

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
JUNE 21, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** I'd like to call to order, the City of Riviera Beach City Council meeting for June 21, 2017. I'd like to call it to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mayor Thomas Masters?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Present.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chairperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson is absent. Chair Pro Tem Tonya Davis Johnson?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Here.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Lynne Hubbard?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Here.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Dawn Pardo? [Pause]. Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Here.

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

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Present.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Andrew Degraffenreidt? [Pause]. Mayor Thomas Masters?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Present.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Okay. I thought, thought so.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You called me first. I said present.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Oh, okay. I'll [inaudible].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I was just trying to see...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** You may proceed.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...what was wrong with...

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Let's us please stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilperson Pardo.

[Moment of silence]

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** I pledge allegiance...

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

[Inaudible dais whispering]

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you.

## **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mr. Manager, are there any additions, deletions or substitutions for this Agenda?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Yes, there is, Madam Chair. There is two Community Benefits that are being added. One is Upscale Studio, Inc. in the amount of \$250 by Councilwoman Lynne Hubbard for the 2017 Youth Leadership Exploration Retreat, June 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The next is Item 11B. It's the Riviera Beach Parks & Recreation Department, \$1,000, Chair Pro Tem Tonya Davis Johnson to defray the expenses for the Riviera Beach Charter's 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' traveling basketball team to attend the national championship. And then, we will be deleting Item 76-17 off of the Regular Agenda.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Are there any additional?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** I have a, an additional Community Benefit agreement, Madam Chair, for the basketball clinic that's being held in Riviera Beach over at JFK. I would like to add somewhere between \$500 and \$1,000, only because I'm not sure how much I have left as far as community benefits go.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** So...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** That will be either \$500 or \$1,000?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay. So, we'll add that as Item 11C?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Anyone else?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** And, Madam Chair, if I may. If.., we have our visitors from Freeport, Bahamas in attendance. We'd like to recognize them during awards and presentations with a Proclamation.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay. We will place them in that order.

**DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Are there any disclosures by Council? [Pause].

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Hearing none, entertain a motion for adoption of the Agenda.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** It's been motioned and properly second. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Hubbard?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Pardo?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis Johnson?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Do we have any comment cards? Public comment cards?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Madam Chair, we do not have any public comment cards for the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THESE ITEM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS

**A COUNCILPERSON SO REQUESTS IN WHICH EVENT THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Are there any Items to be pulled? [Pause]. Madam Clerk. [Pause]. Actually, a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Pardo?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Hubbard?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis Johnson?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

[Pause]

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Where are we now?

[Pause].

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** We are now at the end of Consent.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Are there any petitions and communications for filing?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** There are no p'... None.

### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Awards and presentations? Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. Madam Chair, the 40 members delegation from Freeport, Bahamas have not arrived yet. I don't know where the bus is or what's the problem. I would prefer for them to be present when I give the Proclamation and, if not, I'll.., if I can do it at the end and give them time to get here, I would appreciate it.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Public hearings.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** None.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Wow.

[Chuckles]

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** We are moving right along.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** [Inaudible].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We're not complaining.

[Chuckles]

### **ITEMS TABLED**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Do we have any Items that have been tabled?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** None.

### **REGULAR – OLD BUSINESS**

#### **REGULAR**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Old business, regular?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** None.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Hmm.

### **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Discussion and deliberations. [Inaudible].

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Madam Chair, if I may, I have a couple of Items for.., under discussion and deliberation. One Item that has just come to light here over the last couple of days, if I can have the Interim Procurement Director as well as Assistant Chief Madden to talk about some moisture intrusion that we had at the Police Department and that we need to move forward with respect to remedial work to correct some of those issues and they can speak more specifically on this Item but it has just come to our attention today

and we are asking authorization to proceed forward with addressing these particular issues in the amount not to exceed \$37,440 and the company is Hi-Tech Roof & Sheet Metal. They went through a competitive bid process, Bid No. 892-17-3 and Staff is prepared to provide further information.

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** Good evening, Council. Manager...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Good evening.

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** ...Mayor...

**UNK:** Good evening.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening, sir.

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** Ricky Little, Interim Director of Purchasing. The Item that we're speaking on is the roof., the intrusion of water into the Fire Department. We just discovered this recently.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Police.

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** Police Department. Excuse me. We just discovered this recently and we had already put out a solicitation to do roof repair in the City Hall Complex, so we're gonna tag this under that particular solicitation that we put out.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** When was that solicitation...

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** It went...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...released?

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** It closed., we just...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** The...

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** ...sent...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** The RFQ was issued on 11-1-2016, was closed on 11-20-2016. It was posted on the City's website, DemandStar, Palm Beach Post. There were six proposals submitted. There was four firms that were invited for oral presentations, three firms were chosen according to a committee scoring recommendation and a letter that was provided by the Public Works Director. And for the completion of the roof, the Hi-Tech Roofing & Sheet Metal Corporation was the one that was selected, through a competitive process.

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** That's correct.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Any questions or comments from the Board?

[Pause]

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Do... Do you..., this.., being that this was quite a few months ago, do you still have the, the package or the information for those that solicited and when you narrowed it down?

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** We do have that, [stammer], Councilwoman Hubbard.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Okay. I, I'd like to get just a summary over the process and who competed.

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** I'd be more...

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** And how many...

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** ...than willing to send that to all...

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** ...responses that we had.

**INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE:** ...Councilmembers, okay? I'll send.., I will send that to all Councilmembers, okay?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you. No further questions from the Board?

**COUNCILPERON DAVIS:** Uh-uh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you. Mr. Evans.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** That concludes the presentation. And before Council takes official action, we have to entertain public comment.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Were there any comment cards?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** There were none.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** It was a [stammer] discussion and deliberation [inaudible], right?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** But if the Council takes official action, you have to open it up for the public.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** So.., and I need an official motion to be able to proceed forward with spending the \$37,000, 'cause it's over the City Manager's purchasing threshold.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay. Motion to approve the \$37,000 expenditure for remedial work for the intrusion of water in the Police Department.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** It's been motioned and property second. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Pardo?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Hubbard?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis Johnson?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mr. Mayor. Mr. Evans, if you would just pause for a moment since the delegation is here, would you like to...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...present your Proclamation?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Madam Chair. [Pause]. I'm going to ask the..., they said 40 but you look like 100 to me.

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Forty-member delegation from Freeport, Bahamas to stand at this time. First, let's give them a hand. These are all young people who have come to our City...

[Applause]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...to visit us. Some are..., some, it's the first time in Florida and, and others, the United States so we're very pleased.

I would like to preface this Proclamation first by thanking Former Chair and Former Co-Chair, I think at the time, Dawn Pardo. When we went over there to join Riviera Beach as a sister City to., the Freeport, Bahamas, rather to become a sister City to, to Riviera Beach. It was Councilwoman Dawn Pardo, Chair Billie Brooks and others who supported this and I want to thank her personally for her leadership in helping us to make this an official partnership and relationship, that we've had [inaudible] Freeport since January



2012. I am also honored and pleased that these young people, that range from age, what, 12 to 16, Patrice?

**UNK:** All the way up to 18.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** 12 to 18?

**UNK:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That have come to participate in several activities here in Riviera Beach. I'm particularly excited to hear planning, participate and sharing tomorrow night. I'm ex'.., ecstatic and excited that many of these young people who are stand' there in the chor'.., in the choir and I understand they're going to really tear the house down.

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...tomorrow night, which is Thursday, June the 22<sup>nd</sup>, here at the City Hall, there in the, um, outside in the amphitheater. And, of course, if it rains, which we're praying that it does not rain, we will be inside here but they're gonna be singing and we're excited tomorrow night. They're on program with the Derek Mack Band, which is also great.., a great band that everyone knows. It's also.., they happen to come during this month which is Black Music Month, which gives a little extra flavor to your talents and your gift that God has blessed you with. So, we're very excited, tomorrow, June the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday at 6:00 p.m. And then, they will also be visiting local churches on Sunday.., excited about that. And that's part of the Proclamation. So, at this time, I'm going to ask my highly qualified Chief of Staff, Debbie Isaacs, to read the Proclamation 'cause her eyes is a little younger than mine.

**CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS:** It's alright. You can hold it. [Chuckle].

Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

WHEREAS, the City of Riviera Beach originated as a coastal fishing village, populated by many transplanted Bahamians and with only 85 miles of ocean between Freeport, Grand Bahama and Riviera Beach, Florida, officials from both cities recognize their residents are far more connected than the deep blue waters that separate us; and

WHEREAS, to capitalize on similar geography demographics, industry and climate, Riviera Beach and Freeport embarked on a sister city relationship in January 2012, developing a variety of beneficial exchanges of ideas, businesses and very distinct cultures; and

WHEREAS, 40 members of our sister city family came to town Tuesday to share their talents, this time in music and sports. The Tabernacle Baptist Christian Academy choral group is here to sing for us at the Family and Friends Day celebration in the municipal courtyard and, later this week, they will minister in song at several local churches. Plus, the school soccer team will engage in a few friendly battles this weekend,

emphasis on friendly, against the Palm Beach Soccer Academy. But know this, win or lose, the rematch will be on the other side of our sister city oceanfront; and

WHEREAS, since this is the first time many of these young visitors have joined us here in Riviera Beach, our Bahamian brothers and sisters will also tour some of our famous sites, such as the bunker on Peanut Island, the Marina, Ocean Mall, the Rapids and pose for pictures beneath historical street signs, about which, only their sister city can boast. President Barack Obama Highway crossing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Ms. Isaacs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Bishop Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the residents of our City, I do hereby proclaim June the 20<sup>th</sup> through June the 27<sup>th</sup>, because they'll be here for that long, as Sister City Days with our Grand Bahama family in the City of Riviera Beach.

I'm going to ask the Chief of Police, Chief Clarence Williams to, to come 'cause I want you to see our Chief so you'll know that this is our Chief and I want you to know who he is in case you need a Chief, you call him, not the Mayor, call him.

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Amen. Give the Chief a hand as he comes.

[Applause]

**CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS:** [Inaudible whisper]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Pardon me?

**CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS:** [Inaudible whisper]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And, I was told, I'm being told that the Fire Department is hosting you this evening and we're looking forward to that.

Okay. I'm presenting this to Ms. Patrice Moore. And also to Mr. Floyd Giddens [sp] from the, the coach of the soccer team, that's gonna lose in a couple days, right?

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No. I'm just kidding.

On behalf of the residents of Riviera Beach, I do hereby proclaim that week Freeport, Grand Bahama in City of Riviera Beach.

Give 'em a big hand.

[Applause]

**MS. P. MOORE:** Good evening, everyone.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**UNK:** Good evening.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Good evening.

**MS. P. MOORE:** We're so delighted that you would take it, you know, really welcome us in such a grand fashion and this evening, we just want to salute Mayor Masters and his team for having accommodated us. You know, this just started out with an idea and sharing with him, he was delighted in hosting us and we started out with our fundraisers and whatever we needed to do and Mayor Masters and his team did their part and, hence, we're here. And we're here for friendly matches.

