CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

(The following may contain unintelligible or misunderstood words due to the recording quality.)

[Before meeting chatter]

[Gavel]

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening to everyone. We wanna welcome you all to the wonderful City of Riviera Beach Wednesday night Council meeting.

Roll Call

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Terence Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Here.

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

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lynne Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Tanya Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 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, III?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Here.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We're gonna stand and pause for a moment of silence and the Pledge will be led by Mayor Masters.

[Moment of silence]

MAYOR MASTERS: Shall we pledge?

ALL: I pledge allegiance 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.

Thank you.

Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Jones, do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: No, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

Disclosures by Council

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have any disclosures by the Council?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: None of...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. Yes. I did meet with representatives from Mediterranea, including their attorney.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I also…

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …met…

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...Davis

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …Mediterranea. Anyone else?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. I ha'.., I disclosed this before, I haven't met them since that once, that one time then, a couple weeks ago.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Same here.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Same here.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Same here.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright. That's the end of disclosures.

Adoption of Agenda

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

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON 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?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Now, we're gonna go down to Consent. Do we have any Items that need to be pulled? [Pause]. Here none. Motion to approve Consent?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item No. 4.

[Pause]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

UNK: No. 4.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: 6.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: 6.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: 6, I'm sorry. Sorry. 5.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: 5 is under Consent.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's under Consent. Item 6.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. Item 6. Wait a minute, awards and presentations.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: There awards and presentations? Do we have any? [Pause].

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any petitions?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, we don't have any official petitions and communications, however, I just needed to make the Board aware that some amendments were made to the November 30, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes. There was some misspelled names.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Such as Ms. Shepherd and Ms. Brabham. Those were corrected and the corrected version is available on the City's website. In addition, there were some corrections that Councilperson Davis Johnson asked that I review and I just wanted to advise you all that, in reviewing the video for the meeting of January 4th, Ms. Davis Johnson, there was only one word that was corrected, that would be the word wherein it's stated that Ms. Brabham said, 'God it was guard.' However, all other words that you indicated were correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any public hearings? No. Item No. 6.

6. ITEM NO. 6

ORDINANCE NO.__AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "ZONING", ARTICLE V, "DISTRICT REGULATIONS", DIVISION 23, "PUD PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT", SECTION 31-494, "PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE R-PUD RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT", IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR UPDATED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS TO PROMOTE CREATIVE DESIGN AND LAND USE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Ms. Larson, you wanna wait 'til after the presentation?

MS. B. LARSON: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

[Inaudible background comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, sir.

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Good afternoon, Mayor and Council. Jeff Gagnon, Assistant Director of Community Development.

Before you tonight, you have the second reading of this Ordinance. It was approved by the Council on January 4th. This is in regards to the R-PUD Regulations and is also associated with the 13th Floor Development team and Mediterranea, which was approved on Consent.

We did discuss these Items at our last meeting but, for a very brief overview, it's been a very long time since our Land Development Code and Regulations have been revisited and amended. So this is one of the first steps that Staff has taken to revisit this Code structure. Again, it's been approximately 30 years since this was originally approved. And what this will do is allow development in the future, as areas that have an R-PUD designation, are redeveloped in the future to have some creativity and unique design in that development and redevelopment for the City.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Do anyone have any questions for Staff?

[Pause].

MAYOR MASTERS: I do. Mr….

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS:...Chair. This is pertaining only to residential areas or does it apply to anywhere else?

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: It is for residential planned unit development areas of the City. So, it would be solely residential.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Anyone else? 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: Ms. Bonnie wanted to speak.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Ms. Larson, please, questions. I apologize, okay?

[Pause]

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. I was shocked when I saw this was on the Consent Agenda. Have you read the Minutes from the P&Z meeting?

[Inaudible dais comments]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...[inaudible] Consent.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It's not Consent.

MS. B. LARSON: 122 pages. Part of it's the Port but a lot of it's this. I don't know how this ever got on there. Those houses, or those units are in there like little sardines.

[Inaudible dais comments]

MS. B. LARSON: The P&Z Board was very good. They asked a lot of questions and some of the information was not available. They all said, 'Well, we forgot to bring it, we'll bring it next time.' No. You need to read that, you need to see what happened at that meeting. They voted 2 to 3 and that was a little questionable because they were still missing information. They were missing information, important information like, um, information from the police department, the fire department. How are those trucks gonna get into those little tiny streets? How are they gonna get in there? Didn't bring the documents. Let's not even have the meeting. If you don't have the documents there,

shame on you, you run over and get 'em or pick up your laptop and do it. This is, this is a 70-acre property. It's huge. The, the attorney, we should never listen to attorneys. Don't talk to the developer, do not talk to an attorney. An attorney is only an employee. The employees said, 'Well, let's just let it go, like this,' you know, 'for this unit and then in maybe 10 years, if you have another development or something, you can worry about the codes and regulations then.'

No. No. You need to read that 'cause once you approve this, then it's too late. It's gonna be another, like a dollar store, right there at Silver Beach, whether it's this far away from the pa'.., from the, from the driveway. There was a stipulation in there where it was 10' between the buildings. Do you know how far 10' is? Like, that much. They wanna reduce it to five. Mr. Canuti asked some very good questions and he said depends on how you look at this, you can massage this and it can be 5' between the units. Imagine that. You could reach your hand out and shake hands with the person next door, the next building. It was unclear how many stories, how many feet, the whole thing was unclear. You need to read this stuff. Put it on TV so you can watch it. It's much easier, let me tell you, then trying to sit through 122 pages, which is what I did.

The, um, [pause], it's.., I, I didn't know I was only gonna get three'.., three minutes on this. I got a whole bunch of things here. This is gonna be another dollar store, another dollar store. And now, what they're asking, is they wanna reduce everything. Have you read this? They wanna make minimum lot size townhouses, that's being reduced to 700 sq. ft. The, um, where were those [inaudible]? I'm trynna hurry here. They're reducing everything by, like, half. Okay. The, the patio homes, minimum lot width, they wanna reduce it from 45 to 25, townhouses, wanna reduce it from 25 to 15. Maximum height, 35', now they wanna add.., or three stories because they want it to be three stories plus they can add on architectural features. So now, you're up to, like, four stories. Figure it out. Is this what we want in our community? You gotta…

[Beep]

MS. B. LARSON: …read this.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Just for the public record, it's under Ordinance on Second Reading. This Item's under Ordinance on Second Reading. That's the end of public comment. Does anyone have any other questions? Anything before we go to the roll call?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes. Yes, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright. Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Gagnon, please. [Pause]. Can you explain why it appears on what Ms. Larson read, that it looks like it's gonna be shoved into.., that the roads are gonna be smaller than what was explained when we met…

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …with the developer?

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: All of the development meets the criteria, the current code criteria of the City.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mhmm.

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: So, the roadways will have adequate width. That's been through our fire department, it's been through police department, it's been through our engineering division. So, City Staff does not share that concern. There was other questions posed as far as information being provided to the Planning & Zoning Board. I believe that if you do read the meeting minutes in full, that all information was provided to the Board. There was discussion and deliberation at the Planning & Zoning Board on how best to move forward but, again, it seems as if the, the overarching feeling from the Board was, that they desire to move forward, it was just that two of the Board members were maybe looking for a little bit more time to review the information further.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: But, the concerns themselves is, is more what I wou'.., um, like a little, you know, clarification on. So, you're saying subsequently to that.., subsequent to that meeting, the police and fire and everybody had signed off on? Not before it went to Planning & Zoning?

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. So, is that customary that things go to Planning & Zoning prior to making it circuit around to the different departments?

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: No. Our, our typical procedure would be to provide the information interdepartmentally, um, so that way we can address any concerns that a department may have prior to bringing it before Planning & Zoning Board and prior to bringing it to City Council.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. So, let me ask you this. We won't have.., you.., this is a question that I, I asked specifically about the size of the lots and the size of the units. And so, maybe you can explain that there will be less units than was planned for that field so it won't be the density that we were gonna originally have. Maybe you can explain that to the public, please.

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Yes. That, that's a very good point. His'.., historically, a Site Plan was approved and there was approximately 1,000 units approved for that location. This development proposal is just under 600, so, you know, a 40% reduction in the total number of units from the previously approved Site Plan to this Site Plan. So, it's definitely a less dense and intense type of development and I think it, very much so, fits the intent of the community moving forward.

[Pause]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: There were two other concerns. The water, the lake. What did, um, you end up requiring for that?

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: The lake is not proposed to be touched in any way, shape or form. So, that will remain as is.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: What security purposes?

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: I don't recall a security issue coming up for the lake. The way that the development is proposed, it actually would be in the rear yard of most of the units. That's something that we can definitely look at again but I don't recall a, a security issue coming up for the lake itself.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. The discussion was, as opposed to putting a fence around it, they were proposing to use some of that sparse grass looking stuff.

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And it would deter the children from going down to the lake but they weren't inclined to agree with putting any barrier to keep the children from wandering into the lake. So, I wanted to see how did you all hash that out and what came of that.

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Okay. There, there is a landscape buffer that's required by our Code, around the water line itself.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mhmm.

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: And the intent of that is to provide a buffer for people entering the water and also to help mitigate any sort of runoff into the waterway itself. So, it kinda serves a dual purpose and that's required by our Code currently.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Alright. I'm con'.., well, I guess I'm concerned that will that marsh serve the purpose of deterring the children that wander out of the backdoor, that wander out of the sliding glass door and go down to the lake, would it stop them from getting into that pond or lake, if you will? So that was, I guess, that was my concern about that and I think we need to, I guess… I know we talked about, when I met with them, about putting up more mature plants so that it won't be something that children would, would go down to.., near the water and, hopefully that would, you know, deter the children from going into that lake if we're not gonna do anything about it.

And the other thing with the lake, was the, I guess, the fountain, to keep the water moving as opposed…

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …to have it stagnant.

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Right.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I don't rem'.., I don't remember what we said about that, was that going to happen or not?

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Uh…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I would like to, you know…

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Yeah. I, I believe that having the movement in the water is beneficial for the water body itself.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: It kinda prevents stagnation, so that's just a.., kind of a standard feature that's provided and we can be sure that it is provided in this development moving forward.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. I think that was the biggest of the concerns that, that I remember. Okay.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You done? Anyone else? [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?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

7. ITEM NO. 7

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Now, we're gonna go down to Item No. 7.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPPORTING THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA PUBLIC MARKET FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC. (SFPMFA) COMMEMORATION OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH 94TH ANNIVERSARY.

UNK: I have a presentation if.., I needed that hooked up for…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Walter.

UNK: If ya'll trust me with your equipment.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. We treat you just as well as any other professional.

UNK: But, for security purposes, I'll let…

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Can you read…

UNK: …ya'll handle it.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: …the Item?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: As previously stated, this is a discussion regarding supporting the Southeast Florida Public Market Fair Association, Inc. commemoration of the City of Riviera Beach 94th anniversary.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead.

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh.

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. [Pause]. I don't think that, you know, that hurt him.

[Inaudible whispering]

MR. S. LOWE: Well, good afternoon or good evening. My name is Shelby Lowe. I'm a former Commissioner, or Councilperson, with the City of Riviera Beach. Right now, I currently live in Lark Park but I, um, you know, still try to be active in the community and do my part as a

responsible citizen and part of it, in this case or matter, was forming the Southeast Florida Public Market Fair Association. And just a little background on the organization and why it was formed, I, um, like I said, I served on the Commission from 2007 to 2013. And part of our mission was to redevelop the Marina District and bring in a public market and economic opportunity to the area.

Well, um, I left office in 2013 after running for Mayor and some other personal issues but I still had the desire to be involved and see the mission through and see some of the things that, um, were started during, you know, my experience as a Commissioner here on Board, that made sense to me, become a reality. And hence, the Southeast Florida Public Market Fair Association. And it was started in order to help, A) bring economic opportunity to the area for residents who were concerned and wanted to get involved in the big redevelopment and all of the things that were anticipated over the last 10 or 15 years. It was just a vehicle to bring tourism and interest to the area. So, you know, like I said, after serving, I, you know, was praying and asking God what, what was next. What could I do next? So, we formed this Association to bring economic activity to the area and that's our mission, that's what we're here to do. It's been a process. We formed in 2013, we are the Southeast Florida Public Market Fair Association, it's a non-profit organization that's led by citizens. And, in order to form this organization, you needed 25 electors, which are residents and people that vote in Palm Beach County, folks that are vested and state coders in the community that are interested in having an activity that would create, you know, economic ac'.., activity for everybody.

