

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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[Gavel]

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Good afternoon everyone. Welcome to the City of Riviera Beach Utility District. At this time, we're gonna call this wonderful meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**INVOCATION**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Chairperson Terence Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Here.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pro Tem KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** Present.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Board Member Lynne Hubbard? [Pause]. Board Member Tonya Davis Johnson? [Pause]. Board Member Dawn Pardo?

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Present.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Mayor Thomas Masters is an ex officio Board Member?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Present.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** City Manager Jonathan Evans?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Present.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Interim District Director Troy Perry?

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Present.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** District Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. District Attorney Andrew Degraffenreidt, III. [Pause]. District Finance Director Randy Sherman?

**DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Here.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** At this time, we're gonna stand and pause for a moment of silence as 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.

### **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Evans, do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions, sir?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Not for the sake of this meeting, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

### **DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Any disclosures by any of the Board Members? [Pause]. Here none. Let the record reflect that Utility and City Attorney Andrew Degraffenreidt is now...

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** Is your mic on?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** ...present at the meeting.

[Inaudible dais comment]

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** We have a motion, do we have a second?

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Board Member Pardo?

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Yes.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you. [Pause].

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** So, it looks like we don't have any Consent Items.

### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** No awards and presentations.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Any public hearings?

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** No, sir.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** No regular Agenda.

### **DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** So, we're gonna go to discussions and deliberations, which we have none.

### **DISCUSSION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UTILITY DISTRICT**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Discussion by the Executive Director of the Utility District. Mr. Perry.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Yes, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Excuse me, before we get started.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Mhmm.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Let the record reflect that Councilperson Hubbard is in attendance to the meeting. Mr. Perry.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Thank you, Chair. Under the discussion of Items presented by the Executive Director, we have a first update by Mr. Bevin Beaudet, on his monthly report.

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** Thank you, Mr. Chair, Members of the Board, Honorable Mayor. My name is Bevin Beaudet. I'm your Technical Consultant. I have, in your package, given you a progress report which is a rather lengthy one this time so I will not go through and..., every word of it just to tell you some key items.

No. 1, during this past month, all of our 40 Citywide drinking water samples continue to meet or exceed standards except for two instances. We had two minor exceptions where we had a total chloroform hit. One of them was at 118 10<sup>th</sup> Street and the other at 2700 North Ocean. And, those total chloroform hits are not adverse health issues, they are indicators. They are then..., they were reported to the Health Department, they're resampled..., also, upstream and downstream and the resampling came out clean. So, as a result of that, we did not have to go to public notification. This is not unusual for a Utility to have an occasional hit on chloroforms. So, I continue to be pleased with the quality of the water. And pleased with the efforts that the Staff is making and the improvements that we're making to keep that more reliable.

We've got our well fields, again, continue to be working on. We have enough wells now in production, we, we have no problem meeting the demand, unlike about six or eight months ago when we first started working on the well fields. This is a long-term process. The rehabilitation of some of these old wells that become silted up at the bottom, calcified and the production is lost, they take a while to reclaim. They have to be acidified, they have to be jet cleaned, sometimes the casings have to be replaced. So, this'll be a project, you've authorized it, the contracts are in place and, as we go forward, we'll be seeing improvements over time.

The work at the water treatment plant, good news is that the, based on your approval at the last meeting, the bypass project to get Unit No. 3 back into temporary operation, is under way. So the design build contractor, Global Tech, is working on that project. You're expecting to get it completed sometime early May. The deciding factor will be the delivery date on the mixing unit that we had to order, it's a long-term delivery item and we're trying to get that expedited. So, once that happens, Unit 3 will be back in temporary operation and that will greatly improve the quality of the water and the ability to be consistent in delivery of the water. Also, the ChemScan unit and the chloramine controller, we have received it and we have done the procurement now to install and calibrate the unit. That will also help the operators be more consistent in their operation of the plant.

I have been working to develop a training program and bring it to the Utility District for the operators on, working with them to learn more about chlorine chemistry and the disinfection chemistry that they are dealing with and also on more consistent operation and developing standard operating procedures. So, Rural Water Association is willing to provide this training. We're waiting for a proposal from them on, on how they wanna do it. And, close to my heart, as being one of the most important projects, [stammer], we're working at Avenue U pumping station and tank. Again, you've approved Global Tech, design builder, to come in and make improvements there. Those improvements are going to greatly increase the ability of that pumping station to provide much fresher water out to the western parts of the system.

We're in compliance with our FDEP Consent Order. We, of course, continuing to work on Lift Stations 10 and 50. The Staff is doing a terrific job of repairing and replacing all the lift stations in the system, starting with the priority of those, that need the most assistance, those with only one pump. The procurements are in place and we're getting a lot of that done.

The Consent Order for the Health Department on the Water side, again, we, we met all the requirements. We're in full compliance and as I already reported to you, the major projects at the water plant, the well field, that we're doing for that. I've attached to my report, a three page, single-spaced blueprint, I call it. I'm not going to read it off to you. Three pages, single-spaced, I think you would all fall asleep by that time. But, it is a very important document because it details the projects that we've completed, which are quite a number in the past year that I've been here, almost a year, 11 months, the projects that are underway and the projects that we have yet to do in the next two years. And, and I've laid that all out for you. It's a blueprint for you moving forward. It will keep you in compliance with all your consent orders but, more importantly, it will move you to where I know you wanna be, which is the improvement, reliability and consistency of your drinking water and also the environmental control of your sanitary sewer system.