[Chuckle]

**MS. P. MOORE:** Let me stretch friendly.

[Chuckles]

**MS. P. MOORE:** However, we're not sure who's gonna turn out the winner...

[Chuckles]

**MS. P. MOORE:** ...but, we're hoping that we will be. And, as he said, the choir is also here to sing and we're here just to have a good time so thank you so very much for having accommodated us and we hope that this will be a long-lasting relationship.

Thank you very much.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

[Applause]

**MR. F. GIDDENS:** Well, I too want to say thank you very much to the Mayor and to his team for accommodating us and we're humbled by this experience and we're grateful that you've seen it fit to accommodate us.

Thank you.

[Applause]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Just for the record, the soccer team and the choir teams haven't charged us a dime so there's no, no tax dollars. They just wanted to come and have a good time. So, we oughta give 'em another hand for that. Thank you.

[Applause]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, having said that, I look forward to sharing and meeting with you. Yeah, we helped coordinate some of the, the itinerary but the City Council and

the City Manager, they're the ones that make everything happen in this City. I just, I'm the face of the City sometimes.

Thank you very much and thank you very much, Madam Chair, for having our friends and sisters from the Bahamas to be with us tonight. Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes, Mr. [inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Mayor, you stated earlier that they're gonna be attending some churches on Sunday. Have you identified those churches yet, so we all know where to be.., where to be at this Sunday?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I, I do but.., and I don't yet but I know there's gonna be two or three. So, we're not, um...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Have you identified one?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We're not prepared to announce the names of those churches at this time.

Thank you, Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Just wanted [inaudible]...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, [inaudible]...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Any other comments from the Board? [Pause]. Welcome, we look forward to seeing your, your performance on tomorrow evening and we wish you the best in your friendly soccer matches.

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Let the record reflect that Attorney Degraffenreidt is present.

**CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT:** Here. [Chuckle].

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mr. City Manager, do you have any additional items?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Yes, Madam Chair. If we can allow for the young people to, to depart from the Chamber. They've got.., the Fire Department is gonna be hosting them and they've got some neat activities scheduled for 'em so we'll give a moment to, to depart from the, the Chamber.

[Inaudible background discussions]

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Where are they staying?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Where's the Mayor?

[Inaudible dais discussions]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's just my guess, you know? The Mayor coordinated [inaudible].

[Inaudible dais comments]

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** So, I wonder if they came over on the boat, on the cruise ship.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Cheaper that way.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, I just forgot that Mr. Willis Williams is cooking the barbecue for the teams tomorrow night at the City Council. And, that's the first time I get a chance to eat his barbecue tomorrow night but he's doing it.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** For peanuts.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Mr. Mayor, where are they staying?

[Inaudible dais comment]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** In a hotel in West Palm.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mr. Manager.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Madam Chair, just a couple more Items. On Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., we would like to hold a special meeting of the City Council to discuss the interlocal agreement between the Port of Palm Beach, as well as another Item would be the Site Plan approval of Heron Estates. Both these Items are of importance and we wanted to ensure that the entire balance of the Council is here for those particular Items, so, that's why we're requesting a special meeting to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup>, Monday at 6:00 p.m. and we're gonna have the Treasure Coast planning authority

present to provide a update on the interlocal agreement and the progress that the Port has made with respect to their Master Plan and other items.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam, Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Evans, it's my understanding that we was trying to schedule a meeting for Busha to come to the Council or the CRA so that a lot of the folks that wasn't here prior can get updated before we actually have a meeting with the Port. So, is that something we weren't able to do for July pushback or?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** We can have that when we have that meeting with Mr. Busha on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We can then schedule a subsequent meeting...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...on July but I did wanna get the presentation from the Council and then get direction from the Council as to when you'd like to schedule that meeting with the, the Port. Yes, sir.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Have you polled the Board to determine availability? Or you just..., this is your first notification?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** This is, this is the first notification. This is first and we will make contact with the Board and look at what some available time would be for the, the follow-up meeting, the July meeting. But we are scheduling a regular meeting of the City Council on Monday to discuss the interlocal agreement, as well as the Heron Estate Site Plan approval.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** If the...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Heron Estates Site Plan [inaudible]...

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** The interlocal agreement, are we expected to vote on that on June 26<sup>th</sup>?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** No, ma'am.

[Inaudible dais comment]

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** It's just, it's a update and discussing the Items and bringing the Council up to speed with respect to the interlocal agreement and discussing how do we decide to move forward as an organization and scheduling a subsequent meeting with the Board.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** And for the Heron Estates, with the Site Plan approval, have we [pause], have we looked at that Site Plan? Has it been presented?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** It has been presented and approved by Planning & Zoning, yes. And, and the reason that this Item i'.., that we're scheduling it on the Monday is

because, with legislation changing potentially at the state and federal level, the.., since this is a affordable housing project for our senior citizens in our community, this is something that we'd like to, to move on sooner rather than later because a lot of their funding is tied to some mechanisms that may change if...

**UNK:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...things change on the federal level.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** The.., I wanted to... I subsequently was on that Board when they were putting this together so I'm concerned that this.., the Site Plan has gone through the Planning & Zoning but what I.., so, if we're going to be expected to vote on it on Monday night, I'm thinking that it's kinda like site on, you know, on site, we see it once then we just get to, to approve it but between now and, I guess Monday, I can look in'.., dig into it a little more because I don't think that we have or have enough.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** We, we have the information ready to release. We were gonna release that information and you would have the same information that was furnished to the Planning & Zoning Board and so we would release that tomorrow afternoon. It would be up on the website for...

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** But, tomorrow afternoon is Friday and...

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** ...we're being...

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** I agree.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** ...asked to vote on it on Monday, is what I'm saying. So, if we had any questions or anything that we needed to know about it, which I'm sure we do because [pause] I know the project so I want to.., so, you know, I'm just wondering, if it was ready to go to Planning & Zoning, why then didn't we get a copy of it so we could...

[Inaudible dais comment]

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** ...you know, vet it and have our questions asked? 'Cause we're being handed it and now we're being asked to vote on it?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** We can certainly, if it's the pleasure of the Council, we can certainly not bring that Item forward and just have the discussion concerning the interlocal agreement. The request to have this come before the Council was predicated on the request from the Housing Authority to say that they would like to have that discussion with the Council 'cause they're concerned with respect to moving forward with the projects because of some things that are happening on the federal side.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam.., Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Evans, to.., is there anything that prevented the Housing Authority from coming to our meeting and doing a presentation tonight as far as, at least, an update.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Originally, I anticipated that there were, were going to be only three elected officials here this evening so we kept the meeting light and since this is substantive project, we wanted to make sure the entire balance of the Council was here. That's also why we postponed the discussion on the interlocal agreement with the Port of Palm beach as well.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Pardo?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So, Mr. Evans, I agree with Ms. Hubbard. Tomorrow... You know, I think it's too late to get the information tomorrow. We were just given this booklet to, you know, to review over the weekend. We have a budget workshop on...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Right, on...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Saturday.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Right, Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, Councilman Davis' birthday. And, you know, we all have a lot of stuff going on and I just don't know why it needs to be rushed. If you really think it needs to be rushed, I need all that information tonight.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** We can...

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Because I'm sure I'm gonna have questions for Staff.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** We can certainly do that. We can...

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...release that information tonight.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** But, if it is the pleasure of the Council to postpone it, we can do that as well.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Can we consider, as opposed to rushing it for Monday, with this being Wednesday, can we take a look at a Thursday or a Friday after the holiday in July, to give us an opportunity to review, digest and answer any.., or, have answered any questions that we may have?



**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** We can certainly do that if it's the pleasure of the Council. Would you also like to do that with the interlocal agreement as well or?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** I would request that we..., it would be my position that we have that as a single Item because we don't know how much time that will take and we don't want to have two Items on that we may never get to the second.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, if my colleagues...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...are amenable, I would think that we should have a special meeting to deal solely with the Site Plan approval for Heron Estates.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay. I will go ahead and...

[Inaudible dais comment]

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...look to schedule a meeting after the holidays for the Heron Estate project.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Manager... I mean, not Madam Ma'..., I'm sorry. Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes, Councilman...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Evans, do [pause]. I think..., I know we do have a CRA meeting right? Correct? Next Wednesday? To the Board.

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** 'Cause I'm, I'm thinking, if so, to..., versus calling a special meeting on the day that we're not here, if this Board's gonna be in place for the CRA meeting, maybe we could meet an hour before the CRA meeting to address the Heron Estates presentation on Wednesday. If we're gonna be here for a CRA meeting.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** So, you think a hour is enough time?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I, I don't know. I'm..., is..., I think we will find out. One thing I would suggest is that, you know, since we're flying through this meeting, if Staff can kinda give us a briefing about what they may be seeing and what some of the things to look for [inaudible], you know, tonight but they may not... They wasn't prepared 'cause obviously it wasn't on the Agenda.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So, I hate to put [sic] in a position as if they're not prepared but next Wednesday, I'd just like to get a preliminary presentation to see where we're going and if Staff choose not to do nothing at that time, if we wanna wait another

meeting to do that then we can do it later, but I'd like to at least see what's going on other than... 'Cause my next thing I'm gonna be doing is pulling next, next Planning & Zoning meeting on TV, I'm gonna watch the presentation and see what recommendations are made before what came to this meeting. But I would like to at least hear something next Wednesday, if we all can, you know, can do it 'cause I know our schedules are pretty different, flexible, well, a little different during the summer. Then, maybe [inaudible] do have to call a special meeting in July, to do it and I'll be more amenable to hearing that. But...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** The Finance Director just provided me some additional information and, and I apologize for not knowing that it's the..., we have a budget meeting next Wednesday.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** But, what we can do, is we can, we can...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...find a, a time to, to brief the Council on that, the Planning & Zoning Board with respect to that particular project. It was a very clean project, there wasn't many items that were of concern and they did express their, um, and, and we can have the executives here to be able to communicate their, their perspective on that item. So, I'll, I'll, I'll find another day that we can try to work it in and maybe it's something that it's before the budget hearings or what have you, when this Board will convene to, to discuss that particular item.

The other item, is it still the pleasure of the Council to move forward with a special meeting on Monday to talk about the interlocal agreement with the, the Treasure Coast planning authority? Their Council?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Well, I've just been informed that there will not be a CRA meeting next week so perhaps we can look to hold that meeting instead.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay. So, we'll have that. We'll move it to the date of the CRA meeting.

[Inaudible dais comment]

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** [Inaudible].

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Um...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That makes sense.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Another item, if we're..., there's any additional comments with respect to those two items... [Pause].

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, for clarity, you're going to look to schedule the Heron Estates meeting on next Wednesday?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Correct. And we will have that before we get into the budget discussions.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** No. I, I, I somehow think that that would be too much and we don't have enough time to notice it.