The law required that we have 25 members to sign up to start the organization and I found 48 members who were interested and thought it, you know, a great idea to bring this type of opportunity to this part of Palm Beach County. Uh, we can go anywhere in the county to form this organization but we.., well, I thought it was necessary to concentrate our efforts here. The approval process required gettin' the 25 electors and then, after that, I needed to get approval from the Palm Beach County Commission, which we got a 7-0 approval from the Commission. And then, we also needed approval from the 15th Judicial Court and endorsement from the Florida Department of Agriculture. So, this, you know, had to go through a screening process in order to, you know, to be able to present, at this particular time. And our objective, as I mentioned, is to 1) have an annual fair in Riviera Beach. There's one taking place right now in Palm Beach County out at the South Florida Fairgrounds. It's, if you want, a model or an example of, of what, you know, what I would like to establish here in our part of Palm Beach County. It's going on right now and you can see the activity, the economic drive that's being centered in that area.

Now, just imagine that, right here in our waterfront. And that's.., can happen. We've done all of the necessary paperwork, we jumped through all the hoops, we presented and we're here today to say this opportunity is here, for Riviera Beach. And secondly, we wanna provide job opportunities and thirdly, we wanna increa'.., improve access, availability and affordability of Florida foods and beverages. Hence, the Southeast Florida Public Market Fair Association.

Next, I wanna show you an example of, um, a short video of a fair and what this organization is all about and, here we go again. This.., I can't get this… Every time I come up here it doesn't play for me.

[Pause]

MR. S. LOWE: Excuse me?

UNK: [Inaudible].

MR. S. LOWE: It's embedded in the file and.., I've gotten to this point. [Pause]. Well, we can move forward.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We can catch up to that part. Let's go to the map.

[Pause]

MR. S. LOWE: The idea was to, to have the fair in the, um, in, in the, like I said, the Marina District area, part of it being held on the actual Marina District site and then the rest of it being spread out between 13th Street, as the north border and Broadway and Old Dixie or President Barack Obama Boulevard, as the southern border. And using that particular area for the, the annual fair. The footprint for the, you know, for the Fair Association would be much smaller but the idea was to use this entire area as, you know, the opportunity to conduct the fair activities.

How we're funded, we.., we're funded by conducting the annual fair and exposition. Part of our plan was, given the opportunity, was to fund the fair through the Southeast Florida Public Market and conducting, or holding, or establishing a public market or farmer's market to fund, you know, all of our activities and holding monthly events. And fourthly, renting our vendi'.., vending space and exhibition space. We also would rely on partnerships from.., and grant opportunities with state, county and local municipalities and then charge annual membership dues. Our resource partners would be, uh, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Florida State Fair Association which I have brochures to pass out. We are already on the map. Like I said, I started this in 2013, we're number 43 on this map as one of the state fairs in, in the State of Florida. So, we're already established. You know, I've been trying to do this for the last couple years, with the City and the CRA but, you know, through some reason or another, we just haven't gotten there. But, you know, we are on the map as one of the state fair and exposition sites.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Can you pass those out?

MR. S. LOWE: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So Council [inaudible]…

MR. S. LOWE: Absolutely.

[Pause]

MR. S. LOWE: And, you know, like I said, I, I eluded to, you know, my past experience here and one of our objectives was to form a signature event. Well, you know, this is an effort to do that and it hasn't cost the City anything, but my time and the money that my organization, or the organization that we formed, have put out. Thus far, we've had one successful event, which is the Najee concert last year and that was done in order to raise funds in order to help support the, uh,

the fair for 2016. We tried to do a event when the Marine.., Marina Event Center first opened and that got cancelled because, you know, the building wasn't CO'd and we lost money there. And we had an event scheduled in September for the 94th anniversary of the City of Riviera Beach, which, I'm here today now, the 94th anniversary has past. You know? This MOU is outdated, we'd like to focus on the 95th anniversary, in partnership with the City. But, you know, like I said, this is an effort to become a partnership with the City. You know, I'm here as a friend of the City, as a ally, as a person that has served and, you know, once you served and been tied to the hip to something like this, you just don't fade away. I haven't faded away. I'm here, still serving, and I'm here, you know, to offer this chance and opportunity to the residents of Riviera Beach. And that's, you know, my primary purpose here. You know, I'm sorry for the, you know, going off on a tangent. I was listing some of our resource partners, the Florida State Fair Association, the Florida Federation of Fairs and Livestock. These are all resources that are accessible and would be accessible to us if I had a buy-in from the establishment here.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Lowe, you know I can't let you get away with not mentioning Florida A&M University.

MR. S. LOWE: Well, yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

MR. S. LOWE: Actually, yeah. Florida A&M, they have a inter'.., an agricultural and mechanical program which, you know, all of this is centered around, you know, providing [sigh] opportunity for local residents and supporting the food and agricultural industry that's, that supports a lotta lives and families here in, in Florida and providing access and healthy foods to the residents and people in Palm Beach County.

And that's all.., and that's all this is.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, so we, we've had conversation, you and I before, as regards to food that's, um… How does the organization help out with a, a food desert community like Riviera Beach?

MR. S. LOWE: Well, um, we qualify.., if we can get established, we qualify for, for grants through US Department of Food and Agricultural Services and they have a program that prom'.., promotes local, local foods, buying in, in the agricultural products here, uh, in Florida. You know, getting access to these healthy foods for our residents because, you know, the rate of diabetes, the rate of high blood pressure and all the negative elements that are associated with not having access to healthy foods. A lot of folks are experiencing here, right here in this area, this area is considered a food desert. But, you know, once established, which was a part of our original plan, was to do a public market. Once we have this marketplace established, we have access to those dollars. There is a $54,000,000 grant opportunity, that expires March 27, that is designed specifically for promoting local food marketing, buying in on healthy foods and promoting a healthy food product for our citizenry and we deserve that. I mean, right now they, you know, I mean, they.., [pause].

I can go on and on all day but I don't wanna do that. I wanna keep the task and…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No, no. Take your time because I, you know, I do find it very important as you brought this issue to my attention back in 2013. I had the opportunity going and watch Judge Brunson when you went before the Ju'.., the Judge to get the approval. And, then, I went to.., and we talked about inviting the entire Council and the Mayor to the next Florida State Conference because this is an instrument that put the community, when you're talking about community benefit, the people, the people of Riviera Beach in a position to earn and make money and participate in our waterfront. And I stand by that. If we have an instrument that is gonna allow people to participate in their own waterfront and make economic money and then not to depend on others, they can depend on themselves, their energy and their focus on their community. I encourage everyone on this Board to please, once Mr. Lowe provide those dates to us, if you have time, to, to go and visit that conference that we have, uh, annually for the State Conf'.., Fair Association Conference because there's so many components that we all can use to bring back millions of dollars here to our community, um, because he has.., that [inaudible].., I like to say you because you're the one here and there's 45 members but the Florida sale, that was approved by Adam Putnam. You know, he gave a sale, he signed the letter and sent that, that to the Fair Association for some community in Palm Beach County benefit. I would think it would be [inaudible] for it not to happen in Riviera Beach. You know, I've been criticized and ridiculed for supporting you Mr. Lowe and I stand extremely strong for anytime anyone come to this community and wanna do something for the greater good and have done their research and put their time, they verify and they have confirmed what's important and what the community benefit is, I stand by that. Which means, I'm standing by the people.

I will sit back and just sit back and listen as regards to.., I'd like to have a discussion about the MOU process. Talk a little bit about that, the MOU.

MR. S. LOWE: Well, uh, [sigh]. We, um, you know, there's a process in how you do things and this is the process coming before the local Board and asking to establish a relationship where we can have access to those facilities that are already existing to fundraise and use that same exact money to support the activities, you know, that we.., that we're seeking, meaning the annual fair and then the monthly activities that involve cultural activities, such as, you know, gardening, music, concerts, pottery, whatever is associated with the fair. And the unique opportunity that we have is that we are a new fair so we can add our own twist to it and we're located on a intracoastal setting that, if we transpose what's happening out in rural Palm Beach County right now to Riviera Beach right now, on a night like this, it would be fabulous. We have all of the assets here. You know? But, we need an organization like this to bring those pieces together and allow the resources that are out there to be channeled back to the citizens, you know, who deserve it.

And that's who's gonna push the economic opportunity here. If the people aren't involved, then you don't, you know, you don't have any, any room for growth. You don't have real growth or real opportunity. And that's all this is. And what we need help with is, you know, we need a location, we need a home. And, you know, and we need office space and, you know, meetings.., meeting room space for our memberships. You know, we have to grow our membership which is residents of Riviera Beach. Everybody can participate, that's how this thing is driven, through people like me and you, you know, coming together and forming and running our own facilities. This is our stuff, we have rights to it, to use it and if it's sitting around dormant, then it's a disservice to everybody. And, you know, we, we, we need to use the facilities to fundraise and every dime

that we earn, is going back into the fair and back into the facilities that we, that we use. And, you know, we're asking for a financial contribution when you have it and technical resources and planning.

And that is the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding, which is a formality that consummates a relationship between a non-profit organization, and organization like the City. And we'll be asking for the same thing at the CRA.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I will take this time for my colleagues on the Board who wanna chime in and ask any questions, um, for this, this organization which Mr. Lowe happen to be a member of, 1 of 45. Does anybody have.., anyone on the Board have any questions or comm'.., questions? [Pause]. Okay. I hear none, questions from the Board.

One of the things I wanna add to this Item is that when the CRA talked about having the Marina and they invested $30,000,000 of taxpayer dollars into that waterfront, and the next thing they came out and said it's supposed to fail for the next six years. I don't think that was a.., you know, I stand by. I said it then, I say it now, anytime you take $30,000,000 and invest it and you telling me it's gonna be a loss for six years, I have a problem with that. Many restaurants have come to our City, have been drawn and they all say, 'Where are the people? We're not gonna come unless you're having the right number of traffic.' This is one of the instruments that will help generate traffic for the community to take access and control their own waterfront. You talk about regentrification. This is the tool that will eliminate the regentrification. Because this is your property, this is your waterfront. People leave Riviera Beach every spring break to go to Myrtle Beach for the same experience they can have in their own backyard. And let alone experience, they can make money off of it. Like he said, pottery, um, jewelry, you make little trinkets, hats, shoes, shoe shining, if you sell honey, fish, peppers, tomatoes, whatever it is that you do that's unique about you as, as an individual. Whatever talent God has given you, this is the tool that you could use.., 'cause there'll be no more excuses for this community to say that we can't do something for ourselves. This is the instrument.

I encourage this Board, once again, to make sure when Mr. Lowe reach out to us for the next conference, and I'mma tell ya, it was one of the best experience I had as an elected official where I went to another entity, in Tampa, Florida and they were so excited when they approved us on that, on that morning and they said, 'Whatever you need…' And this was people from Charlotte, North Carolina, they was from Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Sarasota, Miami. They said, 'Whatever you need in Riviera Beach, we will come and support you with all our resources.' They said, 'We can give everything we can outside of finance.' And I thought that was a great experience to go to a whole other city and meet with everyone else that said, 'Riviera Beach, we wanna help you become successful. Once you get your local municipality on board, or whoever it may be, we'll be there.' So now, we're finally at the position to where we're just having discussion and I wanna know [stammer] is there anybody on the Board that will have a problem with a MOU coming before for approval with outline being specific about the responsibilities and the commitments to this relationship between the two organizations?

MR. S. LOWE: Well, before you do that Councilman, I just wanted to [clears throat], [stammer], make known that any fair in the State of Florida, if you.., anyone wants to go and visit and see operations and the day-to-day workings, I have two passes, I mean, you can go to this

fair or any fair in the State of Florida. We all belong to the same organization and that resource is, is available throughout the entire State of Florida. We're here to pro'.., promote Florida products, Florida agricultural, Florida living, Florida culture, that's, that's our job. So, if you're interested and want a tour or want access to any of the State of Florida fairs, you know, just get in contact with me and [pause], I can make that happen.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: When is the next conference? What month are they norm'... Is it summer?