So now that that's been said, I have also put in here that this will be my last progress report. Due to family issues, I have to step down from my duties with you. I will continue to be available by phone and certainly make sure there's no loose ends and I very much care about the City of Riviera Beach since I've been here, working with the Staff and, and the citizens and, and you all, as the Board. I admire and respect the consensus that you have reached on the importance and the support that you've given the projects that are necessary to do this. And the fact that you have funded them with your bond issue and that they are capable of moving forward. You've done a terrific service to the City in this regard and I'm very proud to have worked with you. Um, I'm proud to have worked with all the Staff but I wanna single out two people. And the first is Troy Perry. When I was told that I was gonna be the technical consultant and had to guide this Utility and they were gonna give me an ex-Fire Chief, you know, to head the, the whole place up, I kinda cringed a little bit, not that I have anything against fire chiefs but, uh, I greatly admire him, especially if I have a fire. But, you know, I thought, 'Oh my gosh,' there was gonna be somebody there that, you know, not know much about Utility. Mr. Perry, has learned [chuckle], so fast and so much about Utilities, and he has brought so much guidance and administrative help and leadership to the Utility and help

me be more effective by helping me guide my reports and what I present to you and I really have enjoyed working with him. And I wanna also single out Layton Walker, your Engineer.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** I've worked with many, many Utility Engineers in my career and Layton Walker's a special engineer. He not only gets the technical work but he gets the big picture and, uh, he's been a pleasure to work with.

So, again, thank you for the honor of giving me the opportunity to help you and, again, thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. Beaudet. [Inaudible]...

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Okay. Mr. Beaudet, could you come back, please? First of all, I'd like to say thank you very much and it was an honor to work with you for the past year. You know, everyone knows about your reputation with Palm Beach County and, to have you here with us, guiding us, has been an honor. So, thank you for that.

I do have a question. You mentioned in the, in the beginning of your report about chloroform hits, on 10<sup>th</sup> Street and then at 2700 North Ocean?

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** Right.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Okay. So, can you tell me why you think we may have gotten hits there? I'm really curious about 2700 only because of, you know, it's a fairly new project so there's all new infrastructure and in the roads, you know, under the roads, there's imp'.., you know, new infrastructure. Can you just explain that a little, please?

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** Sure.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** What you think.

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** The test...

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Only because the...

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** ...the test called...

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** [Inaudible].

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** ...total chloroform is a test that is a test as an indicator.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** Okay? It means that potentially, there could be a E.coli which is a health effect...

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Right.

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:**...or some form of bacteria like that, harmful bacteria. It doesn't mean there is one, it's a quick indicator test. Now, under the rules, a Utility is allowed to have 5% of their sampling stations, every month, have positive chloroforms because they do happen. Sometimes they're false readings and, you know, sometimes they're, um, in all the pipes, everywhere, have a small coating of bacteria, which is harmless but sometimes it, it might kick off a chloroform bacteria. And, as to new infrastructure, sometimes that can be the worst problem because you've got new pipes, maybe they haven't been totally, uh, you know, cleaned fully before they're put into place. It might be a, a little piece of dirt or something lodged in the new pipe that doesn't come out for six months or a year. So, that's not unusual for new infrastructure to have a chloroform hit. And again, it's nothing to be alarmed about. It was not a violation of, of any of our standards but I, in transparency, I have reported to you every...

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Yes.

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:**...result that we've had and I wanted to make sure you were aware of that.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Okay. Alright. Thank you very much. We appreciate that.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:**I, I too want to, um, co'.., well, let me just say this, I'm in total agreement what Ms. Pardo, Councilwoman Pardo said about you and thanking you for your service to our City and your very kind comment as it related to Mr. Perry, who I know. The other gentleman, I don't know but I take your word and, if you say he was good, then he was good. And we thank, thank the both of them for their service.

But, just for the record, I, I wanna ask you, is there anything, to the best of your knowledge, as you make your farewell departure from us, is there anything that, you know that we're not in compliance with?

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** No, sir. You're, you have a lot to do...

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** [Chuckle].

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** to remain in compliance. I've laid that out in the blueprint.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Correct.

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** You're gonna have a lot more procurements coming up, you're gonna have a lot of engineering procurements coming up in the next six months. You've selected new engineers and they need to be put to work to do these projects. But, you are in compliance at the present time and your, your record of sanitary sewer spills is better. And, of course, you've had that unfortunate incident with pump Stations 10 and 50 which kinda slowed down that compliance process but the FDEP did not indicate a problem with that because they knew that we had a legal issue with a contractor.

So no, we're.., if I felt like there was something that needed to be done now, that wasn't being done...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mm.

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** I would tell you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I just wanted you to put it on the record that we are in compliance.