I see her waving.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** We have a budget meeting Wednesday.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Yeah. No. I, I was gonna plan it before the budget meeting but if, if that is too much of a stretch, I can just find another day.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yeah. Let's just...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Let's find another day.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** I'll find another day.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Let's poll the, the Council, find out what works for everyone...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...and we'll get it scheduled.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay. Um...

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** So... Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Pardo?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So, if we're gonna hold off on Heron Estates, how long do you think, Mr. Manager, the Treasure Coast update'll take?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Treasure Coast presentation should maybe be about a 30-minute presentation and then it depends on the dialog from the Council, so...

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So, can we have that on Wednesday, before the meeting and then, you know, then we don't have to have a special meeting on Monday.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Sure.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, we're talking [inaudible]...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** We'll get with...

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Is the Council...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...the 28th?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** ...okay with that?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Well, we'll confirm with...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...the Treasure Coast. But yeah, we'll..., can make that work.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** And then you kill two birds with one stone.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** No bird killing. Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** With that being said, so, the Heron Estates is, is not time sensitive. Well, we don't know what the timeframe is, is that what's happened?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** It, it.., if you speak to the development team, it is time sensitive. They're asking for us to move this through the process fairly quickly because there's a bunch of different funding mechanisms that are tied to it and they're just concerned with some fluctuations that may occur and changes in policy that may adversely impact their project. That was the intent about trying to bring this forward, and they can speak in more specific detail with those issues. I don't have the documentation in front of me but, certainly, somebody from the Housing Authority...

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Email them.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Did, did...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...can provide some...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Did they recently notify Staff on this or is this something they've been discussing for quite some time?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** We, we originally looked to have this Item on this particular agenda but when I found out that there was potentially going to be three elected officials, and since this is a substantive issue, we decided to push this back to another Council meeting and then we decided, 'Okay. Well, on the 26<sup>th</sup>, we really need to talk about the interlocal agreement.' So, it made sense to possibly put both of those Items on and have those two as the only Items.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Here, here's my concern, with all due respect. So, that development in that community, has [sic] waiting a long time to get something done and we wanna be responsible. And, if a Commissioner can't be here, we respect that but please allow who's ever here to at least hear it and if, if it's something [stammer], especially if the District representative's gonna be here. I think that's where the buck starts at, ya know what I mean? And, if that individual's gonna be here, then [pause] I, you know, I would at least like., because if something happens, I don't wanna be in a woulda, coulda, shoulda position. But [stammer], I think that's something we coulda

definitely, as light as the Agenda was, it shoulda been on this Agenda. It shoulda definitely been on this Agenda so we could at least heard it then, if we wanted to postpone it, later, 'cause it mighta been some, some things that may have been a little tedious, then, then cool but if it's something very simple and our seniors in our community can finally have somewhere to go and be in a position to support, I'd'a been ready for it. But, I just don't wanna see us holding something off the Agenda that.., and the District representative's gonna be here, you know, I think that should be their call, if it's their Item. I mean, if it's the District representative. You know, that's important. Now, if things change then I don't wanna speak.., I don't know. Alright? But, we waiting a long time for the Housing Authority to get some things going and I definitely wanna see something happen over there. I'd just like.., at least like to know. I mean, because if I had known there was some things going on, I woulda came over and sat down with you one on one and got some more information from you.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Ya know? But [pause], I just really wish I knew what the timeframe was so we can go ahead and schedule a meeting now for.., for early July do we need to or what that may be?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** We would probably look to get this meeting, or get this Item on first part of July, first meeting in July.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Well, I, I do understand the position that Councilman Davis is taking but I do believe that we need an opportunity to review the documentation and to gather our thoughts and questions, if there are any as it relates to the Site Plan. I too, as District representative, I'm very concerned and very supportive of the project and wanna see it move forward but I need to be able to do my due diligence as sure.., as I'm sure all of my colleagues need to do their due diligence in reviewing the documents, reviewing the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Committee just to understand the position that they took on the, on the Site Plan.

So, I looked at the calendar and I thought we could offer a date of July 6<sup>th</sup>. That is a Thursday.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Now the.., I believe July 5<sup>th</sup> is the regular Council meeting. Do we want it...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** It depends upon the, the load of the Council meeting.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** You know, because what I don't want to see happen is we load up the Agenda and we want to have this presentation, this presentation will require dialogue and a back and forth. So, we need to be cognizant of how that Agenda is, is...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Yeah.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...is scheduled.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** No. We, we can make sure that there's adequate time allocated for that particular project on the July 6<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Then we'll put it on the July 5<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's fine.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** With the understanding...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** July 5<sup>th</sup>, yeah.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...that we want the Item heard.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Wonderful.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's cool.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** I'm good with that.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I definitely [inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** But please provide the...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Hubbard...

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** ...P&Z minutes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...is that good for you?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Yes, that'll be fine for me.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, as a part of the backup, the minutes will be included?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Correct.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you, sir.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** No problem.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Any other comments from the Board?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Evans, which.., what was.., which meeting that was, um, heard on in Planning & Zoning? What.., do you know the date on that?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** I think it was last week.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Yeah. It was last...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Last, last Thursday?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Last week, yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Mhmm. And, what we can do, is we can send the meeting minutes and the video link to the balance of the Council so you have that, so you have access...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'll just pull it online.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible]...

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** I need it.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'll, I'll take the minutes though but...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay.

[Chuckles]

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** I don't have Channel 18.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Okay. Alright.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Any additional...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** So. And then, that Item.., one of the Items that we'll discuss at the next regular meeting of the City Council, is scheduling an executive session to discuss SEIU's contract and IAFF, our two labor.., one of our.., or two of our labor unions and getting a closed executive session with the Council to discuss strategy. We will bring forward some recommended dates at the next regular meeting of the City Council so we can get those scheduled and then sit down and, and discuss strategy with the elected officials but I did want to inform you that those two Items, those two contracts, are up for renewal on certain aspects, for discussion. So. And then, if there's no questions, I just have one last Item.

Obviously, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July falls on a Tuesday and I wanted to see if it was the pleasure of the Council for us to be able to consider suspending City services on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to allow for the employees to get the July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> off. The fiscal impact to the organization would be about \$100,000. There is money in the budget that would be able to sup'..., absorb that fiscal impact but we think it would be a good thing for the employees. They've worked really hard and it would allow for them to have a long weekend. The fiscal impact is attributable to those that will work and get holiday pay. So, I'm requesting authorization to proceed forward accordingly, if it is the pleasure of the Council to give the employees Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> off.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Pardo.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. I have no problem with it. I think it, you know, look at it as a little bonus. You know? So they can have a long weekend and enjoy it because now we're really getting into the budget season, there's gonna be a lot of meetings, a lot of additional work. So, yeah. I have no problem with it. I think it's a good idea.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I don't have any problem with it either. It, um..., our employees are the backbone of, of our, of our City as it relates to the City of Riviera Beach and government and all that they do and I do know they had furloughs one time so cannot make up for the past but certainly it sends a signal that we care about them and this is something that is..., that's positive and good and to say thank you and we appreciate your labor. Someone said the harvest is plentiful but the labor is a few.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Quick question. So, the 4<sup>th</sup> is on Tuesday?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** It is.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So, they're gonna relax, party 'til Monday. Then Tuesday, come to work and...

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** No.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Tuesday is the actual holiday.



**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Tuesday is...

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Is the holiday.

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

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Inaudible] Tuesday.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh. So, they have a four-day weekend?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. There's [inaudible].

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** It's a floating holiday in essence.

[Chuckles]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That'll work.

[Chuckles]

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Hubbard?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** I'm, I'm fine with it. Absolutely.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And we're off too. [Chuckle].

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** And this is all nonessential personnel, that we're talking?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** It's, it's..., it's nonessential personnel but those that are required to work, there's some, Parks & Recreation, Utility District, police officer. So, they would receive holiday pay for those days that they would work. And the fiscal impact would be about \$100,000 and we could absorb that in our existing operational budgets, and personnel budgets.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Awesome. I believe that you now have unanimous support of that. Do we need to place it in the form of a motion or?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** I think so, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Pardo.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** I make a motion that we give all of the employees of the City of Riviera Beach July 3<sup>rd</sup> off and provide due compensation to the essential personnel who need to work on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to keep...

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** ...the City running.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** It's been motioned and properly second.  
Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Pardo?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Hubbard?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis Johnson?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** That concludes my Items from my report.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay. And that was your discussion by City  
Manager as well?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Mhmm.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Nothing...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...further?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Nothing further.

#### **DISCUSSION BY THE CITY ATTORNEY**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Discussion by the City Attorney?

**CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT:** None.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** City Council Committee Reports?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you. This past weekend, um, this past week, I travelled to Orlando with the Florida League of Cities as a stand-on..., the new committee that was..., well, they changed the names of quite a few. The growth management is now called the Land Use & Economic Development. In that committee, one of the things they all talked about was making sure that all the committees find a way to use our priorities to support home rule because, in Tallahassee, the legislation's really been challenging home rule, aggressively. So, what we've done and we've talk about in all our priorities, making sure that we address how it's gonna impact home rule with supporting it as a top priority and the top four was saving CRA's [pause], impact fees and annexation, along with home rules. That was the top three that we, that we chose to do at that time. So, the second week in July, we'll prioritize those into a top two, as we get closer to it but home rule has really been at risk this year in Tallahassee. And so, all the committees that really come together to focus on, on making sure we protect home rule, along with sticking to the same priorities that we have in place. So.

That's my brief committee update.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you. Councilwoman Pardo.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. So, I sit on the Municipal Administration Committee for the Florida League of Cities and we also had our committee meeting last week in Orlando and we went through a variety of issues and decided that three of our top issues were vacation rentals. Vacation rentals are taking over residential communities throughout the State of Florida. It used to be the coastal communities were getting inundated with these real, you know, mom and pop motels, where people were renting out their houses to Airbnb, VRBO and other organizations and, you know, renting them for a day or two or a week and, in the State of Florida right now, residential communities really don't mean anything because you can open up a motel next to someone's home so we decided to make that an issue and that's been a top priority for the past several years. We also decided to move forward with sober homes. You know, that's been a fight in South Florida for a long time and we've, you know, through the years, started getting a little traction and every year we get a little something more in Tallahassee so next session, we're going to ask for mandatory licensing for these sober homes. We have a lot of sober homes that do what they say they're going to do but we still have a lot in Palm Beach County that are just taking money. Uh, they're taking insurance money, they have these young people from up north, they come down here thinking they're going to get clean and they don't. And we've seen it. Our Fire Department and Police Department have seen it. They're running four or five OD's a day and the majority of these kids that are OD'ing on heroin and fentanyl are coming out of the, out of these sober homes and drug treatment facilities, or so-called drug treatment facilities.