MR. S. LOWE: Close to the summer. The fair season ends in April.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. S. LOWE: So, it's after that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Mr.., Mr. Chair, I think you, you asked if this.., you want comments from the Board to see how we feel about it, whether we're pro or con and, um, seems to be no discussion or deliberation from the, the, the Council so what does this, what does that mean, at this point?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Stammer]…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: What it means is, you know, if.., we just.., do you have anything you wanna talk about?

MAYOR MASTERS: Not if no one else does.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Um…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Well…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible]…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hold on. I'm fittin' to work my way down. I did'.., no one said they didn't wanna say anything. They're just waitin'.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just wanna kinda see where we are [inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, if you don't have anything, I'll go to each Commissioner and they can say what they wanna say on their own mind, for their own.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll come back.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, several times I heard about resource partners and, you know, no one has gone into detail about the responsibilities of these resource partners. Now, after reading the agreement, it seems like the onus is on the City of Riviera Beach to run this program. You'll run the program but we provide everything. You know, you're looking for funding from the City, you're looking for City resources, police, fire, an office in the Event Center, Parks & Rec…

MR. S. LOWE: Yes. With all…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So…

MR. S. LOWE: With all re'…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …alright, so…

MR. S. LOWE: With all due respect, those resources are the very same resources that belong to the people that file for this petition. You ca'.., categorize it as City resources but those are.., those 25 electors, that are registered voters right here in Palm Beach County and Riviera Beach, those are their facilities. And, we're not asking… The provisions are in the state statute. We're asking for use of those facilities. We pay taxes on those facilities and they're there for a reason. And if…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Correct.

MR. S. LOWE: …if we're not using 'em, and, and the City's not using them…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

MR. S. LOWE: …then what's the purpose of having 'em? And, and we are…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: The other…

MR. S. LOWE: …we are here…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …33,000 people in this City if they want to use the Event Center, they have to pay for it. And if they want to have an event that the City really isn't sponsoring, they have to pay for it. And it just seems like this Memorandum of Understanding, is just one way.

MR. S. LOWE: Yes. And…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: And it's…

MR. S. LOWE: …that's…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …the City…

MR. S. LOWE: …why, that's…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: … providing all the resources…

MR. S. LOWE: That's why, that's why, you know, this isn't anything new under the sun. There's 50 other Florida state fair associations.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. S. LOWE: This is done throughout the, the entire State of Florida. The, the South Florida Fair is an independent organization. It had to have a push to get started.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Please speak into the microphone.

MR. S. LOWE: Right now, they generate almost 14 to $15,000,000 worth of economic opportunity. So, how do, how do you get there? Through a push, through using the fal'.., facilities that are already paid for that you have a right, through the Florida State Constitution and the Florida statutes, to use. This is the people asking to use their own facility.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right. And asking for…

MR. S. LOWE: And all you are…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …additional stuff.

MR. S. LOWE: …is a steward.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. Um, Mr.…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …Degraffenreidt?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So, did you look at this agreement? Do you have any issues with this agreement? We have one non-profit coming in asking to use everything that the City offers for free and I would think that there would have to be some kind of procurement…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-uh.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …to go out and do this.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible background comment].

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: You know, I've never seen a contract like this come in front of the City before where the City gives everything [pause] and gets, really, nothing in return. And we don't know where the money is going, that's made off of the fair.

MR. S. LOWE: You're making assumptions…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I'm, I'm not…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The points you're making are well taken because of that being absent in the document itself, those issues need to be resolved and discussed before we can have a binding agreement.

UNK: Absolutely.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The bottom line is whatever is consummated from the concept presented, must have in it, concrete terms in terms of obligations and expectations for both parties. And candidly, your observation's very correct. The current document does not provide that.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Anyone else?

MR. S. LOWE: And, you know what, there's room for the document to have anything in it to protect your concerns, Madam Councilwoman, and anybody else's concern because, as you see, the South Florida Fair hasn't gone anywhere. It's been there for 78 years…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. S. LOWE: …and provided economic opportunity for Palm Beach County. And all I'm asking, as a responsible citizen, and a person of interest, is to bring that activity here. And it starts somewhere. I'm not asking for the City to give me everything that I need. I.., we've spent ov'.., we've lost almost $30,000 dealing with the City.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. S. LOWE: I [chuckle], when [sigh]. This Resolution, or, this MO'.., MOU is for an event that was planned back in September and I couldn't get before this Board. I had to pay an artist $4,000 because it was al'.., the artist was booked already. And the insurance that I, you know, we've had to pay. This is.., I'm a tax.., a non-profit organization funded through fundraising activities. [Pause]. And every dime that I spend, it hurts. I'm not an institution like the City of Riviera Beach. And, I had a responsibility to look after the citizenry when I was up there and what make you think that I would bring something here, at this point in time, that would jeopardize or, you know, put the residents in any kind of harm, in any kind of way. It just doesn't make sense.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: One, one thing, Mr. Lowe.., excuse me, when I heard the comments by our Councilperson, it's great to have concerns and we all have concerns, um, but, this is a unique instrument that is happening in 51 cities across the State of Florida. They all have done it the exact same way. Which means, if there is some people in the community.., let's say there's a non-profit and they wanna use the Event Center to do something. They come out and

they have to come and there's a non-profit fee that's already assessed to it, once you go apply for the Event Center. You go there, you pay the application fee, you go to special events, you go through that process. What the South Florida Fair Association would do, will say, they will be [pause] the office that they will go to, they will be a member of that organization. So that same fee that they will normally pa'.., pay, they will be in the participation portion of hosting these events under the fair's umbrella. Instead of going down to the SunFest and paying $500 bucks a day to vend and vend and vend but once you become a member, you're now a ownership, you're now playing a role as a stakeholder, you're now responsible to make sure that you invite your other friends over to become members, not a person that's coming spending money but making money. It's designed for people in this community.., which the unemployment rate to be so, so high to get reduced to doing the things that they can do. If the City is not using it, if the county is not using it and if the private sector is saying, 'We're waitin' on people,' this is the instrument that's gonna draw people there. So, when people get off their cruise ship and start walking down Broadway with their suitcases, which they do so lovely every week, and they have no destination to stop to, imagine gettin' off the cruise seeing this big, giant Ferris Wheel and you see events going on throughout the month where there's an arts festival, where there's a fishing festival, where there's a hunting festival or a strawberry fest or a conch fest, monthly events that our people of the community 33404 are participating in and making money.

So now you got low crime rate, proud people, a happy community. So, you're talking about live, working, now you can afford to play on your own waterfront. This is an opportunity, once this document comes back like I suggested, to take your time and go through it, sit down and have the conversation. If you don't wanna talk with Mr. Lowe, call right here in the county, right here at the Fair Association [inaudible] that some many folks gonna spend money to, and they'll explain the same informa'.., they're assisting us as well to make this happen because once this organization go to the tourism board and ask for resources and funding, they' gonna say, 'Okay, we all wanna support you but if Riviera Beach don't want you, should we take you or shou'.., should we recommend you to another city? And I will feel sick to my stomach to see the Southeast Public Market Fair Association in Lake Worth, Lantana, Belle Glade. Not that I don't wanna see nothing good happen in no other city, but this'll be a time that our community can make money every month and take care of their families. If we could get to a time where they don't have to wait for us to buy 'em turkeys, they can go out and do events and give back to their own community. We have to start self-empowering and encouraging our people by giving 'em instruments to come use and do something for themselves. We ain't talkin' about going over there and throwing a party, we're talking about going over there and doing things monthly. 102.3 contacted the other day, they say they wanna do events. So, they wanna do card tournaments, they wanna do bingo night. They wanna do all these different events with the Fair Association so we can get our seniors involved. We got our young kids involved, we wanna get the 4-H Club. When you're talking about the Department of Agriculture, University of North Florida, University of Florida, Florida A&M University, the extension office. All these folks are saying yes. All these entities, who have such great credibility, are saying yes and they read the documentation and they seen this happen before, 51 other cities are saying yes, so when they get the Judge saying yes, seven county commissioners said yes and they know what the statute is, they know this has great credibility. They wanna see Riviera Beach be successful. They wanna see the people be happy and that's what I wanna see, the people be happy.

I'm not saying support this Item as is now, we're saying is, once this Item is.., MOU's put together, um, at a point, that each Councilperson take their time with Mr. Lowe or any representative to go through and address your concerns in those meetings so when we come back, we can feel very comfortable, and not having a long meeting to discuss something [inaudible] helping our people, helping our community and helping Palm Beach County draw to Riviera Beach because these restaurants wanna come and we need to give 'em a reason to come.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Madam Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: You're done? Are you done?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, I am.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, okay. So, we're not doing anything, we were…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: …just listening to the presentation…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: …tonight and like the memo from September 2nd said, that it suggested that the appropriate staff, minimally Public Works, police and finance review the agreement to determine operational and fiscal impacts of this agreement prior to pres'.., to the presentation for consideration by the City Council.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, technically, we don't have anything to discuss tonight because the, the MOU is very vague in general so, I mean, we can't, but you can't do anything so…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: …he's gonna do.., they're gonna get the information and he'll come back and then we'll make a decision from there. So, there's really no questions to ask from me anyway because there's.., everything is so vague, as Ms. Pardo explained earlier.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I just wanna make sure that when, when we have this meeting, that no one can say they didn't know nothing about it. Not saying that someone would do that, that we all, if we really are for this community, not saying that some of us are not and some of us are, that when they reach out to us, please be respectful and find some time to sit down and see whether if this is really what it is or if it's something you just choose not to, I understand. But we're not gonna wait 'til we get to a meeting at this point to shine for Channel 18 when we coulda had a one on one and really asked the right hard, hard-nosed questions.

But, thank you, Mr. Lowe, for coming out tonight. Um, presentation, job well done. I'm sure that after you sit down with the legal department, that you schedule some meetings with each of the Council Members and the Mayor, so that we can move to the next step.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Make sure everybody understand exactly what the purpose of this event is, so they can ask all those questions in those meetings and they still don't have an opportunity, they're still not satisfied, then we can address at this point. But, I wanna make sure this is presented before the public as an understanding that there's something for you Riviera Beach. And you don't have to wait on nobody to use your own facilities, you don't have to wait on nobody to benefit in your community and you have much love for what's, what's yours and that's Riviera Beach, that waterfront. And this is the time to do it, it's been 30 years of nothing. It's time that we do something. I don't wanna march anymore, I'm tired of talking about shootings, I'm tired of talking about negativity.

MR. S. LOWE: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I wanna talk about something positive.

MR. S. LOWE: And this MOU and this request for a, a partnership is exactly that. It is a request for opportunity to, to get with everybody that's involved to come up with an, an instrument, an agreement in order for us to, you know, help folks that are in need. So.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Ms. Larson, did you wanna ask some questions?

MS. B. LARSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: And I'll ask some when she gets done.

MS. B. LARSON: Just a few questions, most of 'em are answered. Alright, when we're talking about a monthly event, how many days a month are we talking about? Things that we need to know, to think about. How many days are we talking about because everything else at the Marina is gonna have to be closed down. Now, you mentioned Ferris Wheels and stuff like they have at the fair, that's a very small Marina so where are we gonna put all that stuff and where are people gonna park? I didn't understand where that green space was across from the Marina. There was a property there, I, I didn't know where that was or who that belongs to or was it planned that we use that property too or… Um, how much has been raised thus far, since there was supposed to be something in September, I'm wondering how much money has been raised thus far? [Pause]. Where have the previous fundraisers been held and how much money did we make on those? Wou'.., this is gonna be.., is this gonna be a precedent for other non-profits to use our facilities because it's our facilities too but we have to.., if I wanna go there, I have to pay. So, is this gonna set a precedent for other non-profits to use our facilities there?

If you have a fair or something down there, they're gonna ruin the grass and this, that and the other. So, there's gonna be other things involved. And, um, oh, I'm always harping on this. If you

approve this at some point, it says in there, 'Automatically renewable contract.' We don't do renewable contract, automatic renewable contracts anymore. Do we? I say that every time.

Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Larson. Hey, Mr. Lowe, Ms. Larson brought up a good point. Talk about the relationship with other non-profits. How will they, how will they work?