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** Thank you, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Just for the record.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Just to piggyback on that, Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Perry.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** I think last year at this time, remember we had an issue with our, our reporting to the South Florida Water Management District? That's in compliance. The next regulatory report that's due is June 1<sup>st</sup> and that's our water quality report. So, we're in the process of trying to get those things done.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Alright. Thank you, Mr. Beudet.

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANT BEAUDET:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Perry.



**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Mr. Chair, I would also like to thank Mr. Beudet also for his hard work and dedication, um, his guidance to try to, you know, get us back on track. He's very patient, very knowledgeable in the field and I'm glad he agreed to stay on and, you know, by phone, if we need him, to try to help address those issues that may, may come up. So, I wanna thank him also, on behalf of the Staff.

The next issue up is the hiring of Executive Director. Just to give Council a brief overview, we have some booklets that we put together. As part of the recommended process by Staff, our recommendation was gonna be, um..., first of all, let's say we had 27 total applicants apply. Of those 27, 12 completed the preliminary part of the process, which included an inventory assessment that was sent out by the Human Resource Department. We have put those..., all that information into a booklet which we're prepared to hand out to the City Council. As part of that, we were gonna..., Staff's recommending that if it's the City Council's desire to look through and select five individuals that you feel meet a certain criteria. We also established that those benchmarks within..., some recommended benchmarks within the, the booklet. After that stage, once you identify those five, we were..., Staff was trying to determine which way the C'..., the City Council wanted to move. We know you guys wa'..., I'm sorry, we know the Council wanted to be actively involved in the process but now that we have a new City Manager on board, we were trying to get some direction whether or not you want us to send that information..., do you wanna send that information to the City Manager to complete the rest of, uh, the, the process, something similar to..., he..., what he would do for other department heads or Staff is prepared to give that information and schedule interviews so the City Council can be involved.

But tonight, we do have a memo and booklets for all the City Council with some recommended guidelines to move you through the process. However, we just wanted to get some direction on whether or not you wanted to, since we have a new City Manager, send it to the City Manager so the Manager can look through 'em and make a recommendation to the City Council.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I can support that.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am, Councilperson...

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Okay. So...

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** ...Pardo.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** ...Mr. Perry... Thank you, sir. So, Mr. Perry, are you suggesting that he take a look at all of the resumes or go out or continue receiving resumes?

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Well, and I've ha'..., I've not had this conversation with the Manager but if..., it's up to the Council, if you'd like, I can sit with the Manager and, and take a look at him and make him decide..., I mean, let him decide

however.., well, like I was saying, I was just trying to make sure... I'm sorry, Mr. Manager.

[Chuckles]

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** I was just trying to say, if you all wanted to continue in the process, out of the 12 candidates, you could each select five and we would put 'em in a format, let every.., you know, be transparent, let everybody know who, you know, who selected those five, give that information to the City Manager and let the City Manager continue with the best process. But, we're open to whatever process the Council desires. We just knew from the beginning you wanted to be involved in that process.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Correct.

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Before I go to you...

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** Come back?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Evans wanted to...

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** Oh.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** ...make a comment and I'll come back to you.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** If it is the pleasure of the Council, one of the things that we can certainly do as part of this process, is I, I do not agree with us going out to conduct a search. I think we have had people that have gone through the process, have taken time and effort to submit the questionnaires, et. cetera. I think, if we were to take the process and look at the existing candidates, if the Council wants to narrow it down to five but certainly, since this position is such a critical position to the organization, one of the things that I would recommend is probably a public interview process whereby the candidate is brought here, similar to that of the City Manager, and Staff can ask the questions and then, individually, I can meet with the Council and get your perspective on each of the candidates and then, ultimately, work with HR to proffer a, a offer to who the successful candidate is, an o'.., and an opportunity for the City and the residents to actually be able to ask additional questions of that particular candidate or candidates.

That's just a thought process that I, I just wanted to proffer to the Council and see if that's something that you would entertain.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Well...

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Councilperson Hubbard.

[Inaudible dais comment]

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** The, the only thing that I was going to say is that the process that, or the booklet that Mr. Perry referenced, I think it would be a good idea to let the Manager look at that process to see if there was anything that he would add or take from the, from the process in, um, in the same time, be able to review the 12 and, as Mr. Perry offered in that process, we too would be able to, to weigh in on who we thought the top fi'..., the top five was. But, the process itself, I was just thinking more..., another eye on the process would be good to, to look at it and then we just, you know, move forward as he la'..., as they both laid out.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Councilperson Pardo.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Okay. So, I have no problem with what Mr. Evans said. However, this is a very technical position. You know, we're hiring an engineer to run the water treatment plant. So, I think there needs to be someone additional on the panel, like a Mr. Beaudet.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** [Stammer]...

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Seriously. Because, we are all lay people. Right? I'm not a scientist, I'm a banker. You know, so everyone here has different expertise. So, I just wanna make sure that there is someone who knows which questions to ask. Have you thought about that, sir?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Mr. Chair, I, I did have a conversation with the gentleman about participating in the selection of the Utilities Director and he kindly obliged us. So, he will assist us in selecting who is the individual that is going to be the, the next Executive Director of the Utility, especially bringing that historical knowledge and perspective, I think is extremely valuable to the process 'cause he can ask the questions to see if they in fact, know how to address the challenges we have as an organization.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Okay. I'm good. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. I can support that.

