davis. As the Interim City Manager directed, we have moved forward in several of arrests with these young men, starting with the one on, uh, the initial one on November 2nd. A young man was.., the driver of the vehicle was a juvenile, the shooter was an adult, young man who was 17 and waived over to the adult court. That was the initial shooting at 2060 Avenue H West. It was in an afternoon, just leaving a meeting at the Port Center, a young man happened to fire the gun in front of me as I was on my way back to the office. A small pursuit ensued and they were stopped and removed from their vehicle at 47 West 11th Street. The vehicle was stolen, the gun was stolen. The vehicle was stolen from out of the Wellington area, the gun was stolen out of West Palm. Neither of those young men live in our community. Mr. Chalmers [sp], who is the adult, was waived over to adult court. He's 17 years of old.., years of age. The driver, who's still a juvenile, is.., was charged as such, was on probation and had removed his monitor. He does not live in our City. The two passengers did not live in our City. The residents that they fired at at 2060, is a rental property that is owned by someone who lives in Martin County. No one was struck. The young folk who lived in the house were extremely uncooperative but the state took the case based on the fact that the eyewitness int'.., the, the incident occurred in front of myself as I was leaving and I was able to identify both the shooter and the driver. So those two.., the one young man is still in jail and Mr. Lockhart [sp] is now residing with relatives.

The following shooting on the 15th occurred also at 2060. The two young men, Mr. Sapp and Mr. Davis had just parked a vehicle that was stolen and in it, was located with two shell casings and the individuals fired at them. We have recovered that vehicle and Mr. Sapp and Davis are highly uncooperative, however, we're still moving forward with identification based on the DNA that we might be having tested from that vehicle.

What is interesting, in these cases, is that 50% of the victims have been uncooperative. Now, I'm gonna fast forward, that the shooting that happened on Sunday is totally unrelated to any of those incidents involving that group of 10. The young man who shot at that young man had just been recently released from prison, about three months..., he lived in Lake Park. The young man who he shot at, his last known residence was in Loxahatchee but he and the young man that we have secured a warrant for, for his arrest have known each other in the past. And this young man's trial was held in Broward County, he was put in prison on a search warrant that we secured some years ago and he was just recently released from prison. We recovered the vehicle. The vehicle was a rental vehicle, from Ean Holdings, which is Enterprise, recovered the vehicle at the airport. And this victim was cooperative and did a photo ID, the warrant is in motion and we are, in fact, pursuing him as we speak.

2331 Avenue E, where the young man was shot, he was shot by a juvenile. That is unrelated. The young man who shot at him is a juvenile, the man he shot was 15. The juvenile in question is 15 years of age. He has 11 felony arrests, 22 misdemeanor arrests, 6 failure to appears and has not been in anybody's school since September.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: So, the police department has done their research. They've apprehended some bad guys and they will continue to do so. The common thing that we've noticed in all of these incidents, or the majority of 'em, they involved rental cars, stolen cars and people living in rental property in the City of Riviera Beach.

[Inaudible dais comment]

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Therefore, we need to aggressively look at our landlord policies, our Code Enforcement policies and look at our nuisance abatement process.

ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: And the thing that...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And that's what we'll be bringing back...

ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: Can, can...

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...to...

ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: ...I make one, one point?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: What..., with that, so that you understand, our downward spiral in crime, we are still 15% below where we were last year in violent crime. Any violent crime is not good.

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

ASST. CHIEF MITCHELL: But what we need to know is that our figures are going down and, yes we have..., it's a double entendre for us, as a community, because the young men, in many cases doing the shootings, are young black males who are a part of Palm Beach County greater community. And public safety is our goal and if by some happenstance we can capture these young men and turn them around before they engage in gun play, we can help them. But at the same token, if you come to Riviera Beach and believe that you will turn this into your own private shooting playground, we will pursue you, lock you up and take you to jail. We will not be your personal playground. And the message has to be clear to those who wanna rent here, live here and be in our City.

We have to set our community standard. What is our culture? And we have people who know each other, live next door to each other and will not say things. And we have had people who have given us great information in a very confidential kind of way. And it's our goal, as an agency to kinda continue to bridge this kind of gap so that we feel comfortable with this dialog cause this is not Riviera Beach. The majority of the citizens here are hardworking men and women who do exactly what most of us do, take care of our families and want a quiet place to live as any other city. And our figures reflect that in both our crime trends and what we see. We just have to continue to work together.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

CHAIR DAVIS: Alright.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: That's it.

CHAIR DAVIS: [Stammer]. I don't wanna say anything.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: City Attorney.

CHAIR DAVIS: I'm trying to get out of here.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIR DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. We have...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CHAIR DAVIS: Mayor, Mayor report. [Inaudible] got something to say.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just two quick...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, I'm sorry. Item No. 20A.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Huh?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What?

CHAIR DAVIS: Ms. Hubbard did an add-on. Remember?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: She did?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yeah. We all voted on it.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: What was the add-on?

[Chuckles]

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: What was it?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The process...

CHAIR DAVIS: The City Manager. Give an update...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: OH.

CHAIR DAVIS: ...update on that.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

[Inaudible dais comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: Forgot the add-on.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. It wasn't about an update, it was about the process. I wanted to make a comment.