MR. S. LOWE: Well, I, I, you know what? I'm just, you know, starting to think that this whole thing is jinxed because, you know, the video really explains everything, the benefit that this organization has. For other non-profits, it, you know, it provides a vehicle for them and also what it's supposed to do for the community at large. And every time I come up here, the video doesn't show. You know? And things happen or what not but, you know, like I said, I used to be up there and, I, I was one of you. You know? And I know what it takes, I know the approvals, I know the resources that are out there and I know what you're facing so, this is in opportunity as presented. You know, I'm willing to work and see this thing through. And, and this is, this is the extent that.., what I can offer and this is what I have. And that's it. And…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All you can…

MR. S. LOWE: …if it…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …do is try.

MR. S. LOWE: …doesn't go anywhere passed this, then, you know, so be it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman?

MR. S. LOWE: But thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Stand, stand.., stay there, Mr. Lowe, I have a couple questions for you. You founded this non-profit organization in 2013? Did you say?

MR. S. LOWE: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: That was after you served on the City Council?

MR. S. LOWE: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: You served on the City Council what, about five years?

MR. S. LOWE: Six.

MAYOR MASTERS: Six years. Was there any reason during your, your tenure…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible background comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: …on the City Council that you didn't bring this same concept to the Council that you were on and Chair, at one point?

MR. S. LOWE: I was, I was a Chairman my first year when I…

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I remember.

MR. S. LOWE: But, uh, at that time, I, I didn't know anything about this. Like I said, this came to me after I was out of office but I did make an attempt to start a, a, uh, a public market the last year that I was in office and it died on the vine through lack of support from my colleagues on the Board. The money was there, the money has always been there. There's $250,000 that's been sitting in the City's coffers for opportunities just like this that I've known has been there and I've tried to access that, you know, that money in order to spread it out and make use of it within the community so it could be used for its own purpose. But, for some reason, when I come up here and when I do things involved in this City, you know, I get ostracized and treated like I'm here to, you know… I, I don't know what it is but…

MAYOR MASTERS: My next question…

MR. S. LOWE: I'm sorry, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: No. That's okay. Now, you eluded to the fact that there are 51 Florida fairs and locations?

MR. S. LOWE: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: And that we are number…

MR. S. LOWE: 43.

MAYOR MASTERS: 43. But that's because we'.., it's alphabetical? Right?

MR. S. LOWE: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. The Judge… Alphabetically meaning that the name of your organization is Southeast so starting from Alachua County and Broward County and we happen to be 43 alphabetically.

The other thing I wanna ask you, the Judge, when it went before Judge Brunson, what was the purpose?

MR. S. LOWE: To grant the decree of incorporation.

MAYOR MASTERS: Which has nothing to do with the, um, the workings.., for lack of a better word, of the fair itself. Just, this was to go before to get, to be corp'.., a corporation?

MR. S. LOWE: Absolutely and grant the final approval. Everything about this organization, what it's supposed to do, its bylaws, its limits, its stipulations, its requirements, is in the State of Florida's statutes…

MAYOR MASTERS: So the Judge…

MR. S. LOWE: …Chapter 616.

MAYOR MASTERS: So the Judge was just…

MR. S. LOWE: So, all the…

MAYOR MASTERS: …confirming and verifying…

MR. S. LOWE: …all the Judge was doing was following state statute and granting…

MAYOR MASTERS: The corporation.

MR. S. LOWE: …the organization, what's, what they're allowed to do according to state statute.

MAYOR MASTERS: Southeast Florida, um, when you say Southeast Florida, that's just not specific or is it.., were you thinking in, in broader terms other…

MR. S. LOWE: I was thinking…

MAYOR MASTERS: …than Riviera Beach?

MR. S. LOWE: I was thinking…

MAYOR MASTERS: When you…

MR. S. LOWE: …in broader….

MAYOR MASTERS: …said Southeast?

MR. S. LOWE: …terms because the objective was to pull resources from, from outside of Riviera Beach because, on its own, we couldn't do it.

MAYOR MASTERS: And have you been successful in doing that so far? From the other.., outside of Riviera Beach?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible background comment]

MR. S. LOWE: I have been successful in, in obtaining the funds to establish the organization. The key to accessing funds from the state and other organizations, is to have the City buy in.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. But you…

MR. S. LOWE: I don't…

MAYOR MASTERS: …have not…

MR. S. LOWE: …have a stadium, I don't have a race track, I don't have a ballpark. We don't do that kind of stuff, the City does…

MAYOR MASTERS: I understand.

MR. S. LOWE: …that kind of stuff and it does it for the purpose of everybody having the opportunity to enjoy and, you know…

MAYOR MASTERS: Also, the.., you mentioned you were going to have, or either had, an event in September? Past?

MR. S. LOWE: Past…

MAYOR MASTERS: What…

MR. S. LOWE: …September.

MAYOR MASTERS: …which., what was that event?

MR. S. LOWE: That…

MAYOR MASTERS: [Stammer]…

MR. S. LOWE: …was our inaugural event, was our first fundraiser and, at that time, it got.., we got to the point where we had secured the artist, the insurances and all the necessary paperwork and for some reason or another, we got notified that the grounds weren't CO'd.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

MR. S. LOWE: So, we lost all that money.

MAYOR MASTERS: The event that you had with Najee, what month was that?

MR. S. LOWE: That was [pause]…

MAYOR MASTERS: What year?

MR. S. LOWE: I think it, it was last year.

MAYOR MASTERS: Would you, would you term that a successful one?

MR. S. LOWE: I would term it…

MAYOR MASTERS: Financially?

MR. S. LOWE: …successful in, in… No. Not.., no. Not financially, no.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

MR. S. LOWE: No. We, you know, we had to, you know, we had to eat a lot of costs.

MAYOR MASTERS: But that was the event that the City purchased 'x' amount of tickets for the employees. Mr. Manager, how many tickets did we purchase?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: 400.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: I don't recall the number but I think it was…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'll tell you, 400.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: 400? Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: That was…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It was one…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: $6,000.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It was one, it was one ticket per employee for the City.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. But it wasn't, you would not, uh, deem that as successful? Now, let me ask you a couple more que'.., and I'm done.

MR. S. LOWE: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: First of all, let me thank you for your support. As you said, you did run as an opponent, uh, one term, one time towards the.., for the Office of Mayor but after that, you were a gentleman and you were very supportive of, of the Mayor, the next time that I.., I appreciate your support. Um…

MR. S. LOWE: Well, I'll leave the politics to you guys. It'…

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, it's being a public servant. I'd rather not…

MR. S. LOWE: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTER: ...use the word politics. Okay. Let me ask you this, um…

MR. S. LOWE: And I'm a public servant too, still.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

MR. S. LOWE: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: You mentioned that this would be a financial big.., financial bonus, for lack of another word, for the City, that we would benefit. Have you done [clears throat], pardon me…

UNK: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: …[inaudible]. Thank you. You're… The things not working, my mic, I'm gettin' hoarse too so maybe there is a jinx around here. But anyway, let me ask you this, have you done any financial study or impact as to what [stammer], to suggest what that financial gain would be for…

MR. S. LOWE: The only model…

MAYOR MASTERS: …the City?

MR. S. LOWE: …that I have to refer to is the South Florida Fair which is local and the only s'.., you know, we have some similarities but the difference is that, you know, that's rural and, and we're coastal.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

MR. S. LOWE: I would like to do more market research but that requires, that requires the resources that you guys have that we pay for. You know, I don't.., we don't have all of that. And…

MAYOR MASTERS: Well…

MR. S. LOWE: …you know, with a partnership with the City or using your planners or your resources that we pay for, you know, we could come up with those answers but the long-term benefit would be a viable, uh, activity for the City that would make money and everybody would have an opportunity to be involved and I, I thought that was the name of the game. But…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, I…

MR. S. LOWE: …apparently…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'mma say this much…

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, Mr. Chair, will you let me finish my line of questioning, please?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: And, and then…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Take your time.

MAYOR MASTERS: …I'll be done.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Take your time.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just give me one more minute.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Take your time.

MAYOR MASTERS: Job opportunities. You mentioned that this will provide many, several, whatever word you may have used, job opportunities would be on the table for the residents of Riviera Beach. My question is, Mr. Council Lowe, and I still call you that, out of respect.

MR. S. LOWE: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Do you have any [stammer] figure as to how many jobs are we talking about?

MR. S. LOWE: Well…

MAYOR MASTERS: That would, would provide?

MR. S. LOWE: I, I can provide you with this magazine here. This is a fairs and expo, uh, publication and it's provided through the International Association of Events and Fairs.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

MR. S. LOWE: It's an industry.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. No, I'm…

MR. S. LOWE: Which we are a member of and, and this is a.., the National Industry of Concessions Association, which we are a member of. And these are viable jobs through concessionaires, through exhibits, through transportation, through meal, uh, providing.., I mean, the industry is…

MAYOR MASTERS: I understand.

MR. S. LOWE: …all concentrated and, and it's.., if you look, it is a viable industry.

MAYOR MASTERS: I understand. Final question, I think you said that the statute, something said that you needed to 25 people?

MR. S. LOWE: 25 electors.

MAYOR MASTERS: But then I saw you had 48?

[Inaudible dais background comment]

MR. S. LOWE: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: So you went above and beyond the 25, forty…

MR. S. LOWE: Well…

MAYOR MASTERS: Was there any reason why you went to 48 instead 25?

MR. S. LOWE: Just, uh, it's just a, it's just habit.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, sir. Mr. Chair, I'm…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr.…

MAYOR MASTERS: …I'm conclu'.., I'm done.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you, Mr. Lowe. I guess this is something that we can take up in our retreat, if Mr. Jones can fit it in to his calendar. So, and, and I think that we, you know, all has been said that can be said so if we could have it.., we could further discuss it in, in the retreat if the colleagues don't mind.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. We can look at the MOU at that time, as a group.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright. Mr. Lowe.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you for your time. We'll bring this MOU to the retreat and…

[Inaudible dais background comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …we'll, we'll, we'll…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: This…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …drill down on it

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: …this MOU?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

MR. S. LOWE: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Why would we bringing this MOU when it is…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Outdated.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's not…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: A MOU.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: …quantifiable. It does'.., it's not specific. Why would we bring this one back to discuss?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We're gonna discuss what we wanna add to it, what changes need to be made, at that time.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No. They need to.., they want the Memorandum of…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, just…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: …Understanding, right? So, they need to prepare it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So we won't have this for the…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We don't need to…

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: …retreat.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: …discuss this. I don't, I don't see how we can incorporate this into the retreat…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: No. I would just talk about a process by which…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: …will answer some of the questions that Mr. Degraffenreidt had.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And meet with Mr. Lowe to talk more specifically about specific events.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Correct.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And then, assess each event and bring you back specific information.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Good.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …makes sense.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Good.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's fair.

MR. S. LOWE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir. Alright. Now we can move on.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

8. REAPPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Board appointments for the Library Advisory Board.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: It's hot in here.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item No. 8.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Motion to approve the two Board members.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any questions? We have a motion and a 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 Jonson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, thank you.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Now, we have reached the time where we go to our public comment section and I will read this off.

CHAIRPERSON 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 all of ourselves accordingly.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And we all have three minutes. First person will be Mr. William McCray.

MR. W. MCCRAY: William McCray. Trader, spies, sell-outs and house slaves. There's probably a lot more adjectives that I could use that wouldn't be appropriate for this Chamber but when I talk about looking out for the community, in particular, the African American community, it's something I take very seriously. The last commission meeting, it says right here, cards must be submitted before the Item is discussed. Public comment is not an Item. You were very rude to the Mayor for yielding his time to me, Chair and I'm.., appreciate that he did but to build a poison plant in the City of Riviera Beach, right next to some of our most vulnerable citizens is, is just ludicrous. It's ludicrous. I said it before and I'll say it again, maybe we can put it on Singer Island or we can build it out west near the dump. We have land out there next to Ibis or Iron Horse, maybe they won't give you any resistance. It, it's just crazy to do that. We can put it on MacArthur Park, the state park. Put it, put it next to that, see if we get any resistance.