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** I, I agree with that, the process. But, the only question I'm just asking is, are we try'..., are we going to select the five or are we going to allow them, 'cause I kinda heard both, I think. Do we want to..., are we doing the five or are we gonna let them...

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** We, we...

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...select the five?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** We're all gonna choose..., select five for him to make a final decision and recommendation back to the Board.

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Give him a strong pool to work with.

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay. That's fine.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair? So, it's just a wonderful thing we won't get back into a ranking controversy again. So, we, we've learned from that experience. So...

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Well, Mr. Ma'...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...[inaudible]...

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Well, Mr. Mayor, we tried to go through the document with a fine-tooth comb and try to identify...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Chuckle].

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** ...those critical issues that were raised last time...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, that's why...

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** ...to try to...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...we, we grow...

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** ...avoid 'em this time. [Chuckle].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We grow from our experiences.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Alright.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** The next item up, Mr. Chair, is the update on the lift stations project.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** As you know, uh...

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Excuse me, before you get started, I don't wanna cut you off, before we get started. Let the record reflect that Councilperson Davis Johnson is here. Mr. Perry...

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** I'll be...

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** ...thank you, sir.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** ...very brief.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Take your time.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** The [stammer], the next update is on the lift station project. As you know. About a month ago, two months ago, you entered into an agreement with Wharton Smith to take over the project of renovating Lift Station 10 and 50.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Just an update. That project has begun. A couple of weeks ago I think I sent you a letter showing that they were shutting down and, and, uh, shutting down the road over on Singer Island [inaudible] Lift Station. We're still going through that process and they're, um, have began their work and again, we hope to have that project complete probably in the next 60 to 90 days but we haven't had any other issues come up so far but I just wanted to let you know that project is moving forward.

The last item was update on the ECR. As you know, the City contributes a lot of money to this ECR project and I think it's important that sometimes the City Council hear from those individuals who, uh, who we send the money to and we put faith in that they're handling our services. One of the things that was just identified that.., in the upcoming budget, they're making some recommendation', increasing costs. I thought it was important that, you know, City Council have an op'.., the Board has an opportunity to hear a presentation and ask questions and give an overview of what we.., what they anticipate the cost might be going forward. So, I'd like to.., the gentleman from West Palm...

**MR. C. SANDERS:** Good evening, good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Good evening.

**UNK.:** Good evening.

**MR. C. SANDERS:** Board Members, Mayor, he stepped out. [Chuckle]. My name is Cliff'.., Clifford Sanders. I'm the Executive Manager of the East Central Regional Wa'.., East Central Regional Water Reclamation Facility and I'm here to give you a brief update on the status of ECR.

Okay. Alright. So, to go over some facts with ya'll, ECR is the largest wastewater treatment plant in the county. We average.., we have an inflowing flow averaging 70,000,000 gallons per day. We're owned and operated by the City of West Palm Beach. And, since 1991, ECR is governed by an interlocal agreement, agreement by five entities who contribute flow and Riviera Beach, as you can see, is o'.., one of the entities that contribute flow to the ECR. ECR produces reused water for FPL cooling towers and irrigation of the ballparks of the Palm Beaches. Now, something that I have to emphasize is that, this plant built in 1977, is a very old plant and there, there's much work that is needed to reha'.., rehabilitate and modernize the plant, which brings me into some of the, the projects that we have slated.

Alright. Major projects, within the next three years that's gonna occur.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mm.

**MR. C. SANDERS:** Now, you ma'.., you all may have been briefed on the Biosolids Improvement Project. That's our big one. It's \$92.6M. That's ongoing now. We have other projects, process water upgrade project, the blower and air piping modifications and, uh, but the major one here is the Biosolids Improvement Project. And with these particular projects, they are needed. Again, I can't emphasize enough how much they're needed to modernize and bring the plant into reliable condition.

Some ma'.., some minor projects that we have coming up within the next three years are transfer system pump rehab. These minor projects are here to help increase the operational efficiency and reliability of.., reliability as we go through.., proceed forward. So, these are some of the minor projects. And, like I say, there are a lot other projects that's not mentioned here but these are some of the major/minor projects I, I should, I should say.

Now, to emph'.., to state the City of Riviera Beach's part in this.., let me go to the next slide.., which is the cost, or Riviera Beach's financial obligations. Now, our, our Capital Improvement Pan, the contribution of Rivera Beach was discussed at a budget workshop on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Riviera Beach's contribution is proposed to be \$869,811, which is \$255,646 more than fiscal year '17. Now, the ECR Board still has to approve this and, once it's approved by the ECR Board, it'll come to the District Board through the 2017-'18 budget process. On the other side of this, or on the other part of this is the O&M budget. There's a workshop scheduled on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Now, currently the budget of.., the O&M budget for the ECR Facility is estimated at \$31,000,000 which is \$3,000,000 more than it was in fiscal year '17. And the esti'.., the estimated flows are factored in here and that if you have any new clients, their part.., the, the uh, the impact is.., the costs are absorbed partly by the new clients. Now, this also has.., this also goes through the Board and a district portion will also come in the 2017-'18 budget process. Now, just to give you an idea, the O&M budget for the City of Riviera Beach last year was 2.6, uh, about \$2.6M. Alright? Roughly, Riviera Beach contribution towards ECR is 11%. So, whatever our O&M budget is, Riviera Beach is usually responsible for 11% of our O&M budget.