CHAIR DAVIS: Or do you wanna explain the process [inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, she made the comment [inaudible]?

CHAIR DAVIS: Yeah.

[Inaudible dais discussion]

CHAIR DAVIS: You can go ahead. You have the floor.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you. What, um, what I was con'..., what I was concerned with and the comment I wanted to make was related to the cone of silence that, that was put under. We had discussed the process would be the HR Manager would put the job application or the job requests for proposals in a publication or several publications that persons that are looking for those types of jobs normally frequent and not to hire a head hunter or a firm to assist us in that process. And, I understood from the list of items that were on the cone of silence that was given to me, that that had occurred. Mr. Jones explained why they did it but it was still, to me, the same thing and in direct opposite of what we had asked to do, the HR Department would draft the job description or a request for interest in that position and we were going to all get a draft of it and then the HR Director would put that in some of the publications, and several publications were suggested. But, we would not be requesting the assistance of, of a firm. Now, I understand that the applications won't be submitted back to that firm nor will they have an..., will they be making the decision, they're just assis'..., they were, they were going to just be as'..., assisting in soliciting the applications. But again, it's the same thing for me and it's in direct opposite of what we said we would like to see done.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. So... Where, where, where are we with that process? Let's talk about that. So, is there a advertisement going out?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: There was an advertisement that went out just to provide assistance to HR for drafting the proposal...

CHAIR DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...that would go out and for helping correlate and, and provide some core services that would help speed up the process.

CHAIR DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Nothing to do with the firm actually contacting or doing anything directly. It woulda..., it will still be done by HR. The firm will just be providing assistance. If we we're gonna put together a, an ad, we felt that we should try to put the best product that we can to market the City in the best light to attract the best candidates and we thought we could do that by seeking the help of a professional help draft that, that document.

CHAIR DAVIS: But we still make the ultimate decision. Correct?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: You..., the Council will make every last decision as it relates to the, the process. All of the applicants, the short list...

[Inaudible background comment].

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: ...the interviewing, will all be held and done by the, by the Council.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And I understand that, as I said before. I think a, a HR Department should have the, um, capability of putting together a request or an ad to solicit a City Manager [pause] for the City of Riviera Beach. I understand that the, that the persons will not be making the ultimate decision nor are they being asked to make the ultimate decision. But that's not what we requested. We requested that the HR Director put that ad out into the public by way of professional service publications and those, um, drafts would come back to us. And secondly, we would [pause], have that done in-house and, and I just think that either way you say it and either way you mold it, if we had given the authority for you to go out for a firm, what you're saying that they're doing is exactly what they would have done with our authority. The only difference is, the applications would've come to them, they would've bound those applications and they would've co'.., and they would've come back to us.

So, either way, I just feel like the directive we gave was totally circumvented or, or, or disregarded. And I know.., I'm not suggesting total disrespect, I'm just saying that that wasn't the way that we voted to handle this procedure.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: I think Staff meant no disrespect. We intended to follow the process but it was the thought to provide the highest quality of document to be reviewed by the world, if we were trying to attract the highest level of candidate for the position.

CHAIR DAVIS: And other qu'.., uh, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: No. I'm just waiting for my comment.

CHAIR DAVIS: Go ahead, Mayor. We got three minutes. I'll let you go and lead off.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Quickly. I just wanna thank the Council tonight for the 5-0 vote to come back with, um, see what is gonna be better to do with the Public Safety building to either sell or rent. And that's what we've been advocating to sell it years ago, since 2012. So, I'm, I'm thankful that it looks like we're finally gonna see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Also, to my colleagues and to the constituents, particularly those that live in the Federal Gardens and Harmony Heights area, I have discussed with the, the Manager, Interim Manager about a sign that says, 'Federal Gardens'. That area, very stable neighborhood in our City. I want to make sure that they.., that the residents that live in Federal Gardens and Harmony Heights, understand the situation with the Public Safety building. And so, I was able to go door-to-door, along with the Chief of Staff, in that whole area. We were able to get to over 100 homes. And basically, what it says, 'To Honorable Mayor Thomas A. Masters, we the undersigned residents of Federal Gardens and Harmony Heights are asking our Riviera Beach City Council to sell the Public Safety building known as the warehouse, located at 1481 West 13th Street. We

want our public safety services and other present services to remain on West Blue Heron Boulevard.

Mr. [stammer]... Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: You have that in front of you?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes. I got it.

MAYOR MASTERS: And how many sheets do you have?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I don't know [inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS: For the record, cause I promised I would announce it.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: There are 88 signatures.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: But I don't know how many sheets there are.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I just wanted to inform the residents of Federal Gardens and Harmony Heights that I did what you asked me to do.

Also, I wanna thank the Council for the confidence in, in our office with the Chief of Staff. As you know, Mayors don't have legislative aides or legislative assistants cause Mayors don't work on legislation. Don't vote. But we do have Chief of Staff and all Mayors generally have Chief of Staffs whether they're strong Mayor or weak Mayors.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR DAVIS: Time is up now. We can go. Motion to adjourn.

[Gavel]

[End of video]

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