So anyway, so we're gonna ask the state for mandatory [stammer], licensing.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Licensing.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** And then the last thing is, municipal elections. For the past two years, there's been a push up in Tallahassee by several representatives to change municipal elections. The [stammer]...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah. We discussed that too.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** The vast majority of municipalities throughout the State of Florida hold their elections in March and some in Tallahassee think that the municipalities should hold their elections in November. And we've been fighting that for two reasons, home rule. You know, the state shouldn't tell us when we should have our elections and also, if the municipalities are forced to have their elections in March., in November, we fall to the bottom of the ballots. So, you have the, you know, all the federal races, you have the state races, you have all of the state amendments, you have county races, county amendments and then we would fall to the bottom. And if you do that, there's gonna be a lot of, you know, there's gonna be voter fatigue. So, that's an issue that we all decided that we're going to take up against. So, we've been able, for the past two years, we've been able to kill it up in Tallahassee but we've been informed that it's coming back again. So, you know, this was a tough session and next year, or next session, is gonna be even tougher. So, all the cities, the 412 cities throughout the State of Florida, we all need to stay together and fight...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Fight.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** ...Tallahassee. I don't know what's going on. There's something., you, you know, you think there's something in our water, there's definitely something in the water up in Tallahassee.

Anyway, but that's all I have, Madam Chair. Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Any other committee reports? Councilwoman Hubbard? [Pause].

### **STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Statements by the Mayor and City Council. We'll start down here with Councilwoman Pardo.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. The only thing I'd like to say is, I'd like to remind the residents in Yacht Harbor Manor that we're having a meeting tomorrow at 6:00 o'clock at the Ambassador Center to update everyone on the street and stormwater project in Yacht Harbor Manor. And we will have Staff there and our engineers and I look forward to seeing everyone. And, um, that's all I have.

Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** What time?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Madam Chair. 6:00 p.m.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I don't got much to say but I'd like to say Happy Belated Father's Day...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** ...to all those that I could not see on Father's Day but, to all the fathers at home, Happy Father's Day. If you didn't get it a second time, I'll give you one now.

That'll be all.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Hubbard.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** I just wanted to remind the citizens and Staff that we have a basketball clinic here that's being led by Otis Birdsong and Anthony Goldwire. The next group that they'll be hosting will be at our Boys & Girls Club because Palm Beach Lakes is under construction so we get two turns out here this summer, we had one the week before last at JFK and another group will be at the Boys & Girls Club starting on Monday. So, if we can support them in any way, I would like to encourage us as a Board to do so.

Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you, Councilwoman Hubbard. Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes, Madam Cahir. Walter, if you can get a good shot of the picture that I'm gonna hold up 'cause we didn't.., weren't able.., the computer's not working in the room but again, this is the Derek Mack Band that will be [stammer] that.., excuse me, that will be performing June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday, tomorrow, Thursday, June the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the.., our courtyard here in Riviera Beach along with the Bahamian Choir. We're looking forward to that. We also will be honoring some of the minority new businesses in the City on tomorrow night and I certainly invite, as we always do, my fellow Council people to share with us as we share with families, for family and friend businesses and the, the entertainers as well. It's just a wonderful thing and I do wanna emphasize, June the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday. And I keep repeating the date because it's gonna be running over and over, that, if it rains, we're prepared to move everybody inside and, uh, downstairs and we'll continue and then if God blesses us with sunshine, we'll be outside. And again, I'm looking forward to the barbecue that.., Willis Williams is gonna bring his truck and he's the only vendor that will be having barbecue tomorrow night and we're looking forward to that.

Madam Chair, I also want to mention that I had an opportunity to go with several young people, their parents and chaperones, supervisors, et. cetera to New York City, Midtown New York they call it, Midtown Manhattan rather. I went with the Palm Beach County Children's Choir, or whatever they, they say, choral or whatever. Many of the young people that perform in that choir are from Riviera Beach. Several of them actually live

close to City Hall, some on Military and Former Chair Billie Brooks granddaughter was one of the children that performed. We were the only choir to perform from the State of Florida, in Carnegie Hall. There was a choir from Czechoslovakia that performed and other places. I was so proud. I was so proud for a couple reasons. First.., first, to represent the City and, and to know that we were the only choir from the State of Florida. But more importantly, we had the largest African American delegation in all of the choirs that performed from the various states. That was a proud moment because many of those young people did not know the history, that people died and, um, went to jail and all kinds of things to gain public access, public accommodations rather and access to these kind of places and many of them did not know that the first African American that performed in Carnegie Hall was Marian Anderson. And to see [stammer], I literally sat there and tears came down to see our children perform and with the backdrop of history and knowing that we've come a long ways but we still have a long ways to go. It was, it was quite an honor.

I also had an opportunity to travel with them to Queens College, sat down and met with the recruiter at Queens College. For those of you who may not know, Queens College in Queens, New York is perhaps one of the most prestigious colleges as it relates to a music department. As a matter of fact, it is said that, on the way to Carnegie Hall, everybody stops in the music department, stops at.., and performs and auditions rather, at Queens College. Had a chance to put the young lady on the phone with the manager while I sat there and had a conversation with her and invited her to come to Riviera Beach and, um, do a workshop and enroll some of our students, in the Palm Beach County area that's mastering, majoring and interested in music and she is willing to come and she's going to come. So, those young people who are interested in music, she's going to come and share with you and hopefully be able to work something out for you at Queens College and I know we have quite a few...

[Inaudible dais comment]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...schools around us that music and the arts are very big.

Last but not least, I had an opportunity to talk to law enforcement while I was there, along with clergy. One of the programs that I am very interested in that they are trying and they're telling me that the crime rate, since they have been working this program, the [inaudible] rate has dropped over 33% and they're willing to come and share with us as well. But one of the programs that they have, I forget the name of it, it, it is also being tried in Chicago, with great success. But what it is, Madam Chair, it's a program where the law enforcement works hand in hand with the clergy to reduce crime and violence. And clergy are trained first and they go out to the homes of people who are creating havoc in the communities, they knock on their doors and they tell them, 'Listen, we know what you're doing and you know what you're doing. You have an opportunity and stop it now. And if you don't stop it, then, the police is gonna shut you down so you have a choice. And, uh, this is something that I, I would like to share and, and explore at a later date. And Ms. Pardo, would you let the neighbors of Yacht Harbor know that I probably won't be able to be there at 6:00 p.m. because I'll be here but let them know that I am supporting their concerns 100%. I look forward to seeing them.

Thank you and Happy Belated Father' Day.., Father's Day to all the fathers, the grandfathers and the great grandfathers like me.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you, May'.., Mayor Masters.

I have two announcements and one follow up question for the Manager. Attention young entrepreneurs, are you looking to launch or grow your business? Please join us at a free event hosted by Urban Youth Impact Entrepreneurial Academy and the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency. They want you to come out and meet likeminded individuals and learn about resources available to make your start up a success. This event will take place on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm. At Café Hub. Café Hub is located at 1939 Broadway, here in Riviera Beach. To RSVP, you're asked to call 561-844-3408.

Palm Beach County's Youth Services is looking for future leaders to.., united for change. They're asking you to attend a meeting... And my thing is cut off here but it is coming up.., they meet the last Tuesday of each month at 50 South Military in the second floor and they meet from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. So, for our young leaders out there, we want you to become engaged so that you can go and gain some skills and bring those back here to the City of Riviera Beach to lead our.., lead us into the next generation.

Mr. Manager, when Council Par'.., Councilwoman Pardo was talking about the sober homes, we sent a correspondence to the Criminal Justice Commission expressing our interest. Did we receive any follow up from them at all on that?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** If I can have our Community Development Director, Mr. Bailey, come and provide some insight with respect to the correspondence we had. Is he here?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** He just stepped out.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** He just walked out.

[Pause]

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** While he's coming, I will go ahead and read the comments for public comment because it appears that we will not go until 7:30.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO ISSUES MATTERS OR TOPICS PERTINENT TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH. PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED RULES OF DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO, THE COUNCIL CHAIR MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER OR ATTENDEE REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING AND/OR THE BUILDING, IF NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY. PUBLIC COMMENT SHALL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.**

**UNLESS THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WHICH, IN THAT EVENT, IT SHALL BEGIN SOONER. IN ADDITION, IF AN ITEM IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 7:30 P.M., THEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT ITEM HAS BEEN CONCLUDED.**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Madam Clerk, do we have any public comment cards?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Yes, Madam Chair, we do and accepting of public comment cards is now closed.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Margaret Shepherd, then Willis Williams, then we'll have Bruce Guyton, and then we'll have Lloyd Brown.

**MS. M. SHEPHERD:** Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach. To the Honorable City Manager Jonathan Evans and to our Pro Tem Chair Ms. Tonya Davis Johnson, to all of you in your respectful places.

As you see, I'm about to beg, I really am. But you know me, I'm not a mystery. I believe in raising money and doing it in a respectful way. We're so happy for Mr. Blankenship. God bless him, I don't know where he came from but he is a honor'.., honorable person that served the senior citizens at Lindsey Davis, as well as Gwen, Lucy, Ms. Walker and, and we're about to get the prom together. But I thank Mr. Blankenship because he rest assured that we are moving forward with that particular Item. I really forgot about the budget and I really thought the money was into the coffer but we're finding out a little different but we're, we're, we're good with it and we wanna make sure that, from now on, we make this an annual event, Mr. Evans.

Number two, if I could, on Saturday at Mount Olive, they will be having, I guess, this particular group and the men's group, they will be having a function there, singing and we're asking everybody that would like to really hear good music, please go to Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church. And, on Saturday, August the 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock.., and this is something, I think, Mr. Calloway said' been going on for 65 years. I think, I hope I got it right. And, uh, there will be honoring different people here that has worked hard in the City. He said something that stuck with me, servants and we are servants. And I don't think I have gotten a, a, an official award from the City or anybody since 2007 but I'm fine with it and I thank him for calling me.., Ms. Dawson and Gwen, those are the peoples that I know. I do have the official invitation. I hope the City will purchase a ticket in our behalf because we do work hard. And also, the tickets are \$50, just \$50. It's a tax write-off and we're just asking you to support the Youth Recreation Department. I think they're doing well.

And with this, I wanna thank you and if you wanna eat Mr. Willis Williams' ribs, I wanna say they are good, very good. I live on the next street so I can smell the smoke and I go around and get the ribs. But with that, I wanna thank the public for putting up with me since Summer was four years old when she came to this City. Summer Shepherd Thomas graduated this year, she's now 17 and if it wasn't for this City sticking with me



raising her, I asked the Lord where would I be? Once again, I wanna thank you, the Shepherd Family, the Burgess Family, our entire family, thank you for supporting Summer.

Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Congratulations, Summer, on your graduation. Mr. Williams.