Now, to end, I have a video that I'd like to show. We're get'.., we're gonna get ready to see a video, show.., to show of our major Biosolids Improvement Project and I think it's a neat video to show you the improvements that have occurred over the last year. [Pause]. Now, with this Biosolids Improvement Project, this will produce, after this comes online, this will produce methane gas that can'.., that's.., it'll produce methane gas that could be used for profit also, plus, it's gonna reduce the electrical costs of the facility which, in turn, reduces the O&M. But, as you'll see in the video, it shows, like, when things started in 2015 and a year later how they progressed with our major project.

[Video begins to play]

**MR. C. SANDERS:** The big round tanks are our digesters, our anaerobic digesters. We're gonna have four mesophilic digesters and two thermophilic digesters.

[Video continues to play]

**MR. C. SANDERS:** Okay. That was it. Any questions?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, sir.

**MR. C. SANDERS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** You talked about the \$255, 646 more this year, that hasn't been approved yet. What triggered that increase in that number?

**MR. C. SANDERS:** Well, there were other things that.., this was in our CIP, our Capital Improvement Plan, there was other things that, uh, deemed necessary, like, our blower, our blower upgrades. That, that became such a vital part. That became such a vital part that.., and the cost for that is what escalated [stammer], what escalated the cost from last year, basically, new blowers and modi'.., modification of the piping so that we can stay compliant, FDEP compliant.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Did, did everyone receive an increase, all the cities that you had listed up top?

**MR. C. SANDERS:** Yes. And it's proportional based on flow.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**MR. C. SANDERS:** So, Ri'.., like I said earlier, Riviera Beach's portion is 11%, usually 11% so it's, it's based on flow, flow towards the ECR.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** What is that timeframe of finding.., do we have a deadline before Staff can actually look it and before we make a fin'...., before the Board make' a final decision on, on that number?

**MR. C. SANDERS:** You have time. Um, the final vote is usually scheduled in June.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**MR. C. SANDERS:** For the ECR Board.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** That'll be all. Any other questions by the Commission? Mr. Evans, you have anything...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Certainly. The increase from what has been last year to th'.., to the proposed number this years is a 30% increase, from what we've contributed in the past. So, how do we get in a situation that does not allow for us to continue to see a 30% increase when, in the video, there's cited that there was gonna be some profit sharing and some efficiencies that were gonna be gained because of some of the new technologies. So, I'm just concerned as to how do we control the cost associated with that because that 30% increase is going to, in essence, going to provide some challenges for us as we get ready to go through the budget process.

**MR. C. SANDERS:** Right. Okay. Now, one of the things that was discussed with the ECR is that this particular, the next two years are front-end heavy. ECR is a very old plant and there are a lot of things that's, um, going bad. The equipment, you know, structure wise and to remain compliant is becoming a chal'.., more and more challenging each day. So, there was an emphasis to front load this heavy in order to get, to get by these, uh, to get, to get around.., to get through these problems. So, with this, the, the major projects that, the major projects that I had listed up there, those.., between those within the next three years, between those and the minor improvements, we will get by this, at least, within the next three years. Now, after that, things should slow down.

It's front heavy the first two years because that's when most of our major projects are being done, these first two years, most of 'em [stammer]...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Well, and, and, with regards to these types of capital projects taking...

**MR. C. SANDERS:** Right.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...you know, years to complete, would there be some type of opportunity whereby the City would contribute, not necessarily the 30% up front, but 15% this year and maybe 15% next year because, the reality is, you're not gonna complete all the entire projects in a, in one fiscal year so it's not such a large burden for local governments to be able to absorb as part of their budget.

**MR. C. SANDERS:** Now, that's something that the ECR Board, which, I'm just the Executive Manager of it, but the ECR Board will have to discuss that. Now, however, with the ECR Board, the way that.., how this gets passed is based on the proportions. The county has the biggest proportion, the City, Lake Worth, Riviera



Beach and then the Town of Palm Beach. Now, there's a certain voting majority that will rule out if we get o'..., if two of the big entities say vote for it, then, no matter what the City of Riviera Beach may want, they're just automatically drawn into it.

That's more or less a decision to the Board that you can send to the Board through your representative who sits on the Board.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Mr., Mr. Chair? One of, one of the things, as you know, Layton Walker, our Engineer, is..., sits as a representative for the City and my, my challenge is to try to get information put together something for the Manager to review and that way, we could take a look at all the numbers and, and see exactly, you know, where the costs, the additional costs lie. And, as a ma'..., matter of fact, I think we should put our position in writing so when our representative does attend the meeting again, he can express the Council's, and the Board's desires.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** And, and if this is a public meeting, that's something that we all can go and share our sentiments at that meeting, at the time, to support Staff and, and the Board representatives at that time, as well as members from the public.

**INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Mhmm.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Anyone else? [Pause]. Thank you, sir, for your presentation.