We.., most of our water comes from an underground aquafer and if there is a 420,000 gallon spill, it will pollute that aquafer. Not only for the City of Wes'.., Riviera Beach but for all the surrounding cities that utilizes aquafer for our drinking water. We've already had one debacle, water debacle here in the City that wasn't reported and we don't want another Flint, Michigan here, in Riviera Beach. We don't need it. We should be moving to RO, reverse osmosis which is what most European countries do because it's cleaner. Chlorine is a poison and we're drinking it, we should be re'.., we should be weening ourselves off of that poison anyway. It, it's crazy to keep drinking chlorinated water when there's many more

technologies. It should be a capital project and we should move away from that [inaudible], that sort of poison. It, it's just ridiculous to, to put the people in danger. And World War I, the first gas that was used in an attack in 1925 by the Germans, was chlorinated gas. Chlorine. And it killed thousands and thousands of troops.

We, we just cannot allow that. We have environmental racism, environmental racism. What we need is environmental justice. In the 1980's, people of color began organizing environmental campaigns to prevent the poisoning of farm workers with pesticides. Activists also demanded cleanup of communities around Alabama and other places in the United States. It appears that we want incinerators, gas facilities, chlorine facilities and, and thangs of that nature in black neighborhoods. We need to stop poisoning our people. We need to lift our people up. We should be ashamed that we would sell out for a few jobs and I'd like to know who gets those jobs.

And, by the way, the Mayor didn't pay for me to come in here and speak. Okay?

[Beep]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you for your comment. Next person will be Mr. John Miller.

MR. J. MILLER: I, I have a few.., just, uh, items I'd like to speak about. One is, um, you know, they say sticks and stones can break your bones but words can't hurt ya. Don't believe that at all. And what happens is, and I'm using this an example, I just defended everybody up there, two, three weeks ago on a site that we have. Next door neighbor say, 'Can it hurt?' Damn right it can hurt, I'll tell you why 'cause the, the divisiveness, it caused people to point fingers and be angry. All these different things. These things cannot go on. And when people do that, yeah, they have freedom of speech and I stood up for every one of ya's because.., not because I supported most of ya's, because it was right. And I listened to the civil right leaders, what do they say, 'Stand up and speak up and do what's right.' That's first.

Now, on the same issue, with the site, we have a few minor problems over on Singer Island, minor. I'm saying that because we know what happens here. And I'm gonna tell ya, I'm a person that cares about what happens on this side of the bridge. I do. And I get involved. And, I work with Philip Dukes and everybody else to try and come up with some kind of a solution that, that plagues small, middle and large cities. Alright? So that's that. Over there, on the site, there's a lot of complaints goin'.., minor things. But I wanna bring it to your attention 'cause I keep telling these people when they go on these sites, you don't see it. The other four'.., Dawn sees it but the other four Commissioners don't see these things. And we're ta'.., the Ocean Mall is a prime example. We need to get that cleaned up over there. I talked to the Major, he's very receptive, all the police are. Danny Jones, anytime I talk to him, is completely receptive. But, that's the golden goose over there. And, you know, I don't know if it's the person that manages it is not doing a good job. I'm not talking about the City, I'm talking about whoever manages that complex. But what goes on over there has to change. Especially at night. The, uh, I talked to the director for the Ambassadors, they're

doing a good job and they're doing what they can. But I'm tellin' ya to please look at this and try to clean it up.

The last thing I'm gonna talk about, Lynne, this is for you about jobs. I'm runnin' outta time but I'll try to talk fast.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

MR. J. MILLER: We got.., what do we got, a couple hundred million.., a, a, a couple million man hours of work goin', gonna happen over on Singer Island. I live right across from that Vista Blue project. Lemme tell you somethin'. I watched.., since I go across the street to the beach a lot, I see the people coming outta there. Do you think any of them work for the City? No. You know that big resort job that just started? There's at least 50 there. I jogged by there this morning.

[Beep]

MR. J. MILLER: At least 50 people already on the site. Do you have one person from Riviera Beach that works there? You gotta get with these developers beforehand and you gotta tell them that a certain percentage, you want a… Maybe we don't have all.., enough skilled craftsman, maybe we train them, maybe we… I know you got people that could be laborers, signalmen out front…

Sorry for taking up your time.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thanks, Coach. Ms. Bonnie Larson. Thank you for your comment.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, while she's coming, let me just briefly state, for the record, that congratulations to County Commissioner Mack Bernard who did a video today, public video in opposition to what is being called the "Poison Bleach Project,' headed towards Riviera Beach.

Thank you…

[Audience clapping]

MAYOR MASTERS: …Commissioner Mack Bernard.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. I'm very disappointed tonight that we're, we're lowering our standards in Riviera Beach, especially at that project which was on the Consent Agenda and I don't understand why that was on the Consent Agenda. There's about 1,000.., excuse, there's 500 units there. Do you know how many parking spaces are gonna be there? 900, uh, nine hun'.., almost 1,000 parking spots for 500 units. That means two spots total. Three and four bedroom units, two parking spots each. They're gonna be parking in the streets. We know about road rage, we're gonna have parking lot rage in that community. We know about it and I don't know why we lower our standards. That attorney, when she came here, she said, 'Well, it's very typical that developers tell the cities what's

standard and what regulations are to be held, it's very typical for that to happen.' It should not be typical. We should be setting the standards and we should raise our standards rather than lowering them.

Now, you wanted to hear positive so when I bring up a problem I always have a solution to it. There's a median I was talking about right on Broadway, just north of Blue Heron and I said there was an old pipe there which has been…

[Inaudible dais background comment]

MS. B. LARSON: …run over and it was dangerous for someone to trip and hurt themselves on it. Well, okay, they moved that but they did not move, right next to it, there's a cement block on which there sits a six inch round cover, very easy to trip over and hit your head right in the pavement. Don't we see this when we removed the pipe? Don't we see right next to it? [Inaudible]. We have to put a cage or something around that so people don't injure themselves and, and we have another lawsuit in Rivera Beach. We have to think when we're doing things and not.., I shouldn't have to come up here and say the pipe and that cover, you should see it while you're there. Now, somebody has put in grass there so it's even, even harder to see that trip hazard. We have to communicate between our departments here.

Code, Code needs to have more information when they put up the orange signs. I have seen a few orange signs but they just write on there, just this, this property needs to be fixed. Well, in my area, there's a overgrowth of over ten feet. So what happened? The guy got the very faded sign, he cut the gross. [Ugh sound]. So now we have to wait another three months for that to come up again. The old trailer parks along Broadway, the grass is still knee high, the branches are still laying there. The fence around the pool, you talked about at that community. There was one child, I remember, who drowned or almost drowned in one of those communities out there. We needed to tell 'em to put the fence, not ask them are they gonna put a fence for us. We need to set the standard so our children don't get hurt here.

[Inaudible dais background comment]

MS. B. LARSON: City events. It would be nice when we have at the end of the meeting for us to know what's happening in the City. And last time, they said nothing's happening in the City. Well, I went home and heard on the news that the Governor of Florida was coming right to Riviera Beach the next day. We'd like to hear these things from the Council, not have to listen to 'em on TV and find out what's happening in our own City. So, let's see if we can up our standards here and, like I said…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

MS. B. LARSON: …all these thing I talked about tonight are no cost to us.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible background comment].

MS. B. LARSON: Get Code…

[Beep]

MS. B. LARSON: …after these people who are leaving our City looking like a dump, the investor'.., investors, in quotes.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms. Larson, I, I do recognize you come here every week to say almost the same thing over and over and I, I've asked Mr. Jones had we reached out to you and I believe they wanted to try to make arrangements to have you come and go out with them and so that he can go out and put it right in.., put the order in to get these things fixed. So, before you leave, could you make sure that.., just leave those items or, or a way of contacting them and they could see you afterwards if you would like to do that. But he did write down all of the things in which you just went over…

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I know sh'.., I heard her say no. So, the things that were written [chuckle] down, he wrote 'em down and, um, we'll make sure that that's taken care of. I, I, I thought we had kinda crossed that bridge already but apparently not, so, we'll make sure that's taken care of.

Thank you.

Alright. Next, we have Teresa Cook and then after that we have Ms. Anita Lewis.

MS. T. COOK: Good evening.

UNK: Good evening.

MS. T. COOK: I wanted to, um, come up here and address the chemical company that was coming in to Riviera Beach that we were allowed to come here and, trying to vote in to the system. I did a little research on the, the health dangers of chlorine. It itself, is very reactive with the human body and very toxic. It irritates the eyes and skin, even quite low levels of.., can cause permanent lung damage. Even if it does not kill you, breathing high levels of chlorine cause pulmonary edema, fluid building in the lungs. Accidents with chlorine do happen in, in Graniteville, South Carolina on J'.., January the 6th, 2005, a railroad tanker full of liqui'.., uh, liquefied chlorine gas was punctured, killing eight people that day with another fatality three months later attributed in'.., inhaling the gas. More than 5,000 people were evacuated from its immediate vicinity and some have health problems more than 10 years later.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mm, mm, mm.

MS. T. COOK: The question that I wanna ask, do the City have a, a incident command system in place to handle such an atrocity, if this happens? The second question I wanted to ask the City of Riviera Beach, is the City prepared to handle such a catastrophe and at what level are you guys, uh, is the City as a whole, able to handle such catastrophe should this happen to the residents here within our community?

Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Anita Lewis and Ms. Charlotte Darville after Ms. Lewis.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: I do wanna ask the, the Attorney a legal question based on what Ms. Cook said. At what time can I do that? 'Cause it's based on what she just said, that…

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead right quick.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Mr. [Stammer], Degraffenreidt.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: If the City, the Council, which I hope they don't, if they vote to, to accept the Poison Bleach thing in the City and if there is any type of accident, catastrophe as Ms. Cook stated, would.., would or could the City be listed as being liable because we voted and sanctioned it in?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: No. Not based upon your legislative... The entity itself could be found legally culpable if there was something negligent in their actions that caused other individuals harm to their property or to their persons. The question you asked me was about the decision and the decision-making process, like judge's decision-making process, are sacrosanct. The reason it's that way, is they don't want to impede the decision-making body of the juris or the elected body. So, the decision you make is immune from legal process. There has to be an act of negligence that makes you culpable as a legal means. Those are two different things.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh… Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm done.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, if you wanna come back with your Mayor comment and go…

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible]. That's why I asked [inaudible]...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: …back there, we can. I don't wanna hold up the public.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thanks.

MS. A. LEWIS: Good evening. My name is Anita Lewis, Rivera Beach, Florida. I have a lot to cover so if I talk too fast, could somebody just give me the slow down?

[Chuckle]

MS. A. LEWIS: First of all, I wanna thank you all for what you did for the Riviera Beach Chargers, for sending them to Orlando and, you know, the parade, everything. It was awesome. That really showed them appreciation.

Second, we had a crisis in this City December 23rd, we've had several crisis in the City. On this.., when the press conference was held, I seen all of our key figures up there but I did not see our Chief of Riviera Beach. I know that [inaudible] people say there's extenuating circumstances why he wasn't there, there's plenty of excuses. As a football mom, I don't buy excuses. He should have been there because when things go wrong in the community, we look to our leaders and he is a leader so he should have stepped up and talked to the citizens and not come to a City Council meeting and basically say, 'I was too busy.' That's how it was applied to me, that he was too busy to talk to the citizens. If he didn't have time, then he should've sent somebody else to talk to them.

Moving on, 'cause that opens up my next thing. Um, I don't know if you guys remember last December, we had all these beautiful kids here for our essay contest. Well, we're gonna do it again this year. It's gonna be a great opportunity. A lot of people in the City said they did not know about it so I'm here to announce it again, the ending date is April 3rd. If you would like to [stammer] need more information, my phone number is 561-452-4416 or you could email me at nitastory73@gmail.com. We also.., we're.., this year, we're gonna do it a little bit differently. We're gonna reach out to at risk students also so if, um, if you know any kids that, like, attend Mavericks or Turning Points, 'cause a lot of kids in Rivera Beach do attend those schools and I'm always guilty of saying, like, the people.., when we have these peace festivals, we don't reach those people because they don't come.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

MS. A. LEWIS: And I was also guilty of that myself. So, this year, we're gonna reach out to the at-risk students and at risk youth and give them a chance to express themselves, do Black Lives Matter to black people?

MAYOR MASTERS: Good.