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** Good evening. Willis Williams, Riviera Beach. Just a couple of things [stammer]... I had an experience this week [inaudible] and when we go back to taking the code enforcement liens and stuff off the people's property, I wanted to do a, a..., I had a closing on my property this week and find out, lo' and behold, that I had two liens on two different properties of mine that I had no clue about. And that's, you know, totally unacceptable. And now I understand the feeling of other people in this community when they say, you know, you put liens on people's property and they don't even know you're puttin' liens on 'em. And had I not gone to do a title search, I woulda not known that I had these liens on my property. And anyone that knows me, knows that that is something I don't play with, is my liens of my property. I, I definitely make sure 'cause that's all I have. So I don't... It's troubling.

The other thing that I found troubling was that, when I try to get in touch with Code Enforcement, [stammer].., in this day in time, Mr. Evans, they indicated that they don't have cellphones. They have to come into the office to receive the messages that were written down by a..., someone who takes the messages while they're out in the field and I don't think it's anyone's fault. I'm not gonna blame anyone but I think that needs to be corrected. These people need cellphones so they can communicate. There's emails and [stammer] text messages and everything else goes on and these people sitting over there working in the stone age. That's ridiculous.

The other thing, again, I'm gonna co'..., not complain but I think we need to really take a look at the parking. We got other holidays coming up again at the Marina, the parking is, it's not gonna be adequate enough. Mr. Healey's also indicated about him fencing off his properties. So, we need to do something. I talked about the lot at the CRA down there, that owns by the City that we need to clear off, we need to get it cleaned off so we can put some cars in there. I had a couple people that've come to me and asked me about events and I'm constantly telling them you got a parking problem. So, we need to el'..., alleviate that. And, I see my three minutes didn't go nowhere so that's good.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mhmm.

[Chuckles]

**UNK:** No, that's not true. That's not true.

[Inaudible dais comments]

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** I can talk on, I can keep talking.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That's not true, Mr. Williams.

[Chuckles]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** I got it on my phone.

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** Ah, but that don't work. [Clears throat]. So, again, I, I really.., look into the situation that's over in the Code Enforcement. That's a, that's a troubling situation when you go to close on your house, or make a closing, and you find out you can't close because you find out that someone put a lien... And they say that I was in a meeting when this was done. My name is down on the paper. I never attended any meetings where they put a lien against my property. Never did that. So, that was a lie. So, please correct the situation.

Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. Williams. Madam Clerk, who's next?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mr. Bruce Guyton and then Mr. Lloyd Brown. And that will end your public comments.

[Inaudible comment]

[Chuckle]

**MR. B. GUYTON:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Good evening.

**MR. B. GUYTON:** Good evening. Mayor...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Guyton.

**MR. B. GUYTON:** Council colleagues.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, sir.

**MR. B. GUYTON:** And the City Manager. My name is Bruce Guyton and, as most of you know, I'm a Former Councilperson for District 1. I've been receiving phone calls and I actually was in a meeting where comments were made about the Monroe Heights Infrastructure Project that I knew were not to be true. So, when I received the phone calls, I decided that it was time for me to come over and at least get the truth out and the Council can do what they wish with the truth.

There were comments made... Let me back up, the Infrastructure Project is a project that not only encompasses paving roads but it deals with the underground infrastructure which, to me, is the most important of this project, 'cause that's the health and wealth of, of our community and we rely on clean, sanitary water and our Infrastructure Project is dealing with the issue of the crumbling infrastructure. We have not had our underground infrastructure replaced since its inception. So, it has exceeded its useful life. So while

we're talking about whether roads are being paved, I'm thinking about the underground infrastructure and how it can impact..., impact the health of our residents.

The first thing that was said that..., Staff is responsible for the delay. That is not true. The project was ready to go over a year ago and the project is now at risk of losing \$450,000 because of the delay. Number two, Staff is attempting to force one-way streets. That is not true. What I just passed out, when they came to me, I wasn't in favor of one-way streets so Staff gave us three options. Staff gave us an option to either have one-way streets, people can provide five feet of their property, or we can have no sidewalks. The reason why, because the right of ways in Monroe Heights are only 30 feet wide. The average right of way is 40 feet. So, we had to make some concessions. So, what I did, instead of me making the decision for everyone..., I live in a democracy. I made sure that Brent Johnson emailed every'..., not email, mailed everybody in Monroe Heights a survey. You give us your input and what the people say, that's what it's gonna be. My decision wasn't important. And, when we got...

[Beep]

**MR. B. GUYTON:** ...the results back [pause], over 85% of the people said that they wanted one-way, of those that responded.

[Inaudible dais comment]

**MR. B. GUYTON:** That is a democracy. That's not my decision, that's the people's decision. So, as a result of this delay, now we're standing here about to lose \$450,000 and the people in Monroe Heights are at risk of their water being contaminated because of infrastructure that is crumbling underground. That is not my opinion, that is fact and I would hope that, at some point, the Council will address this issue 'cause it's not just a District person representative, if the health and wealth is at jeopardy, that's everybody' responsibility.

Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Was there one...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mr. Lloyd...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mr. Lloyd Brown.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...Brown.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Hubbard, let's finish this. Did you wanna respond?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Yes, ma'am.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And I wanna respond too, when he's finished. Thank you.

**MR. L. BROWN:** Hello. My name is Lloyd Brown. I knew he was gonna start that clock when I got here.

[Chuckles]

**MR. L. BROWN:** And all I gotta say is this, you know what, uh.., how ya doing, everybody, anybody, whoever' here?

[Inaudible audience comment]

**MR. L. BROWN:** Okay. You know there's one thing that I look at is, like, faith and trust, right? Those two words, they're, like, similar. You know, [stammer], they mean that, like, you believe in someone so strong.., someone or something, you know, like a dog and his owner, ya know? Like a man and his woman, it's like a city and its citizens. But, when you lose trust or faith, that trust.., knowing that faith will never be as strong as it was from the start. And I mean, as citizens, we, we, we lose trust and faith in our City government. You need to listen to those comments closer and try to gain this trust and faith back. I mean, I'm a ambassador for these people, ya know? Honestly, I really don't.., and now, don't get me wrong, I don't care about anybody coming from across the water, this and that, I'm looking at the ones that have been here that I know and I grew up with.., and, like, I talk to a lot of people and one thing they will ask me, like.., this is a guy, he asked me, he said, 'Hey, uh,' he said, 'Why is the park on S Avenue closed?' He said, 'Because, you know, the 4<sup>th</sup> is coming around.' I said, 'Well, why don't you go over to Singers Island?' He said, 'Did you ever try to go over to Singer Island on a Sunday?' He said, 'Once it get full with those scuba divers or the boats, you can't even get even get under the bridge,' and now we got the park on this side, it's closed down. So, on the 4<sup>th</sup>, we have to either go in front of the corner stores, which I don't do, and have our little 4<sup>th</sup>, we don't have nowhere to go. There's no clubs. And when the clubs were here, you know what was so hard about that? I never heard of nobody gettin' killed but you got 24 stores open. You got one down here open 'til 2:00 o'clock in the morning.

So, you got some, like, Ms. Pardo was saying, these kids come from other neighborhoods to come in and buy drugs. So, why would you have a, a damn store opened up 2:00 o'clock in the morning? Who's gonna go there? Besides somebody looking for drugs? And you can't, you can't stop them because this is America. They can come all the way from Tallahassee and come down here to our 24-hour stores. If they wanna buy drugs, they got a reason to be there but then you got this other store opening up. And like I said, you know, I, I don't really blame a lot of this stuff on the Council, I blame a lot of this stuff on like the guys that are my age. See, I'm not afraid. See, I smoked crack when I was coming up and, like a lotta the other guys did. So these young guys that you see out here, now? See, I had my brothers and I had my uncles and I had friends who had trades and skills, they learned me how to fix a bicycle, how to ride the bike, they learned me how to do mechanical things. These young guys you got out here that you say that don't wanna work? Well, for one thing, who's working these jobs now, the roofin', gardening? Not these young black guys. You almost have to be, what do you call that, bilingual to get these jobs but then, everybody, even the black guys I see in the neighborhood, please just let...

[Beep]

**MR. L. BROWN:** ...me continue, if it's okay? 'Cause, for one thing, I just wanna make this point about the opiates and whatever. When we were out there, smoking crack, I never saw anything in the Palm Beach Post that was sayin', well, let's help these guys. Okay, the one guy in the paper, who OD'd twice, is he still..., is, is..., I mean, does he have his rights to vote or have they felonized him like they did me when they said I did something wrong or other black guys that were out there? Now, they're lookin' at it in a different story, they're looking at it, like, 'Oh, these just some guys,' you know, 'and, because you black guys selling the stuff to 'em, that's why they' doing it but these same guys, they steal and they rob and they, they thieves too but they'll look that in a different light.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** I agree.

**MR. L. BROWN:** Is it because they're different? I mean, that's, that's..., see, that's what' get me.

And then like what I'm sayin' with the City Council, and I'm not gonna say anything else but when I go out there and talk to these people and they be askin' me, they say, 'Lloyd, we saw you on television, talkin', why don't you tell 'em this and why don't you tell 'em that?' And then you know what make it so bad? Nine out of 10 of these people out there, none of 'em got anything good to say. [Stammer], they got good things to say about certain people but I'm not gonna try to step on anybody's toes or whatever. You know, 'cause, you know if you're doing okay or not. But they..., nine out of 10 of these people, so you know if, if nine out of 10 of these people are saying that and guess what, nine out of 10 of those people, they're felons and they can't vote. And they were caught up in that crack epidemic. So, if you don't try to go down there and talk to these people at Palm Beach County or whatever and say, 'Well, look. You felonize these black guys when they were out there using drugs, why would you make this one guys seem like..., 'cause he was off for 100 days, like he's such a great thing 'cause he's off of it now. But he's still the same type of guy that I was..., well, I didn't steal but, like, guys I knew that would rob and do all that, he's the same as those but they're gettin', they' gettin', like, represented like they're something special. I mean, it's like Mexico said, 'If you don't use the drugs, we won't sell you the drugs.' So, you can't say, well, it's the man that's selling because those young guys selling drugs, they don't have no skills, no trades and the older guys that were their fathers and whatever, they were out there trying to screw every woman that there was in the street. They wasn't...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. Brown.

**MR. L. BROWN:** ...takin' care of 'em.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. Brown.

[Inaudible audience comments]

**MR. L. BROWN:** Alright. You all have a good one.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mr. City Manager, did you have a comment?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Yes. I have Mr. Bailey here to address the sober homes question.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BAILEY:** Good evening. Terrence Bailey, Director of Community Development.

Yes, after the Council meeting approving communique to the sober homes task force, we sent over the Resolution and currently, we've reached out to them a few times for direction on how the City may acquire a seat at the table and have not heard back from Mr. Al Johnson. I'll reach out again to him this week but we've had a few email exchanges but there is a specific process in order to get that seat, that was requested.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Please keep the Board informed as to the next steps.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BAILEY:** Yes, ma'am. No problem.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you. Councilwoman Hubbard, you indicated that you wanted to, to make a comment?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Yes. I wanted to firstly [stammer] correct the public on some of the comments that Former Councilman Bruce Guyton made a few minutes ago about the infrastructure projects within the City.