**MR. C. SANDERS:** No problem. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Alright. So, that's the end of Mr. Perry's... I wanna go to public comment 'cause we have two public comment cards. We're gonna go to Mr. Horace Towns.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** One moment, Mr. Chair, I [inaudible].

**MR. H. TOWNS:** Good evening. Good evening to the Board.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Good evening.

**MR. H. TOWNS:** I rarely get the chance to get to these meetings that early but three things that I wanted to touch on real quick. First off, glad to see the City Manager in attendance. Kudos to our, to everyone involved in the water issues that we had the last couple months. I just wanted to give my input.

One, off the top of my head, the percentages towards the CIP investment, the 15 and 15, I thought was a brilliant idea and, hopefully, you know, at least, having that conversation is something that'll be accepted by the Board. Second, just something I wanted to add. When we were talking about the position that we're hiring for, for future references, this is something I always add, we have oftentimes, where you'll have

candidates that have major degrees in certain areas but their experience is something that lacks. Oftentimes, you have guys that have had investment of 20 or 30 years in that field and there's certain certifications that are required that we're gonna need and it allows them to sign off on certain projects, and that will save the City money. So, oftentimes we'll get someone with a major degree and, and major credentials but they don't have the experience and they really don't function well with the employees that have been there for so long.

And, the last issue, is something unpopular but I am thankful that we have tackled the issues regarding water and, but this is something that, hopefully, in the future, we can start to address., the, the young man kinda was going down that road, the conversation of a new plant. We have become proactive in this City and I, I love what the Council is doing now but oftentimes, there are repairs that are necessary now, that are emergency repairs but if we get ahead of the curve, I would love for us to make repairs but not over repair to the point that we have a, a plant that still needs addressing in additional areas. So if, down the road, we can have that discu'..., conversation about a new plant that'll put us ahead and it's able to handle the growth of Riviera Beach. We're growing on a residential and commercial level and having a plant that can handle more volume and, and a plant that is not stressed that much, will be essential.

You know, I like what we're doing but we can have that conversation for the future to get a, a plant will be something. I don't know if it will be a bond project but, um, I really believe that, if we talk to the residents in this City, that they will be on board to have that kind of investment in our future.

Thank you, guys.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, sir. Ms. Bonnie Larson.

**MS. B. LARSON:** Bonnie Larson. My apologies for being late. I just read about the meeting this morning and my... I'm here late. So, um, the thing that I wanna talk about, you may or may not have discussed 'em already but, we had two sewer spills in Riviera Beach, this month, one January 31<sup>st</sup> and one the first part of March. Something is wrong. Bad for tourism, even worse for us. There was a lady on TV this week and I saw she was pouring water out of her faucet and it was green. The City spokesman came on and said, 'Nothing's wrong with our water, it's fine, it's been tested. It's fine.' It is not fine. In Alcoholics Anonymous, I understand, the first thing they do is make you stand up and say, 'I am an alcoholic.' I'm not but you have to admit to a problem before you can fix it. And for someone from the City to come on and say there's no problem with this water, that's sweeping it under the rug and we can't be doing that all the time. I don't know if you're an animal person but, you know, if you don't..., dogs have very, very sensitive noses, they can now sniff out cancer, they're doing all kinds of things with dogs and I have told you twice... Oh, the spokesman said that there have been no complaints. I have stood right here and said twice, 'Our animals will not drink this water.' It'll sit there all day, they will dehydrate themselves before they do it. So, go to my car, water bottles in there, all the time. It's

really inconvenient to have to go out and buy water and our water bill went up \$20 this month. Even taking the laundry out, what are we using the water for? I don't know. If I could somehow shower without using it, I would. But certain things you have to do. Our water is not fine.

Now, someone mentioned to me that we may..., we're probably on the main line 'til we get more chlorine than somebody else but, no, everybody has to get chlorine equally or whatever they're putting in the water. I, I don't wanna be, for the next 20, 30 years, having bad water because we're on the main line. Everybody should be getting the same amount and the water should be good. It is not good.

So, I don't know what you talked about, about hiring someone for that position but we need to do it and we need to get someone who knows what they're doing. The gentleman who just spoke said something about, 'Well, they won't know our employees.' That has no'..., that's the least of our worries, that they won't know our employees. We need to ha'..., know someone who's got experience with this type of thing. You can't just hire somebody because you like them or because they live in the City. [Pause]. So, you know, we need, we need to get that position filled. It's been, it's been vacant too long and we're suffering because of it. I'm trying to be patient, going out and buying water every three days but I'm gettin' tired of it. And I wanna know that our water's good. It's not and I'm tired of Riviera Beach saying, 'It's wonderful water.'

Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Ms. Bon'..., uh, Ms. Mary Bram.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair, I just wanna make Ms., make Ms. Bonnie know that the Health Department did test the water and we have the document, I have it, and we have the article that it came back the water was fine. They didn't find anything... Well, I'll give you the report. You can have it.

[Pause]

[Beep]

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Ms. Mary Bram, Riviera Beach.