MS. A. LEWIS: We'll also have sponsorship ac'.., activities for, um, opportunities for businesses. It starts off at $100 so it's not like it's a big thing. This sponsorship opportunity, you get them.., see a great kid but you also get to come to our fabulous brunch that we're gonna have to celebrate the youth. So, you all are gonna.., all of you all received invitations, so I hope you all can come. It's gonna be on a Saturday. It's gonna be in the City. But, um, I'm just really excited about this. This is a..,, kids are a passion of mine so I really, really, really want to make this a great event for them. For people in the audience, if you know

anyone, I have some flyers here. I also have business flyers here. If you know anyone, please let them enter. You know, it's gonna be great.

Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Give us the number one more time, please. Slow down. Real slow. Go ahead.

MS. A. LEWIS: 561-452-4416.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Madam…

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: …so much.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Comment please. Ms. Anita, in, in defense, I guess for lack of a better word, of, of the Chief, you know, the Chief, he works under the City Manager and then.., and, and it was the, the Mayor's press release and the City Manager.., and, and the Chief can't just jump into the game unless he goes through, goes through them and the Chief had invited the public information officer to speak that day as opposed to the Chief but he is ready and chomping at the bit to give information to the public about what's going on. And another thing I'd like to say is, we have other high profile agencies work.., working with us to solve a lot of the crimes and they're.., they sometime ask us to take a minute and wait a minute, if we, you know.., before we go forward.

MS. A. LEWIS: I understand.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So, he, he is ready and he wants to be, you know, to give a press conference or a new statement but, of course, he is.., he can't usurp the Mayor and he can't usurp the City Manager. So, as soon as he gets green light, he is ready to go.

MS. A. LEWIS: Well, I will ya'll would give him the green light.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible]. He ain't waitin' on me.

MS. A. LEWIS: [Chuckle]. That wa'n't a good look. [Chuckle].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Inaudible comments]

MS. A. LEWIS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Charlotte Darville and then Ms. Wary Leonard afterwa'.., afterwards.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Good evening. Charlotte Darville on 20th Street, Riviera Beach. I would like to first say that I agree with Mr. McCray about this water problem with the chlorine and all. It's very concerning. I would think it would be best if it was way out west somewhere and not located right in our City. Okay?

Um, the last meeting, none of our questions got answered. And I know before the Interim City Manager had answered questions but the last time, none of the questions got answered. I hope, by now, that you've hired a contractor to repair the bathrooms of the police department and the fire department. I know this department, here, this building has been done and the library. But, and, as you should know, that that's a code violation.

[Pause]

Okay. This is the fourth meeting that I have attended that I have asked about our street, on 20th Street, West 20th Street, being repaved. And also, the public lighting put in. I have never received a response from anyone. And I find this very, very disturbing. When Judy Davis was here, she always accommodated me.

MAYOR MASTERS: Ain't never got your street pave though, yet. [Inaudible].

MS. C. DARVILLE: I have, I have lived in this house for 53 years and that street has never, ever been repaved. Okay? And that's a main thoroughfare going right down to the water there. Alright? [Sigh]. You know, it just seems like a lot of the time, us taxpayers get the runaround. We don't get told the truth and I know that for a fact. Not only from the Council, but from other departments here and it is very, very disturbing.

[Beep]

MS. C. DARVILLE: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms. Darville, I will make sure that.., I called for Mr. Brent Johnson to come up here.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: He's here, he's here.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: He's here. Can you come up to the podium? Thank you, Ms. Darville. I do know that Mr. Johnson has spoken to Ms. Darville several times regarding the issue but I want Mr. Johnson to give us an update. Le'.., yeah. Let him come up for a minute, please.

[Inaudible background comments]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Good evening. Brent Johnson…

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Hi.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: …Director of Public Works.

That is correct, Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, I did speak to Ms. Darville on a few occasions. If I'm correct, Ms. Darville's requests were to have her street repaved and decorative street lights. We are looking into the repaving of the street, however, we have to verify some infrastructure concerns first to determine whether or not milling and resurfacing is an option. If it is, that is something that we may consider as a part of the, uh, possibly the one cent sales tax monies and, or some other funding allocations.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And what about the decorative lighting?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: That one we haven't come up with a cost estimate yet. We were kinda looking at focusing on the milling and resurfacing at this point being that that's, uh, probably more of a major concern. We have addressed a lot of the sidewalk issues that she had a…

MS. C. DARVILLE: Right.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: …while back. So, like I said, that's what we're doing, looking at the milling and resurfacing first.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And in regards to the, the condition of that particular street, would you say that is one of the, um, one of our worst paved areas in the City or, I mean, is it, is it due for another repaving as compared to some others that may need to be done as well?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: I can't say that it's the worst. I'd have to go back and look at our road assessment that was done to determine where it fell on that but it's probably not the worst but it's not the best either.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Can you check into that? Mr. Jones, I want him to check into that and maybe give me an update by Monday and then give Ms. Darville a call back to let her know where, you know, at least, the timeline of where we may be able to get that done, if possible.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: I just like to follow up one question, Mr. Johnson. We do have…

[Inaudible dais background comment]

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: …a, an improvement plan.., road improvement plan, correct?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Correct.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And the plan was prioritized, correct?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Correct.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. So, it just.., we, we currently have about $12,000,000 worth of roads under construction and it just didn't make the priority, at that particular time but it's something that we will look into and we'll provide you with an update but we had a professional plan and that plan was prioritized and we are trying to follow that plan. And it was based on need at that time.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: We'll look at…

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: …that assessment.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Thank you.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Wary Leonard should be coming up now.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MS. W. LEONARD: Good afternoon. Wary Leonard. Mr. Johnson.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. W. LEONARD: Mr. Brent Johnson, don't leave. I [clears throat], a year and a half ago almost, Mr. Johnson helped National Village/Timber Pine redo their wall.., our wall. I'm the president of the association. He met with us, he stayed with us through the whole process. Not only Mr. Johnson but his Staff came out the day that we decided to do the, uh, wall. Mr. Johnson got the police department so that we could be safe and I wanna thank him for doing that. Mr..., or Councilperson Terence Davis, you also was a vital part in doing that. You brought out young people, we gave them community hours that day, you stayed there, you painted with us, you got Millennia Healthcare to come out, their staff. They also fed us that day, all the volunteers, Millennia Healthcare fed us in the park and including the employees of the City and the residents of Riviera Beach. Mayor Masters, you came out, you helped us. We just wanna say thank you. It took us over a year and a half to raise the money to put the new signs on our wall. We have the signs up there now say, 'National Village/Timer Pine Homeowners Association,' and we just want to thank everybody for.., the City, the Council people, Mayor, everybody, Millennia Healthcare that helped us do it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good.

MS. W. LEONARD: Also, I see that there are new signs going up. Well, we have a second entrance on Congress. We would like our new sign put on Congress so that the people entering on the Congress side, will know that that is.., we.., they are coming in to National Village/Timber Pines Homeowners Association because we [inaudible] wanna take off our sign off our wall 'cause that's a beaut.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It looks nice.

MS. W. LEONARD: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. It looks real nice. Ms. Mary Brabham.

MAYOR MASTERS: You know, building walls is gettin' popular these days. [Chuckle].

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: Ms. Wary. [Chuckle].

MS. M. BRABHAM: Ms. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. M. BRABHAM: Councilman Pardo, you always have 'dressed the needs and concerns of your constituents. I'm gonna say too that when we were in the battle with the junkyard, Commissioner Pardo stood with us.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mhmm.

MS. M. BRABHAM: And she voted no against it.

[Inaudible dais background comment]

MS. M. BRABHAM: It is other things that I know that Ms. Pardo has also said no. Anything concerning her constituents over there, we know Ms. Pardo. Ms. Pardo gonna make it happen. That's the same challenge that I always invest in the whole Board here. Your obligation is to look after the whole City, not just one entity but the whole City. We labored with that last Agenda for a hour and a couple minutes, for a discussion.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hmm.

MS. M. BRABHAM: And we can see what was happening with that, with that Item there. That should not have been but yet, and still, when we gets up here to make our comment, it's three minutes. It is disingenuous for an appointee to be given a position in this City here that has no'.., other alternative motives and that's [inaudible] see that. That's the Planning & Zoning Board. If the, if the Interim Manager appointed that position, it should've been a position that.., with someone that was well over qualified. That's the entrance and the exit of our City. AICP, you know what that stands for, American Institute of Certified Planners. So,

these are the things that we should be asking and looking for, the well indebted qualification without coming with a hidden agenda. We had some of the Staff, as well as some of the mangers that were in on the junkyard. Yes. We know about it, we know about it. Now, we're back here to that same, to that same point. We have to check ourselves because the residents say no.

I do not wish this to be anywhere except for out of our City. Chair Davis, you have been all over the City, shaking down, pushing this agenda. It's evidence. It's evidence. Peoples have spoke about it, it is evidence. You are the Chair…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

MS. M. BRABHAM: …and you holler about jobs. No residents in this City should be unemployed if they really, really want to work. And you all kills us with 5 and 10 jobs. This the masquerade and the things you all set in motion.

[Beep]

MS. M. BRABHAM: We say no. This is a disingenuous toward the whole City, your property values, your health and everything. We know what's going on. We know what's going on. We definitely know what's going on.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you for your comment. Mr. Fane Lozman.

[Audience applause]

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Ms. Hubbard, who I'm a big fan of, I just wanna give you some friendly advice, do not let a woman who's under criminal investigation taint you by what she just did. Look in the Sunshine manual. You have a lawyer right there, he will tell you that you cannot have a conversation with another elected official that's not audible to the members in the audience. And the conversation that Pardo was having [sic] you, was not audible to the members in the public. So, you can look it up in the Sunshine manual, you cannot have a conversation on the dais that's not audible. She will try to entrap you, you wanna keep your distance from that evil, racist woman.

You talk about the rules, when you read your speech before public comment, this is dated the 11th of, uh, 2011. This is not the updated rules. The updated rules say that you can only talk about City business. That was never adopted by the City Council. That was a rule that was adopted by Pam Ryan. So, you have to get this in sync, this is obsolete and the City Council needs to determine, can you talk.., can it just be about City business or can it be like, in the old days you could talk about anything. So let's get some cohesiveness on that. Environmental racism, [inaudible] McCray, that was a pretty interesting term. I also believe that if you're gonna have a project like this, maybe you should flip a coin, maybe it should be on Singer Island. I have no objection to have that plant on Singer Island, I really don't. It's not gonna be there 'cause Pardo doesn't want it to be there but if you need to have a little plant to provide the plant out front here with chlorine for the Water Department and it has to

be, you know, a, a thing of, uh, necessity. Yeah, you can put it on Singer Island. I don't have a problem with that.

3 kayaks, one of my kayaks, two of Dan Taylor's kayaks were stolen the last couple weeks. People are trespassing on the property, stealing stuff. There is no security because Taylor has a light pole put in there, Dan Taylor but the City won't give him a permit to run electricity down the light pole. That's Gagnon who.., and Pardo. Gagnon and Pardo wanna say we can't do anything with our properties so he had FP&L put a light pole for two years, he can't get power to run down the light pole. That is unacceptable. Gagnon and Pardo do not run the City, the City Council does, the City Manager does. So, FP&L put in a light pole, no electricity down there.

What else can we talk about? I've been to hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of meetings, I've never once, never once in all the meetings that I've seen that have had hundreds of site plans, have seen a site plan put on a Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda is for minutes, ministerial things. It's showing here that you had a Resolution for 388 new project on the Consent Agenda? Who put that on there? That's not a Consent Agenda Item. A site plan approval for that project and, and a replat? That is not Consent…

[Beep]

MR. F. LOZMAN: …Agenda. You should really go and redo that again and pull it off and do it right. You're breaking the public policy by doing that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you for your comment. Ms., Ms. Ernestine Gordon. Thank you. And after Ms. Gordon, we'll go Mr. Dukes, Dr. Dukes.