When I came into office, Mr. Brynt Johnson brought that project to me. At that time, even on the cover page, it still had Mr. Bruce Guyton's name on it so that was to inform me that that was Mr. Guyton's project. Be that as it may, let me say this. The [pause]. Staff's responsibility for the delay? I'm not saying whether it's Staff's responsibility or not, when Mr. Johnson met with me., Mr..., excuse me, Brynt Johnson met with me about that project, I told him that the people that have come to me have indicated that they did not want a one-way street. What I asked him to do was to give us some more options that we could have, what we actually wanted. Now, I too am not forcing the public to have one-way streets or not have one-way streets but I don't., all these names on this list that said they wanted one-way streets, half of 'em are saying now that that is not what they wanted. Well, a scare tactic to make our community, I live there too, that we're gonna have bad drinking water because our infrastructure is so bad, it's crumbling, tho'., that's just not true. What the., the infrastructure? Yes, it will be replaced, the street will be replaced, the sidewalks will be replaced but everything that's good or supposed to be a positive for our community, doesn't have to deteriorate our quality of life. We should be able to get new infrastructure, sidewalks and, and anything else that we want without deteriorating the quality of life for the residents in that community.

Now, what I asked Staff to do, was to take a look at some alternative ideas as to how we can get what we want. Now, I talked to a gentleman down at the county, an engineer there and what he said was, just take for example Lake Worth, they turn the streets one-way there and they are hurriedly trying to undo that mess in the s'., in Lake Worth. So no, I'm not blaming the Staff but what I will blame Staff for is not moving forward with it,

going out, getting some more information, bringing back alternatives to me so that I can share them with the community. Yes, I blame Staff for that. So, it's n'.., so, just when I meet with Staff, just stalling and not moving forward and not doing anything at all, does not help me or to come back and to tell me that, 'Well, we didn't agree.' It, it wasn't that I wanted you to agree with me, it's, it's that I wanted you to bring me some more information to work with.

And secondly, as, as far as our water is concerned, everybody knows that we are working and making sure, through the Utility District, that we have a, a very safe quality of water for our residents. We all live here and we all drink that water. So, what I.., what I would like to see us do, as far as the Monroe Heights community is, I want the streets improved and I wa'.., and we plan to schedule a town hall meeting so that those same persons can come back and understand what they're up against. If everybody in the community want one-way streets, then that's fine but as far as I'm concerned, every time I go to a meeting, people are asking me, 'Is it true? Is it true? Are we gonna have all one-way streets?' We never said that. So, this is.., so, I'm getting conflicting information and that's what I'm trying to do, provide a happy medium for the residents of Riviera Beach and we are entitled to better streets, better infrastructures. Everything that people tend to bring to us, has.., turns out to be a detriment to the quality of life in our community and I don't think that, that's quite necessary.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Madam Chair?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Pardo.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Alright. Mr. Evans, can we hear from Mr. Johnson about what's going on with this?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** We can certainly do so if, if Mr. Johnson is available or prepared to.., this evening, to be able to discuss specifically, as it relates to the status of the project.

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Good evening, Council. Brynt Johnson, Director of Public Works.

As it relates to the Monroe Heights Project, based on Council's direction at a previous meeting, we are finalizing bid documents. At that particular meeting, we requested Council's approval to put all projects out to bid, if they were ready, that particular project is ready. And as such, we're finalizing documents and moving forward with the solicitation.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Any other information required?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** I'm good with that.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'll wait for the Mayor [stammer]. He was, he was next.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Johnson, I would like to... No. I'm..., I don't have anything for you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** No. I...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I would...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Stay close.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...like to...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Stay close.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. Ask Mr. Perry, Utility District, to come at this time.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Perry?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Is this relating to...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...this... Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes, it is. I'm sorry. And while he's coming, let me just quickly announce that, um, the present representative from Monroe Heights asked about the Bahamian delegation, where they were staying. They tried desperately to stay at a hotel in Riviera Beach but, because of the funding and the fundraising, they were not able to come up with the, the money so they had to go where they could afford.

Mr. Perry, state for the record, your position.

**ACTING UTILITY DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** Troy Perry, Acting Executive Director of Utilities.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. My...

**ACTING UTILITY DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** [Inaudible].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** My question is, do you have any evidence, at all, that the people who live in Monroe Heights are in danger of any kind of water situation?

**ACTING UTILITY DISTRICT DIRECTOR PERRY:** I'm not aware of that, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

Thank you, Madam Chair.



**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you. Mr. Johnson. Based upon the previous presentation by Former Councilman Guyton and current Councilwoman Hubbard, my concern is that, as I review these documents that's been presented to us, there are three options. So, based.., with these three options, have we decided which way we're going, as a City? Well, the residents... Ob'.., obviously they, they voted, correct?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** [Inaudible comment].

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Stammer]. Based upon...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** [Inaudible]...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** ...the information I have, there, there was votes taken. I see it here.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Some'.., sometime last year, I can't remember exactly when, during some community meetings, Council meetings, at some point, we were asked to send surveys out to every effected property owner. Not the residents...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Correct.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...'cause, you know, they may be renting so we were asked to send it out to all of the property owners...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...in the effected area.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Right.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** We sent those surveys out along with, I'm not sure what you have but we sent out survey cards that were postage paid, I believe, along with graphics showing option a, b or c, which was one way and two other options. Of those folks that responded, I forget the number but it may have been over 80% responded stating that they wanted the one-way streets. And mind you, we had multiple community meetings, it was mentioned at the Council meeting, we sent out notices to all of them so that was the process. We...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...we let the...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Do we have...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...the residents decide.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, sir. Do we have any kind of report, any kind of documentation talking about the status of our specific infrastructure or any kind of inspections or anything, in that community?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** No. Not that I can recall.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Alright. So, but it's, but it is...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Well, I can tell you that I, I don't believe Monroe Heights has much drainage.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** They have some drainage but not much of a drainage system.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** But is...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** That's...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Is it...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...about it.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Is it critical? That's, that's my concern.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** I mean, the roads in bad in shape, sidewalks are in bad shape...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I mean, I see the road is in bad shape so...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yeah. If their sidewalks...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** ...if the road is decaying...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...are in bad shape but, as far as the actual underground infrastructure, I couldn't say.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** 'Cause I see the road is, is definitely in desperate need. So, if it's fallin'..., it's falling through something or it's falling on top of something. So, my question is, if it's falling through, there, there is an issue. I'm not asking you to be political, I'm just asking you to be straight up with your job so I can make a decision here as a policymaker. You know?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yeah. I ca'..., I haven't seen any televised video of any of the pipes. But, like I said, there is no real drainage system in Monroe Heights but the sidewalks are virtually nonexistent on most of those streets because they're so bad and the roadway's bad.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So, so with this bid going out, this matter is being addressed? That's all I'm concerned...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** ...with. Thank you.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** And, and part of the project includes for improvements to address some of the drainage issues. Yes.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Oh, absolutely. Absolutely.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** So, there will be significant drainage improvements to deal with the runoff stormwater.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Stammer].., as long as this stuff has been addressed, [inaudible] nothing fall into this Board, or any other Board, lap. This need to be.., we, we made a decision a long time ago and the residents have had their input. I just wanna make sure whatever it is they chose that they wanted, that we support what the residents want.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** One...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...moment.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And that's where I stand, stand with that. So.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** I just have one quick question. Has there been an evaluation of the infrastructure as it currently exists in the last 12 months?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** It shoulda been done.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Not that I am aware of.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** [Inaudible].

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** But what we can do is, I can get with the Public Works Director and the Utility Director and we can have a TV of lines and take a look at the infrastructure and see if there's any...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...concerns.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Hubbard.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Madam, Madam Chair. There is no denying that we need our streets resurfaced, our drainage done in the City of Riviera Beach. We have

bad flooding over in the Monroe Heights ar'.., area and we look forward to having that taken care of. What was brought out here today was to try to lay blame here that, that I stood in the way of you being able to move forward with the project, Mr. Johnson and that's just not the case. We want drainage, we want sidewalks and we want better streets in, in the Monroe Heights area. And we definitely have been for that prior to my getting on the Council and my, my taking seat here on the Council but to say that we have infrastructure problems that are potentially contaminating our water, you know, it's, it's really vague and it's really.., it's, it's really untrue because we have cracks in our streets and we have cracks in our sidewalks. Does not necessarily mean that we have a problem with our drinking water and to make the general public think that there is something wrong with that, I think that's quite disingenuous.

The second, the second thing I would like to, I would like to say, Mr. Johnson and to my fellow colleagues, the point of the matter here, right now, is if.., is this what the residents want in the community? And for someone to say that they.., as transient as that area is in Monroe Heights, for us to say that this is a'.., the actual response that came back...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** ...and this is what the people want... But every time I go to a meeting.., I went to the elementary school at West Riviera and the people were asking me, 'Is this really true? Is this what we are about to do?' And that's what I'm concerned about because, when you don't live there and you don't..,' 'He who... He who feels it, knows that if you're not living there and you're not backing out your driveway and you can't go either direction because you want to, because somebody is determining which way you go for you, you.., we don't know what the impact on the Fire Department and the paramedics are going to be in getting to us in that neighborhood. If it's not working for Lake Worth, it's definitely not gonna work for us either. And it's not something that we.., that we actually want in that neighborhood. But hey, my thing is, let's have a meeting, let's have the people come out. And everybody that is actually interested, should come out and say, 'Yes, we want these one-way streets.' And as long as, you know, I've been living there, I think that if we wanted one-way streets in Monroe Heights, we'd'a had 'em by now. It's just not something that I think that it's conducive.

But again, I'm going with what the people want, I'm going with what the majority of the people think it's gonna get us where we want to be. I'm not trying to say we're gonna do it Councilwoman Lynne Hubbard's way, I'm definitely not advocating for that position, I'm just saying, I'm getting too much feedback from people saying that, 'How can you be sitting up there letting them do this?' What they're gonna do at the end of the day, blame me for the fact that they have one-way streets in their neighborhood. They're not going to say the Former Councilperson should take credit for these wonderful one-way streets. They're gonna say the current Councilperson provided a catastrophe within their neighborhood and that's not what I want. I want to give them what they actually would like to see there. And so, that's where I'm gonna be going from here, to try to get some real feedback from the residents.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Are we at risk of losing any money? \$400,000?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yes, potentially.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So, what's our timeframe.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** [Sigh]. I believe that the final construction date is June of 2018. June or July of '18.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So, we need to get these bids on the street but, in the meantime, we can be discussing... I see that you've already done your job of presenting them with options just to verify which direction.., just to verify which direction 'wanna go, while the bid's out on the street, um, even with the 80%, I, I guess you will work with Councilperson Hubbard to make sure that everyone understood what they were voting for. But other than that, we need to get this done, we don't need to lose on.., any money but, at the same time, get both things accomplished. Councilperson Hubbard, you gotta understand, you have the support of this Board to get things done. So, let's make sure that your projects that you have in your District, bring 'em to this Board so if we need to make any adjustments, so we can get behind you on what you wanna get done, so we can get this done because anytime something goes one way or the other, people don't look at the intention, they see what happened.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Well...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And, we don't need to allow that to happen to no one in this City.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Well, if we're gonna make changes...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...we need to make that decision now. That project's been designed, fully designed.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Whatever goes out on the street is what's gonna be bid on.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** So, if we're gonna make changes, those need to be made. And, course, there's associated fees with making those changes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Hubbard, when do you anticipate that your community meeting will be held?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** It can happen next week.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Well, I.., I will try to schedule it for.., next week or, or the, or the following week. The thing is, we talked about this so...