I too still have concerns about the water. Early in the morning when you turn on the faucet there is a foul smell there, early in the morning. I am too disturbed about this announcement, this meeting at 5:30. There was no announcement for this meeting here. I am also disturbed about, I was in the meeting a couple weeks ago when the committee for finding the Utility director, it was 15 or 12 applicants and you said that you wanted these applicants to come before the Board. And I'm also, along with other residents, are disturbed because no one, in Riviera Beach, represents this Board here. The residents concerned. You had..., each one of you all Council

representatives picked out someone. Cunningham, Pat Johnson, Richard Ryles, Mami Kisner, Michael Brown and Mr. Hunter. That was, was on the list for the committee for the Utility District to select the Utility Director. That's an injustice. We've already gone through this with Michael Brown. I know each one of you who picked these people here. Mr. Hunter, I would assume Ms. Pardo...

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** No.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Not, not you, Ms. Pardo?

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** No. I was, uh, my choice was Mr. Stuart Cunningham.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Okay. Mr. Cunningham, okay. Thank you. Ms. Pardo, Mr. Cunningham. Raise your hand for Pat Johnson. [Pause]. Who was Pat Johnson?

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** She's Riviera Beach [inaudible].

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Thank you. Richard Ryles? [Pause]. Mami Kisner? I know the Mayor did that because I talked to him about it.

[Inaudible dais comments]

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** [Pause]. Michael Brown, TD Davis. I was informed that TD Davis did that.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** That's not true, just for the record.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Okay. For the record, make the clarifications now because we have this list. We have this list.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible] questions just let her speak.

**UNK.:** [Inaudible].

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** So, you don't have to answer the question 'cause I'm puttin' it out because it, it, it is in black and white.

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** Ms., Ms., um, [stammer], Mr. Chair...

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Let', let's...

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** Let me just say...

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** So, so...

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** ...this about...

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** ...if you...

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** ...that.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** ...would care...

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** [Stammer].

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** ...to...

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** No. I don't want you, I., no, people have a tendency to listen to stuff but as, as you remember, we put together a technical advisory committee. Michael Brown, Richard Ryles, Mr. Hunter, they all were st'..., were, were a part of the original Board. Now, when we came back and allowed the other Council Members, when we moved into the phase of picking, picking a Chair, some of the people remained on the Board. Mr. Davis said, 'Ms. Hubbard, in order to keep some of the people that you have, you can have my slot. I won't, I won't pick anybody. You can leave some of your people in place.' The other Council people named, um, some persons that they want, both Ms. Johnson and Ms. Pardo. Mrs. Anderson said the person that she named did not get back to her, to go ahead and leave the people from the technical committee that was in place there. So therefore, you have Mr. Brown, Ms. Ry'..., Mr. Ryles and Mr. Hunter. That's how they stayed there. I just want to..., sometime, Mr. Chair, you have to clear up stuff upfront. It's not a matter of going back and forth. I just wanted to get the..., set the record straight as to how the people got on the Board and who chose who. Mr. Ryles was chosen for the technical sup'..., asked to be on the technical committee by me, as the [stammer] liaison, so was Mr. Brown because he'..., the fact that he had did the report. Mr. Hunter is an exquisite expertise in the field and he has knowledge of, of Riviera Beach. So, people were chosen for a real reason, not fly by night, uh, peo'..., reasons. And, as I've explained to you, is how everybody got on that Board and why they're on that Board. They are on there because they're solid people with background and knowledge and have a, a connection with the Water District and Riviera Beach.

Thank you.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Some of these peoples mean this City no good. Some of 'em are lobbyists and they're lined up with these developers. And, and, and, and you stated that TD Davis had that slot. But, but, but the names that are in here, remained. You can't get around this.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** You can't get around this. It, it, it is more qualified people to address the needs and concerns of our Utility District. That governs our water entity because it is life. We are..., we are tired of the people that comes with these hidden agendas.

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mhmm. Okay.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** And Michael Brown.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Just for the record...

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** That was a volunteer committee and we've asked publicly for over a month, for those to put in applications and those were the applications that were.., that came before us and there's some folks are still waitin' for others. And, like I s'.., like was stated by Councilperson Hubbard, I chose not to select anyone. So, I gave my selection away so that the Board can have peace so we can make sure everybody else got their membership on board. So, if we have qualified people in Riviera Beach that wanna apply, they can apply and I welcome them all. So, let's...

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Mr....

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** ...let's keep encouraging our people to participate in the process. Councilperson Pardo.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Okay. I just need to put this on the record. So, Mr. Cunningham has been a resident of Riviera Beach for over 25 years and he has been an engineer for over 40 years.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yep.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** So, I just wanna put that on the record. And that's why he decided to come onto the committee and help us. So, you know, I wanted [stammer], everyone needs to know he's not just, you know, some fly by night.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Well, a lot of folks...

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** He has...

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I received a lot of phone calls on his behalf. At least, in my office, and a lot of emails on behalf of...

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** ...Mr. Cunningham.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** He is.., you know...

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** So, he came highly recommended as well.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Highly recommended, highly respected.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'll just ask a quick question. I was told by someone, and I don't remember exactly which administrator, but I was told that once we be'..., once we choose the department head for the Utility District, that they would..., this committee would be dissolved. Or will this committee continue?

[Inaudible dais comments]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. Somebody..., I'm just asking a question.