MS. E. GORDON: Councilman and the audience. My name is Ernestine Gordon and I live in Riviera Beach here and I live in Monroe Height. I am here to represent [pause] my [pause], different areas of Palm Beach Cou'.., Rivera Beach. I have over a hu'.., almost 200 signatures, I got 187 signatures. And all these people that I talk with for quite, for quite a few weeks. I sit and I talk with them and they give me the.., they talk about all of you all up there. One of them, they very good, they impressed with and some of ya'll they're not impressed with. So, I jot down a letter for them. So, I put the information together. They sent the Councilmen a letter and they sent the Manager a letter and you know how the people, how the people feel about you. They, they are the people, you represent the people, you don't work for yourself, the people pay you, they taxes, they pay you. So, therefore, you should put the people first and not your agenda. That's what they want and they said that's what they gonna have. Okay? To the Councilmen, they say, [stammer], it appear that some of the Councilmen do not care about the people, as they were [stammer] as they represent because the City.., they're trying to bring in this hazard material that they don't want. And it's near, right in the center [sic] our community, near the school, there's schools all around and the playgrounds. Please think about what you're doing. The community he'.., the community health is very important, whether you think so or not. And that hazard material, it's not good for the community and their kids at a long period of time, and ya'll know that but yet still, that you all pushing it and they are [inaudible].., they are aware of three of ya'll Councilmen up there is pushin' it. They know who you are and they..,

I'mma be honest with ya's, they are very pissed off at you, they really is. And they also sent a letter, they also stated that they elected you, they trusted you, they respect you and they thought you respected them but they see that you don't.

And they also sent a letter to the Manager. They said the Manager, Mr. Danny Jones, would make a excellent, a good City Manager…

[Beep]

MS. E. GORDON: …for the City of Riviera Beach, for the, uh, the people in Singer Island but for the people in other area, he doesn't represent the people in the other area, only for the people in Singer Island. They wa'.., they're requesting a new, a new Manager and that's what they want and they will appreciate it if you provide that for them. And they thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Ms..., Ms. Gordon.

[Audience clapping]

MS. E. GORDON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Could you please, for the record, have those letters submitted for the Clerk's office so we can keep them for the record?

MS. E. GORDON: Because [stammer] what you wanna do? Call these people and…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. No.

MS. E. GORDON: …harass them?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. No.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Let's be clear here, for transformation, when you read the records, we need to give credit to the writer of the letter.

MS. E. GORDON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We need to give credit to the writer, to their credibility.

MS. E. GORDON: What, for all the signatures? This is what you're…

UNK. AUDIENCE: No.

MS. E. GORDON: …sayin'?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. But the letter…

MS. E. GORDON: For the letters?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: There's a letter written that you…

MS. E. GORDON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …read into the record.

MS. E. GORDON: For the letters, I read, I have scratched some of, some stuff out…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We just wanna make sure…

MS. E. GORDON: …I add some...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …that we give credit to those who wrote it…

MS. E. GORDON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …that's all, for the record.

MS. E. GORDON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright? I wanna be respectful to those who shared their opinion.

MS. E. GORDON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Dr. Dukes.

MS. E. GORDON: I'm sorry I scratched [inaudible]. I was making some correction. I was adding…

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

MS. E. GORDON: some stuff. Huh?

[Inaudible audience comments]

MS. E. GORDON: Yeah. I like to have 'em back.

[Inaudible audience comment]

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Dr. Dukes. Thank you, Ms. Gordon.

DR. P. DUKES: Dr. Philip Dukes, 1217 Avenue U. And it breaks my heart when I see a…

MAYOR MASTERS: Good, good evening.

DR. P. DUKES: …senior like Ms. Gordon pleading her heart out with things that they fought for as African Americans and we always get dumped on. It kinda.., it bothers me emotionally and mentally.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mm.

DR. P. DUKES: Same thing o'… Well, first of all, February 4th, we're gonna be doing an outdoor rally at 1217 Avenue U and we're inviting everybody to come out. It's a fundraiser for Operation Restore. I wanna thank Ms. Pardo, I wanna thank Mayor Masters, I wanna thank our Councilwoman Davis Johnson, I wanna thank Coach for all of the support that we have re'.., received financially. We had our first youth rally we did, uh, in November and we're gonna be puttin' some of that on Facebook and we're gonna be pushing the agenda to shut all dope houses in our City. We, we always talk about our youth and, and, and things that are going on and we hear it over and over again but, what's going on in our City is germane to all across the country, our youth are socialized to a culture of violence that's tied to thug life and drug dealing. You can't get out of that. You can't have regentrification on the west side, tearing everything down because drugs messed up the community and then we wanna put in other things and then drive the people out with the same problem. We can lead the nation in dealing with this by having these, uh, bridges between Singer Island, our City, our municipality and the people. What would happen in the news media? It goes out, Rivera Beach is shutting down all dope houses in their City. They have a vision, a plan. I'm just talking about the mere marchin' and protesting. I'm not talking about that, I'm not talking about vain slogans. I'm talking about substance…

MAYOR MASTERS: Hmm.

DR. P. DUKES: Because you can have a police presence, that doesn't mean anything. If you don't shut down dope houses before you have a police presence and bring presence and bring all the citizens together and say, 'This is what we're doing.' Now, you get the ball rolling. Now the people have hope. There are no young people on our streets that are hopeless. There are four mindsets out there, and another time I'm gonna talk about them, they ain't hopeless. Some of 'em wouldn't work on a pie train tasting pies. We have a counter culture in our community and we need to lead the nation in tearing down. At any time, violence can break out.

Listen, from July to January, we had a 15-year-old murdered on Dixie Highway, we had another 17-year-old murdered on.., in Stonybrook, we had a toddler and another young man killed in our City, we had a man murdered on 16 Way, shot in the head through his window and, recently, we had a young girl shot in the head. All these things are tied to thug life. But we act like we can't do anything about it. There were no drive-bys in North Palm Beach, there were none in Palm Beach Gardens, there were none in Wellington, there was none in Jupiter because we have a culture that we've gotta deal with and we start by closing dope houses. Any chemical that comes out in the…

[Beep]

DR. P. DUKES: …in the drug world, can be sold where we live at. You ever thought about why?

So, on November 4th, you all come out. We're gonna have a good time at 1217 Avenue U. We're doing it right in the heart of Riviera Beach. We're gonna move to the park at some other time so you don't have to be afraid. We're gonna have police presence. And also, also, every Friday and Saturday, you can get some of the best ribs and conch fritters in town at 1217 Avenue U.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hey, Doc.

DR. P. DUKES: Thank you.

[Clapping]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Doc, you wanna have a ti'.., we need the time.

DR. P. DUKES: Oh, I'm sorry. We're gonna go from 1:30 to 4:30.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright, Doc.

DR. P. DUKES: Okay? From 1:30 to 4:30. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Ms..., is it Madeline Irving?

MAYOR MASTERS: Dr. Philips, make sure you see Debbie and tell her I'm gonna give you, 'cause you're not gonna let me forget, I'm gonna have to give you…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And Lloyd Brown.

MAYOR MASTERS: …another $500.

DR. P. DUKES: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: She's in the office.

DR. P. DUKES: Thank you.

MS. M. IRVING: Madeline Irving, West 9th Street. My concerns is the bleaching company and their need to come and be built into my residential area. I watched the ana'.., I'm sorry, the news report where Mr. Davis said that the Council or the City would not place residents in any danger. Well, I beg to differ because, just a year ago when this Chamber was full, there was a situation and a crisis where our water was severely contaminated. Our City officials kept that hidden. I did not know, I did not know to the point where we were drinking this water, we're bathing in this water. It was the City and the governing entities that pushed it up under the rug and now we're being faced again with the extenuating circumstance where we're exposing our City residents to high chemicals and you said that it's bleach, it's bleach, regardless in, how you pronounce bleach, it is bleach.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MS. M. IRVING: And, from my education, bleach is highly inflammable, highly hazardous and to me knowing that I'm a mother, I have a elderly mother who will be subjected to this, I'm very, very outraged about this, I'm very outraged to know that I have a Councilperson that really backs and supports this, talking about jobs. There is no job that will justify poor quality of life.

Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Ms. Irving…

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

[Audience clapping]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …do you mind leaving your number so we can sit down and have a conversation so we can deal with the soundbites that you heard on TV versus the whole conversation that happened? So, I can assist with…

MS. M. IRVING: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …just being very clear…

MS. M. IRVING: I'm still…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …on my position.

MS. M. IRVING: …in disagreement…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No, listen.

MS. M. IRVING: …with it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'm not saying that…

MS. M. IRVING: I mean…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That, that was soundbites that you heard…

[Audience clapping]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …but there was a whole conversation that happened when they're asking a question about bleach versus ammonia fluid and I was just explaining the difference between bleach and ammonia. That's what.., and they took the soundbite and spit it out but I would love to have a conversation with you to be very clear on my position.

The City doesn't take a positon, we deal with the law and then we deal with the policy. That's it.

MS. M. IRVING: Okay. So, can I rebut your…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. No, no, no. Not at this time. That's why I said…

MS. M. IRVING: I don't want, I, I just wanna s'…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Let's sit down and have a con'…

MS. M. IRVING: Hold on.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. The public comment is already taken.

MS. M. IRVING: Oh, okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: With due respect to…

MS. M. IRVING: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …public comment 'cause we have Mr. Lloyd Brown is next.

MS. M. IRVING: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: But I wanna sit down and share my time with you so we can have.., hear all your concerns and questions so you.., we can talk about it in a private setting, so we can be very clear about my position, where I stand.

MS. M. IRVING: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Wonderful comment though.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Mayor.

MR. L. BROWN: They may not, up in North Palm Beach, sell the drugs but they got the boats…

[Chuckles]

MR. L. BROWN: And they got the yachts, and they got the means to bring it in so don't tell us about these kids we got.., you're gonna throw 'em to the side like dirty clothes? I'm a felon too but I've been treated like a felon. Even the officer back there, he heard me downstairs say I was a felon so when he heard me talking over there, me and the white guy was talking, he came to me. He didn't say anything to the white guy so I don't really respect him. Not at all. Because he don't have any kind of community.., you know, like, how you get along with your community people? We did that in the military. [Stammer] it's just I'm so

old that I can't think of it but I don't like his attitude, the way he came to me, and he looked at me and told me he was gonna put me outta here and the white guy's standing there talk'.., he' talkin' just as loud as I am. I mean, is, is there a white Jesus, is that what he tellin' me? He lookin' at this man like that? I don't like nothin' that's being done in Riviera Beach, to tell you the honest truth because you' puttin' the kids.., you' talkin' about drug kids. We were out there smoking drugs when these kids were home, raising themselves. You ever try to water your grass without water? You ever try to make a tree grow if you didn't put any fertilizer in it?

I mean, I'm a felon and officers treat me like a felon when they find out. They treat me like I'm a third class citizen, they don't give me the rights. When I tell 'em something happened to me, they look at me like, 'Oh, you, you wrong. You're a felon.' Or, there's one officer, he gonna tell me.., I said, 'I'mma felon because I was addicted to cocaine and I went out to purchase.' 'Oh no, you had something bad goin' on.' He don' already put his little, you know, his little tag on me. This officer.., it's not the one back here, I still don't respect him, it's not him but it's another officer. When I told him a problem about a guy threatening me, he tellin' me, 'Oh no, you probably done wrong, you're a felon.'

MAYOR MASTERS: Mm, mm, mm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And I mean, you, you got a bunch of these young guys, they only doin' this because.., you ever go to Africa, the lions don't let the other lions come in their neighborhood. That's animal instinct.

[Chuckle].

MR. L. BROWN: So, they' gonna kill each other and it's because of us, people like me and you and your friends who smoke drugs when we were out there. Now we got our grandkids and stuff out here killing up each other. You wanna blame it on them? No. Blame it on that man with the plane that dropped it off over there. I mean, you know, we got a wall still in Monroe Heights. Right now. I mean, we got a wall and they were talking about Trump buildin' a wall, tear the one down in Monroe Heights. I couldn't even walk down that wall for them to be calling me a nigger. You know? That was back in the days, this is Riviera Beach. Ain't no different right now. Only difference, we just got black people up here that's supposed to be supportin' us, then I go over Singer Island to go fishin', I gotta damn park way somewhere down because they don't want the workers to park over by this Re'.., whatever this hotel is. I don't know who.., how you gonna rent out Palm Beach County…

[Beep]

MR. L. BROWN: …public beach? That's crude.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you for your comment. That's the end of public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Next, we're gonna go to discussions by the City Manager.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: I sent out a memo requesting a Special Utility District meeting for July, uh, for.., I'm sorry, for January 25th and I wanted to check the availability of the Council for a Special Utility District meeting. We have a very important Item as it relates to Lift Station 10 and 50.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Correct.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: So, we're asking if we're able to meet that night to address that Lift Station issue?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'm ready 'cause that, that issue's been, been lingering around for an extremely long time.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I'm fine with that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And we need to get that, that resolved because residents have been questioning that issue, and we know it's a legal issue but…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'm available.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: It's next Wednesday.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are we speaking of 5:30 on the 25th, before the CRA meeting?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: The CRA meeting was cancelled.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Was cancelled?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So we meet at…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: It could be…

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: …6:00 o'clock.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: 6:00 o'clock?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: That's fine.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I'm fine.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Vice Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I sent him an email earlier and said that was fine with me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Alright. Mr. Jones, any other comments?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: No other comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Discussions by the City Attorney. [Pause]. He said peace to everyone.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh, committee reports. [Pause]. Alright.