[Inaudible dais comment]

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** ...far in advance that, you know, we, we could have gotten more community input but the insistence was on doing it the way that it was proposed [stammer] before it was completed.., the design. But not having the Staff's support in that initiative, none of that took, took place. But, what I will.., what I'm going to do within the next two weeks, look at our budget, hearing's that we're gonna have and the different things that would not draw the public away from the other pending meetings...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** ...and schedule it accordingly and, of course, I will let the rest of my colleagues know those dates.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay. So, it seems to me that, on August 27<sup>th</sup> of 2015, there was the Monroe Heights street renovation survey that was let. So, the question that I have is for those individuals that selected option a, have we contacted them to follow up with them as it relates to their desire of the various options. Is there an intention to remain and stay consistent with the options as they are offered or is there a plan to move forward with a totally different option for the residents of Monroe Heights?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** I, I think with respect to the items that were proffered to the residents, or the property owners, I, I think that if we are to go out and have that interaction with the community, we also have to allow for time for property owners that may not.., that, that may be a rental property to be able to respond and participate in that process somehow, somehow. So, I, I don't know how to.., if we wanted to take the input at the community meeting as the input and go with that or do we want to allow for another discussion with the property owners as well. Also, Mr. Johnson correct me if I'm wrong, let's say we go back to a design that contemplates the, the two-way streets and we have to redesign, do we then run the risk of losing that \$450,000? Would that put us back even further?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yes. We've, um, we've actually checked with the consultants about that, we checked with them some months ago. They're stating that they need about four to five months to redesign at, of course, an additional fee.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Wow.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, it appears that we need to have these meetings sooner rather than later and we need to make a determination as to how, how

we want the design of this to go. So, we will support Councilwoman Hubbard in this community meeting with the understanding that we are on a tight timeframe and that we need to move rather quickly in order not to lose the funding but, more importantly, to get a design that we can live with and that we can properly budget for.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Great. But I also wanna mention that we also are in the process of checking with our consultants. We also reached out to DEP..., the, the funds came from..., through state appropriations but they were filtered through DEP and DEP was fairly unwilling to extend the deadline. That's not to say that if we get into the construction process, they may feel differently but we checked with them and they were unwilling to change the final date of the grant.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** So, our, our principal concern is that if we go into a redesign, at this particular point, we can real'..., realistically...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Nah.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...come to the conclusion that we would lose...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible] money.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...lose the money.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, which design is included in the bid process?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** [Inaudible].

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** The one-way streets because we went with what was voted upon by the residents and that's what was designed.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** It's problematic now that you have individuals who are coming forward. Um, it puts the City in a quandary, and a quagmire in that we took the survey, we took it at face value, we went with the percentage of residents who responded. But now you have residents that may not have responded and didn't fully understand what the intent was and they now have concerns. So, [pause]...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** We can do...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** What's..., what's the...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...the survey process over, we could do..., I mean, it's...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...Council's [inaudible].

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** This is a interesting situation. We're trying to do something good by the people. If there's someone, if there's a group of people that want to get more involved with this process, I would like for those folks to be in a meeting with Staff.., and we need to do this, like, yesterday. We don't ne'.., I mean, if there's a group that's identified and there's names and there's number, 'cause right now we're just talking about residents. If there's some folks that we're, we're trynna help. We need to get them together immediately 'cause we don't need to figure.., I mean, whatever we need to do to, to support that, let's do it. Whoever they are, this needs to.., we can't keep kicking... I look at Cunningham Park. I get dealt with about that park and I told folks, back in 2014 that this was gonna happen, as far as gettin' something done. Now, I'm getting reminded of why I'm not doing my job but I'm not Staff. So, all these projects are moving slow and I'm gettin' my butt kicked in the street 'cause I don't know.., realize what's holding it up and we still haven't identified that because there was no name to say who held up anything. So, all I'm stating is, if someone's gonna make a decision, at some point, we have to go with the decision. We can't keep overturning every decision. Now, if a group comes to the meeting and say, 'Hey, we wanna rethink this,' then I can support that group when they come to the meeting but we must identify who this group is. We don't have a name, we don't have a number, we don't know who these folks are that we wanna help. If there's someone there, we wanna help them. But that meeting don't need to happen two weeks from now, that meeting need' to happen Friday. [Stammer] next week, no later than next week because, if Staff's gonna send something out, we're gonna lose the \$400,000, then, we're gonna spend more money on the amended design. We're gonna probably.., between [stammer].., almost a million-dollar difference because we're not making decisions. If we're gonna make a decision and someone's done it and they.., we had.., I was at some.., I was at two of those meetings and folks said they didn't like it, folks said they did like it. And I supported what the comm'.., what the community want'. I sat quietly, didn't open my mouth one time because Staff, ya'll did a great job, ya'll gave 'em more.., all, all the options and they went from there. But, we're talking about changing our mind and, and it's gonna cost the taxpayers almost a million dollars. We gotta make a decision. If Staff's gonna do their job, allow Staff to do their job. If we want to, to be a part a part of the process, let's get on that one issue, stick to it and follow through. But a million dollars, I can't put my name on that, I can't do it. I can't do it. And I'm not gonna shake and play the politic' game, I'm doing this for the people because they're gonna pay on both ends. They're not gonna get the road done in time, not gonna get no road, we don't know what the infrastructure is, we don't know what's true and what's not and it's gonna cost them money, they're gonna pay for it, they're gonna lose time and something bad's gonna happen. We made a decision, they made a decision, let's support the community.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilwoman Hubbard.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** In an.., in an effort to support the community, in an effort to give the community something that they can live with and something that they truly want, that is why we need to have a meeting. We're gonna pay and we always pay. One way or the other, this community tends to pay and we still don't get what we want at



the end of the.., at the end of the day. So, if we're talking about supporting the community and giving them what they want, then let's really do that, not to give other people what they want so that they can get what they want out the bottom of the deal. We have to live with whatever haphazard decision that is made in this community. We're the ones that back out of those driveways in Monroe Heights. We wanna go to the left or the right where we get good and ready. We.., I don't think that anybody from anywhere else.., and I don't, I don't like the fact that people from other places wanna dictate how we live within our community. Now, if our community comes and they, and they say, 'Hey, we want the one-way streets. We wanna live with the one-way streets,' then that's fine. But for every meeting I go to, people act like this is the first time they heard of those one-way streets and am I gonna let them really do that.

So, it's something really fishy about this that all of a sudden this is a surprise but yet, everybody was given back in 2016, the option. Our community is so transient so if you sent papers to their homes for these surveys, they may or may not have even gotten opened. And the people that don't live here, like the people that are out of town, that's renting properties in our community, they don't care whether we back out and go left or right but what we're talking about is more the families and the people that have been there for, for a long time and that have lived there. So, supporting or not supporting the community is.., does not mean giving them a half-baked project. And then we hold it out and we hold it out 'til the last minute and we turn around and tell them, 'Oh, we're on a time crunch and if we don't do it now, you're gonna get nothing.' And I think that, you know, I think that's playing games still. I still think if we.., I would be interested in finding out more, if this is what the community want'. And if this is what the community wants, one-way streets, then let's have it.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Johnson, when I look at the three options, could you explain what was the benefits of the one-way streets versus the two-way streets without the sidewalks. And then you had option three. Just talk.., give me a brief analysis on just what [stammer], what was the discussion on the three options? Could you... I know it's a long time ago.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Okay. The one-way street was, of course, one lane, I wanna say it was 14 feet wide, curb, gutter, sidewalks on both sides.., because you only have a 30 foot right of way so you're limited in what you can and cannot build, especially as it relates to the travel lane width. So, the one-way was an option. There was a two-way option with just gutter and no sidewalks. Two way option with just gutter no sidewalks. That would've given you a 12 foot travel lane, each direction and the gutter required for drainage. There was another option for two directions.., for, for two lanes of traffic, with curb and gutter and sidewalk but we would've needed to acquire property, um, from the residents. One of the issues that was brought up, if I recall correctly from residents that attended the community meetings, was that, the way that the street is designed.., currently, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from R to O or.., O, I believe, the way that it's

currently designed, the roads are extremely narrow. If there's a car parked on the side of the street, another car can't get by.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** And, consultants weren't particularly happy with that design because, if you ride that street, you'll notice that the catch basins are actually out in the street...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Right.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...versus being in the curb line. I'm not sure if you're aware, but oftentimes, folks will steal the catch basin grates and 'they're missing, well, the problem with it being in the travel lane is that now the City's liable versus it being in curb line. At least, the argument is that that's not a travel lane. So, with that being said, you know, it's..., it puts you in a pretty peculiar situation.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So, option one was a one-way with sidewalks on both sides, without asking for property.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Option two was two-way without sidewalks. So, they would have to take the two-way street but they would lose the sidewalks for the kids to travel?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Correct? Then, option three will be the two-way with the sidewalks but you have to donate your pro'., donate some of your property, on both sides of the street, correct?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Correct.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Reversed.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And I can...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** C., option c has no sidewalks.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Option c has no sidewalks?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Option...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Option c has...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** With the...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...no sidewalks.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** ...property donations?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** No sidewalks. Property...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** No. The...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...donation would be...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...property donation includes sidewalks.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah. It does. It does.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** According to this ...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's why, that's why you're donating...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...document, it says...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** ...your property.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** But that's [inaudible] option b though.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Option b.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...Option b.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Option b. Yeah.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** He, he said 'em. He mixed 'em but...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...said 'em correct.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So, option b has no sidewalks?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Right. You said it correctly, you just mixed the options up.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I see what happened. Okay.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** And...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And in three, you said if you want the sidewalks, you have to give up some of your property?

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And so.., so, when the public comes out, we.., maybe we need to do something with Channel 18 to inform them, you know...