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** It should be...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** 'Cause I was...

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...dissolved.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...told...

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** [Stammer], my understanding was that it was going to be dissolved.

**UNK.:** Mine too.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** It would be dissolved? Okay. I, I just..., I wanted to make sure that I got the correct information.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah. That was the purpose of the committee.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** So, we're done with public comment at this time.

### **STATEMENTS BY THE BOARD**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** We can start off with statements by the, by the Board. We can start to the right. Councilperson..., Commissioner Pardo.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** I have nothing, thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Hubbard.

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** The.., the only comment, Mr. Chair, that I wanna make is that, I don't know of any of the persons on the Board being registered lobbyists. If they were a registered lobbyist on the Board, we would, we would not have chosen them. There aren't any registered lobbyists to date on, on, on that Board. And again, everybody that was on there was chosen for their experience and their back'.., their background knowledge and, of course, once this process is over, the Board will be.., will be dissolved.

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** I just need to get a point of clarification. At this particular point, what is best for this Board to do? For this technical advisory committee, what is left for them to do?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Miss.., for the committee?

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mhmm. What's left for the committee to do?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Um, no. Nothing.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Nothing.

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, therefore, it should be dissolved immediately?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah.

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** Because, what's happening is, the Board.., if I walked in and understood the conversation with regards to the, um, finalists that we were going to submit to the City Manager, that's reviewed by this Board? This body. So, there's no further need, unless there's something else that we are not being told as it relates to what their role is.

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** The Board didn't get a chance review it, Madam, um...

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** Which Board?

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** The, the committee that you're speaking of, they didn't get a chance to review it because the, um, questionnaire had gone out to some people and not to all so we waited until it, you know, came, came back.

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mhmm.

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** But it does not have to take, take place. It can be dissolved and we can just shift it from that piece straight to the City Manager. That's



not, not necessar'..., you know, not necessary. But you're correct, the process was that they would review once we got them in, once we got them back and then they would, you know, come up here.

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mhmm.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr....

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** So, you're right.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Evans, would you mind repeating to Councilperson Davis Johnson on the recommendation that you wanted to see happen?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Certainly. What is Staff's recommendation is for the Council to short list the candidates up to five and then, from that point, we will then bring those candidates before the Council in a public interview session whereby the Council and the public will have an opportunity to question the candidates on their expertise. I've also asked the gentleman that we have secured a rela'..., a relationship with as it relates to providing technical assistance on our utilities to serve in the interview panel [stammer] in that professional capacity. After we then sel'..., discuss the expertise with those particular candidates, then I would meet with the Council individually to get your perspective on the Utility District Executive Director and then we would proffer an offer to the number one candidate and then proceed forward.

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay. With that being said, then there's no future actions for the technical advisory committee to undertake so then we should then make a motion to dissolve that, that committee and move forward with the, um, with this Board's review and submission of finalists.

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Any questions before we call...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I agree.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Clerk.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Board Member Pardo?

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** Yes.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Board Member Hubbard?

**BOARD MEMBER HUBBARD:** Yes.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Board Member Davis Johnson?

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you. Vice Chair Miller-Anderson.

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** I don't... For comments?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON:** No. I don't have any.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. I was gonna say it at, at the other meeting but since it does relate to the Utility, I can say it now. I've always thought this, for many years, I'm guilty for not saying it publicly but I really think that the Council, this Board, CRA Board should look at the selection process of Chair and Pro Tem...

[Inaudible dais comment]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We have a lotta..., I think I'm probably the eldest person here, we got a lot of these young, brilliant minds up here and I don't think it's really necessary for one person to Chair all of these boards and not to have to wait a year, or whatever the time may be, to have an opportunity. So, at, at the appropriate time, whenever you all think it's appropriate, I would like for some discussion as to..., if the Utility Board could also have the selection as to who that Chair could be, not necessarily the same person. Why not spread the brilliant minds around?

[Inaudible dais comment]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Training, it gives [stammer], it gives 'em time to train and not have to wait for one position to open a year later. That's just me. I don't know, no one in the room may not feel that way but that's just my personal opinion and I just wanted to put it on the record, Mr. Chair.

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Alright. At this time, I have no further comments. I'll let Mr. Evans, if you'd like to close... Oh, Mr. Atkins, I see you got a card, did you wanna be in the public comment for the Council meeting which is right after this meeting or did you wanna say it now?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** If you do it now, you don't have to wait. [Chuckle].

[Inaudible comments]

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** No. 'Cause he p'..., he want..., he told me he's gonna speak at the Council meeting. He submitted a card and I wanna respect...

[Inaudible comments]

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, sir.

[Inaudible comment]

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Evans, you got anything you wanna close it out with?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** No, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, sir.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** At this time, can I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** So...

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** So moved.

**BOARD MEMBER PARDO:** ...moved.

**BOARD MEMBER DAVIS JOHNSON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Alright.

[Gavel]

[End of video/audio]

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- EXECUTIVE MANAGER ECR CLIFFORD SANDERS MR. C. SANDERS
- HORACE TOWNS.....MR. H. TOWNS
- BONNIE LARSON.....MS. B. LARSON
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