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any comments.., let's start with the Council here, let's start on the end. Councilperson Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes, thank you. First of all, I'd like to thank Staff for coming to a community meeting on Singer Island on Monday night. Mr. Sherman did a fine job explaining the water billing process and Danny Jones and Troy Perry were there also. So, thank you.

And, with regards to the Ocean Mall, I had the Chief, the Police Chief and Mr. Jones over at the Ocean Mall yesterday and we really focused on the beach park. You know, I've been saying this for a long time, there's problems in that park at night. We have a very large homeless population living in there and there's drug dealings going on. And, um, the Chief assured me that, in the next week or so, he would have a plan to.., a zero tolerance plan for that park. In return, I said that I would give up some of my community benefits and we're gonna put some infrared cameras in the park. We already have regular cameras in the Ocean Mall, retail center and also over in the park but the police really need to see what's going on there, at night.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Infrared.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: You know, the things that happen there shouldn't happen there. That park is supposed to close at dusk, like every other park in the City. But once the lights go off and.., and that park especially is very dark because of the turtles. There's no lighting allowed in the park. So, as soon as it gets dark, you know, it goes down.

So, I'm confident within the week, you know, the Chief will come up with his plan and there'll be better patrolling around that park, especially in the evening. And then, I think once we get the cameras in there, hopefully things will be much better.

And then, the Ocean Mall lease, we discussed that and that should be coming back to Council shortly.

The other thing I'd like to mention is, I was with ERM today. They will go out and have another round of grant opportunities for cities looking to install stormwater or something that is beneficial to the Lake Worth Lagoon. As everyone knows, we were able to get close to $2,000,000 for a stormwater project and, um, you know, hopefully, we'll be able to go again and apply for additional funds. We have stormwater projects happening throughout the City. And, so you're aware, Danny, they're going to open up the application process again in April and it'll go from April until June. And I'll mention that to Mr. Johnson also. He was the one that put the application together.

And, that's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: None, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Sure. One of the initiatives that the District 3 office has started to undertake, is the.., we are looking for grant opportunities to do some rehabbing for properties in the District 3 area fo'.., whereby the homeowners are having challenges, be it financial or other. So, um, there have been some representatives coming around asking questions about properties and the District 3 office, we are in full support of that and it is our hope that we receive the grant so that we can be able to help the residents within the District 3 area with their houses and the issues that they are facing with regards to, um, to maybe Code invi'.., Code violations or just property that has been, has been failed to be maintained. So, we're excited about this opportunity and we will continue to look for other opportunities that will provide us with grant funding, dollars that will help us to improve the conditions and the livelihoods of our residents.

I want to remind you that on January 28th, the second listening tour for District 3 for Councilwoman Tonya Davis Johnson will take place on Saturday, January 28th in the Lone Pine Park from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We want you to bring your children. It is our hope that the book mobile will be available and we will have City Staff there to talk about issues and we have also extended an invitation to the.., to Palm Beach County, their engineering department with regards to the widening of the road on Haverhill. And so, it is our hope that they will be there to share information with the residents about that but certainly ci'.., all citizens are invited to come out and join us for this day in the park so that we can talk about the issues and concerns that you have and solutions that we may be able to offer.

And then secondly, on February 10th from 6:00 to 9:00, love will be in bloom in the garden and it is just a pre-Valentine's Day celebration from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. We love your

children but this is an, an, and adult only event so we ask that you please leave the children at home but we just want to experience what the garden is, see what's blooming in the garden and what the garden.., what the community garden is about. So, purpose is twofold, we want you to come out and to enjoy.

Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Love in the garden. Alright. Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I don't have much. I only wanted to take the time to introduce my new assistant, if she would please stand, Ms. Kiana Cook. If we could just please give her a little round of applause.

[Applause]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: As many of you may or may not have known, I have been out.., without an assistant since, I think, July. So, I'm very happy to have someone on board to help me get myself in order and back without driving myself crazy.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright.

[Light cheer]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, I look forward to having Ms. Kiana with me to help me out in the office and I'll be letting you all know what her office hours. She just started on, really today. So, we'll, we'll get out the information as to what time she'll be in the office and those things, as such.

And that's it. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you so much. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I have quite a bit but I'll try to be in time.

[Inaudible comments and chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: Welcome, young lady. You're, you're working with a great Councilwoman and I'm sure it's gonna be a great experience.

Election time. We're in the election year leading up to, um, the election next year. And, as we get closer, rumors begin to fly about who's supporting who, who's doing this, who's doing that. But let me just make.., let me be perfectly clear, I am 100% in KaShamba.., in support of KaShamba Miller-Anderson. I supported her a couple years ago, I'm supporting her now, I'm supporting her next year and if you hear any different, it is not true. It doesn't mean that I agree with every decision that is made by anyone but, overall, I think she has done a great job and I, I do support most of her decisions [stammer] that she has made as a Councilperson and I just want.., if anyone says I'm not, just be clear, I am supporting her 100% and I encourage everybody to, um, let's try to keep going here and keep continuity,

uh, and moving forward. So, I just wanna make sure… Just wanna make sure everybody knows where I stand.

Alright. Mr. Jones, would you look into that incident that the young man said happened? I think it's important to, um, I.., I like to know both sides of it. I think police officers should respect citizens, citizens should respect police officers. And not knowing what happened, I would like to know more about that incident and see how we could maybe, um, turn that into a win/win situation. So please look into that.

Two job fairs that are coming up, that we are working with, one is with Wawa. Is that right? Wawa.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, it's Wawa.

MAYOR MASTERS: And they are going to be holding, and we are working hand in hand with them, Wednesday, February the 1st and it's gonna be at the Wells Recreational Facility. The event will be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be an informational session at 10:00 a.m. Now, they're asking you to please fill out the applications online prior to coming. And this is exclusively, hopefully, for the jobs at the Wawa that's opening up in Riviera Beach. These are the current open positions for that store, customer service associate, pay rate is up to $13.50 per hour, night supervisor, pay rate is up to $16.00 per hour. I need that one. I'm just kidding. Application instructions, you may visit www.wawacareer.com and they are asking you to please be.., do this as soon as possible.

We are having a job fair, another job fair, a few weeks after that and we don't use the word ex-felon or felon anymore. That is antiquated and outdated. We use the new term, "Returning Citizens," and we're having a job fair only for Returning Citizens. If you are not a Returning Citizen, this is not your job fair. This is only for employers who are committed to hiring Returning Citizens. If you're not a committed employer, this is not the job fair what we have for you. What we have found out is that when we put Returning Citizens in a job fair with others that have a clean background, it's not fair because who you gonna hire? You're gonna hire the person that's gone to school, got a high school diploma, clean background, blah, blah, blah. And so, you, you're not on a level playing ground. So we're going to, um, this is gonna be around mid-February. Also, we have a young lady that's 50 years of age that called our office in need of a job now. She is a, a certified caregiver or a companion type job and she would really.., she needs work. So, if you are in need of someone like a caretaker or, or a companion, please call the office as soon as possible. I, I just think we oughta try to do everything that we can to get people jobs as, as much as we can.

I wanna thank Governor Scott who has been the job's governor, who has been, been providing and making it happen for a lot of the residents of, of Palm Beach County and, um, I thank my governor for that. I also want to… And it doesn't make me a Republican, doesn't make me a Scott supporter so let's be clear on that but when you're doing something good, we ought to say thank you for it. Okay?

So, the Office of the Mayor presents on January the 19th, which is Thursday, sponsored by the City of Riviera Beach and co-sponsored by X102.3. Special guests for this family

festival center will be Jimmy Hicks and performances by Peppi Hendrix & Remembrance, Hilltop Choir, Mount Olive Choir, Pentecostal Choir, Faith Place Youth Choir, Gospel Explosion Quartet and the one and only Art Johnson. This is gonna take place Thursday, January the 19th at…

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Tomorrow.

MAYOR MASTERS:…which is tomorrow but I know this is gonna be airing a lot so we gotta stick with the date, Thursday, January the 19th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. If you are a local vendor, please call the office as soon as possible and the vendors are all free. We're not charging, we're not asking for anything. We wanna give back to the community.

Last but not least, Mr. Jones, would you take a couple minutes and I yield to you, my time is.., I'm complete but would you take a couple minutes and talk about the midnight basketball thing that's gettin' ready to happen in our City in about a week? And give the, the opening date.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, I don't.., I don't ha'.., I didn't bring my notes with me, Mayor. The Parks & Recreation director's here.

MAYOR MASTERS: Would he come, come…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: And, we'll have…

MAYOR MASTERS:…quickly?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER JONES: …Mr. Blankenship come up and talk a little bit about midnight basketball.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman, is that okay?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Please. And I'm done. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Good evening, Council. Richard Blankenship, Parks & Recreation Director. Midnight basketball starts Friday, January 27th. We have an eight team maximum. This is for ages 18 thru 25. We will be hosting this event every other week and it's, it's, uh, probably pushed as, as an event that promotes the peace. If you have any interest, if anybody watching has any interest, they can call Parks & Recreation office at 845-4070. But, it'll be January 27th at 9:00 p.m.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. At this time, I'm gonna close out. Happy New Year to everyone at home, all the residents of Riviera Beach and those who are watching. As you all know, prior to Wawa coming in town, we had the 7 Eleven issue and I had.., took a strong stand against fuel stations coming to town. Wawa has contacted my office to talk

about changing position on their type of brand of a fuel station. Well, it wasn't a fuel station, they said they have more of an enterprise. They talked about the jobs component and what's the uniqueness about them having a restaurant inside their fuel s'.., not a fuel station but they're brand of Wawa's. I took a trip up to Orlando and actually had a chance to experience something different. I thought there was some really great opportunity for Riviera Beach to do something different on that corner. So, um, in that Item, amongst approving they agreed, at that time, when it came before the Board, to have a job fair before approval. This job fair I asked to be unique which means is, they're not coming there to fill out applications. No. They have been in contact with Bridges, the Urban League, community partnership, local non-profits that have been working with residents in our community just doing the right thing on a month to month basis. So they have they database with people, JAYS Ministry, the people they've been speaking with and they already started the process with helping them putting together resumes. They're putting their resumes together to implement the applications into the process to have a, more of a job screening process. So, in that approval., they were required to do that and then they contacted the Office of the Mayor. That's in documentation. I thank the Mayor for working with the Chair and making sure this is done, we wanna do something different. We wanna make sure it was effective, it was something that we can track the number of people that are getting the jobs 'cause the goal is to make sure Riviera Beach benefit.

They're going to have a job training process really soon but, what normally woulda happened, they woulda been allowed to do that so how are you gonna train folks that haven't applied for a positon? So that was the trigger that we put in place and I wanna thank Staff for puttin' that trigger in place to make sure that there will be no training until we get a position to compete for these jobs. And I wanna thank Staff and Community Development for making sure that took place.

Once again, we here for new year. My office number is 845-3885, if you have a positive or negative issue that you would like to discuss. I think it's a great thing we, as residents and community, come together to have a conversation to talk about your position. I need to listen, we all need to listen to work well together to make sure that we have proper communication before we come to meetings. There's a lot of rumors out on the street and rumors sometime' have the tendency to do things which is, split our community apart. There's always gonna be a right, there's always gonna be a wrong but that should not split our community apart on what we're trynna accomplish, which is working well together.

My office number again is 845-3885. I ask you to please call my office, share your concerns, work with me to make the right decisions for you.

Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So moved.

[Gavel]

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