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** And, and there was another option that, that was, that was questioned. Just full disclosure. There was another option that was, that was requested or mentioned and it was putting the sidewalks on one side...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...of the street. Now, that requires a shift in the center line of the road, you have to redesign all the intersections to accommodate it. It's possibly an option but you still have the issue of who gets the sidewalk.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** You know? And so, it's just a lot of issues but that was an option.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** And...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Understood.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** And, Madam Chair, if I may. The situation where we would have to acquire parcels to be able to construct that and most of that we would be acquiring easements 'cause very seldomly would folks end up giving us that property. So.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** They ain't giving up nothing.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Oh, and, and one more thing, mentioning the five feet, most of the people's concerns with the five feet was that they don't have five feet...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Right.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** ...to give.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Correct.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** A lot of the homes are pretty close to the existing sidewalk, so that was an issue for them.

[Inaudible comment]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So, I can understand how you got to the 80%.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** You have anything else? So, I'm recognizing the, the seriousness of this matter and we certainly want to give the residents what it is that they desire for the community because, as the Councilwoman said, they do have to live there. We need to move forward. Councilwoman Hubbard, we need to schedule that meeting ASAP because there is.., we do have time, now, to make the change. Well, at a cost.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Well, you have time to ma'... Well, you, you have time to make the change most certainly but I can't say that you're gonna meet the deadline for the grant, for the state appropriations.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** And is there, not is there but are there dollars in the capital budget to support it? [Stammer] I'm not suggesting that we are wasteful in taxpayer dollars and in dollars that we receive in a grant capacity. I just want to make sure that our residents receive what it is that they are looking for to ensure that they have a quality of life there.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Well..., well...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** And if that is an impediment, that is a concern.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Well, one of the things we could do, we reach out to DEP, unofficially, via email. We could, of course, with the Council's approval, reach out to them officially requesting a time extension and sort of give them an updated schedule letting them know where we are and see if they're willing to do so based on an official request.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** I... I would like to have you do a..., an official request to see if there is a probability of an extension...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...so that we are not in jeopardy, potentially, of losing those dollars. So, I would like for my colleagues to support me in recommending that Staff submit a formal request for extension.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Absolutely.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** And Madam Chair, that also, if I may, that gives us an opportunity to have some additional correspondence with them but one of the concerns that we have is, in the event that we run the risk of losing that fund, it then adversely...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...impacts as we go to seek...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Of course it does.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...additional funds. So, what we can do is concurrently look to have those meetings, as well as try to engage the conversation with, with the state and then see from that point where we can, you know, bring some options back to the Council and have that discussion as to, 'This is what we've received from the granting agency and then, this is the conversations we've had with the residents.' But another thing as well is, do we want to send out additional information to those that filled out the survey because when you engage the residents to participate in a survey and then you deviate

from the survey results, then when we ask them for additional feedback and input, they're not likely to participate because they say, 'You asked me for my input. I gave you my input and then you deviated from that.' So, do we want to engage them in a survey as well? So, kinda twofold, you have a community meeting as well as a survey that they have to respond back within an 'x' amount of time.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** I think that we should.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** Madam Chair, I agree.., I, I agree with you. I think that we should because.., because of the lapse in time, I think the residents are capable of understanding that we want to confirm their desires sand their wishes and we are not throwing their desires out.., their desires out, we're confirming that this is what they want and we wanna make sure that we get them the things that we need. I want to give the residents information, I [stammer], I want to construct door hangings to have to go through the affected area to let them know that this is, this is happening, this is being.., this is being considered, we're gonna have the town hall meeting. The options, the three options or the four options that were presented, can be on TV but I don't want.., I, I, I want to know that those are our only options and I'll tell you my concern of the matter is, I don't think that those are our only options. That's where, um, that's where my concern really is at the, at the end of the day.

The.., but, by the time we have the town hall meeting, if there's any other options, hopefully, they'll.., they will have surfaced and we'll be able to survive the, the test or be presented to the co'.., the, the community as to, hey, these are the true options and this is what we have to do. I don't want people to think that we byp'.., that we gave them a, an, an option to decide for themselves or to choose and then we didn't like it so we threw it out. That's not why.., what's happening here at all. We are trying to confirm that that's exactly what they want because there has been so many people that are saying that it's not what they want but, if it is and you help us to confirm, community, that that's what you want, then that's what we're going to give you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** If one-way streets is what you're saying you want, then that's what you'll get. I would just like an opportunity to confirm that, as your representative, to make sure that you get what you want in the community.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Two.., two things.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilperson...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** The budget...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes. Madam Chair. The budget from the last time when this money came up, just to let you know where we are with the capital budget,

Madam Chair, there was some funds in that District that Councilperson Guyton wanted to make sure that that community facility that, that you're working on now, he gave up some of his money in that District, which is now Councilperson Hubbard's District, to help do that building on the southside. So, the capital improvement dollars, a lot of money came from that District to make sure that building is done.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** And let's clarify.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** He gave \$100,000.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah. I know he ga'...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Out of the budget.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I remember he gave some of his money. I think.., it might've been two districts, I don't know but I do recall, it...

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** And your point though?

[Inaudible audience comments]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Please let me get there. Hold on, hold on, hold on.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** I'm just asking...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** No. She asked...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Point of order.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** ...a quest'..,

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Point of order.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** No. She asked a question earlier to Mr. Johnson about money, 'Where are we in the capital budget?' And I wanna explain to her the history of how we got to... 'Cause when you start making decisions and making moves with budget, we need to know that this decision's gonna impact that building on the southside.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mm.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Because the money ca'...

[Inaudible dais comment]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, oh yeah. The money came from that District to help that happen. Yes. I remember the meeting, I'll never forget it because District 5 chose not to even ask for any money for.., to do some special projects 'cause I wanted to make sure everyone was happy. Okay?

Now, back to this. The most important thing we can do as a City is make sure that whatever message we send to the residents to their door, is not a contro'..., it should be a welcoming message that says we want to work with you to improve this City and however you come up with it, I don't need it be in a political message. It need to be a warming mess'..., understand that we're not challenging what decision it was that they made but understanding that we're getting ready to make a final..., move forward with our decision and this is your last and final opportunity to see what, you know, how you all do it. I just don't want no, no mumbo jumbo, I don't, I don't want no politics. It need to be a clear message after tonight, that we all understand that we're going to the public, to those folks on this list to say, 'Listen, we had a meeting on this date and we wanna get some more input from you before we go to our final decision,' that's it.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** I think that it's... Madam Chair?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Mm.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** I think that we're..., that I'm quite capable of making sure, and should have the fair opportunity, as the representative of this District, to craft something that will go out to the public based on their concerns that they have expressed to me and to invite them in an invited way. I'm always in..., forever saying, 'Putting people before politics.' So, that's not, that's not new and, you know, to, to challenge and champion Mr. Guyton and the things that he done' in the past when he was here, you have that very right but what my deal is to champion here, is what I'm doing now. Me and..., me and the residents that are in the street. If we're talking about campaigning and politicking, it couldn't get more blatant but right now, what I'm saying is, what we, what we need to do is to give me an opportunity to represent the people that I am. And all the, all the other things that are going on, I think this is a good place for us to stop the conversation so we won't have to get anymore unprofessional than we have been at this time.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, let me...

[Inaudible comment]

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...say this please. I believe that..., I'm concerned about the amount of time it would take. If we do the survey, you're talking about absentee owners, you're talking about getting information to them and you are going to have a delay in getting those responses back. So, we need to operate with the understanding we'll either have these surveys available for them when they come to the meeting to fill out immediately, so that we will have a response because trying to wait for a return, is going to pro'..., prove to be more of a delay and I don't want that to happen so I would just caution us when we're talking about mailing the surveyor or placing it in a door hanging capacity, that that would prolong the time. So, if we could do that...

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** The, um, when I say the door hangers, I want them to know that this is something that one, the meeting's gonna take place and two, that..., to stay tuned and try to learn more information and get, you know, involved in this. You..., [stammer]...



**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** As a, as a notice of this conversation is taking, taking place, we're gonna have a meeting, show up, give your two percent whether you're a renter or a homeowner. 'Cause if you go 60 houses rented in Monroe Heights by a cat in Philadelphia, who.., he could care less, ya know...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Of course.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** ...what's going on because he's turning, he's turning residents in and out every day. So, he doesn't really.., he probably haven't even been there, he just bought 'em offline.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** So, I'm saying, if the community comes out and get' involved and we wanna hear from persons at that address.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** And I think that we need to make sure that the community understands that, at that meeting, the decision will be made and we will move forward with no further deviations from the process and what the final outcome of their vote and conversation is what we will live with. And I think that, that's [inaudible]...

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** I think that they understand that and that they [stammer], that they are.., they would be clear on that once given those directives as explaining as to what's going on, you know, in the, in the community.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Madam Chair, if I may offer...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mr. City Manager.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...a solution? I know that there was a thought about sending a letter to those that participated in the survey. We can send that letter and then provide an email address, that if they have any concerns or any comments that they wanna communicate, they can send in an email so you're not waiting for survey response and you can say email respondents need to be submitted by 'x' but also, the other side, is there a.., is the Council allowing for Councilwoman Hubbard to construct that letter? I just need direction as to who would be the ent'.., the individual constructing that letter?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Sta'.., Staff should do it.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Staff.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** [Inaudible]. Are you opposed to Staff?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** I would like to have some input on what goes out to, to, to the residents...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, is...

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** ...since we are grandstanding.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** I wanna really know about what's going to be sent out to the community that I represent.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay. So, we, we will not grandstand. We will put this in the hands of Staff and with the understanding that you will have input, input into the letter. Because, it will be the.., it, it will be the function of Staff to do it anyway.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** The function of Staff to...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** To draw it up.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** ...get it out but not for Staff to, to...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** You two can get together and craft a correspondence.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** And, and I don't have a problem with that.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you. So, Mr. Evans, you will, uh, you and Staff will communicate with the Councilwoman...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Yeah.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...to craft a letter and get it out, please.

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** I'll, I'll work with Councilwoman Hubbard...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Ma'...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...directly...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Ma'...

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** ...on this.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes, Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And, and the purpose...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** ...of the letter again is?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** To...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I just wanna make sure that the message is very clear. I don't need us to be talking here then.., and, all of a sudden, some stuff you emailed, is

nothing that we discussed and the changes. So long as it stay' consistent what we discussed in this meeting, I support it.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Well... Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's, that's it.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** We don't expect that it will be anything different. Does that conclude this matter? Is there any further discussion that needs to happen on this matter?

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** No, Madam Chair.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, yes...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Alright.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So, I just wanna protect our reputation with DEP. That's what..., and, and take care of our residents. So, they're gonna move forward with..., as this continue going on, correct?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** We are going to send a formal notice to DEP...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...asking if we can extend...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Extend it. Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...the, the funding.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

[Inaudible dais comment]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Alright.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Okay. So, Staff has distributed the Heron Estates senior apartment Item for your review?

**CITY MANAGER EVANS:** Yes, Madam Chair.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON:** Seeing there being no further business, motion to adjourn?

**COUNCILPERSON PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

[End of video/audio]

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