

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AUGUST 2, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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[Before meeting chatter]

[Gavel]

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I wanna call to order the Regular City Council meeting for August 2, 2017 at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam roll call.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chairperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Pro Tem Tonya Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Lynne Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Is present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: City Manager Jonathan Evans?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Deputy City Clerk Jacqueline Burgess is present. City Attorney Andrew Degraffenreidt?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: We have a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And we'll have our moment of silence and Pledge by Ms. Dawn 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.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHALL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. IN NO EVENT WILL ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A COMMENT CARD AND SPEAK ON A CONSENT AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yes, we do, Madam Chair. I will ask for the Deputy Clerk to read those Items into the official record.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Under community benefits request, Item 3A, City of Riviera Beach Parks & Recreation Department, \$2,000, Chairwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson, educational back to school kickoff for incoming 3rd grade students attending public schools in Riviera Beach. Also, community benefits request, Item 3B, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School, \$1,000, Mayor Thomas A. Masters for school supplies and backpacks for 2nd and 4th grade scholars. And under awards and presentations, Item No. 5A, tribute honoring the life and legacy of Former Councilperson Donald R. Wilson.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else? Any additions or deletions? [Pause]. Anyone? [Pause]. Okay.

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have any disclosures by Council?

[Pause]

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have a motion to adopt the Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON 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 ON THE AGENDA.

MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 5, 2017.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: CLAUDENE ANTHONY - (561) 845-4090

RESOLUTIONS

2. RESOLUTION NO. 88-17 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION OF FACILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,655 TO PROVIDE GAS MAIN EXTENSIONS

ON ARDMORE WAY, MANOR DRIVE, SINGER DRIVE, POWELL DRIVE AND MORSE DRIVE; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 311-1127-541-0-6351; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: TERRENCE BAILEY - (561) 845-4080

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS ON CONSENT

3. RIVIERA BEACH PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - \$204 - COUNCILMAN TERENCE D. DAVIS - TO DEFRAY COST OF FOOTBALL / CHEER REGISTRATION FEES FOR LOCAL YOUTH.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have anyone that would like to pull any items? [Pause]. Do we have a motion to accept the Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

[Inaudible background comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, the Consent. I'm sorry, the Consent Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: We have no public comment cards.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: We're closed for that. Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. That's the end of our Consent Agenda.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have any petitions or communications for filing?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Awards and presentations?

4. PRESENTATION BY TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES PRESENTING AN AWARD TO RIVIERA BEACH FIRE RESCUE FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PALM BEACH SHORES COMMUNITY.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 4.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Madam Chair, at this moment, I would like to have representatives from the Town of Palm Beach Shores that are going to be recognizing the Riviera Beach Fire Department approach the podium.

[Pause]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: It's tight back there. There's a lot of tall men back there.

PALM BEACH SHORES FIRE CHIEF STEDMAN: Good evening, Mayor Masters, Commission.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening, sir.

PALM BEACH SHORES FIRE CHIEF STEDMAN: Ladies and gentlemen, Chief.

[inaudible].

PALM BEACH SHORES FIRE CHIEF STEDMAN: It's a privilege for me to be here to represent the Town of Palm Beach Shores, along with our Mayor Myra Koutzen and also our Evyonne Browning.

To that end, I've come to learn, in my short time as Fire Chief of Palm Beach Shores that we have a very solid and valued partner in the Palm Beach..., excuse me, in the Riv'..., in the Riviera Beach Fire Rescue Department. The men and women, a few of which are sitting behind me here, do a outstanding job of service, not only for their community but we have the reassurance that they back up our community as well. And

to that end, we wanted to show our appreciation by presenting this small token and it reads:

To the Riviera Beach Fire Rescue, under the leadership of Chief Reginald Duren for their dedication and service to the Town of Palm Beach Shores.

And again, we thank you for your professionalism, what you do day in and day out and the service you provide for our Town. So, it's much appreciated.

Thank you so much.

[Applause]

FIRE CHIEF DUREN: I wanna [stammer] thank Chief Stedman, as well as members of Palm Beach Shores for coming out for us. We greatly appreciate it. I wanna thank the men and women of Riviera Beach Fire Rescue and all the wonderful service they do throughout this community as well. Without them, there's no success for me so, thank you all very much. And we all wanna, collectively, as a Department, thank the Council for always being so supportive in fulfilling our needs and giving us all the tools to be successful.

So, thank you as well.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Applause]

[Inaudible background comments]

5. PRESENTATION BY EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER ROSEANNE BROWN OF 2017- 2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO 39 CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH COLLEGE STUDENTS.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Item No. 5.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: PRESENTATION BY EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER ROSEANN BROWN OF 2017-2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO 39 CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH COLLEGE STUDENTS

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Someone doing presentation? Ms. Rose Anne Brown is here or is someone else doing it?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: I was anticipating her being here.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, wanna...

CITY MANAGER EVANS: I wanna move on...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...come back?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: To the next one.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. So, we'll...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, Item No. 5.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yes. Madam Chair and Members of the Council, it is with great pleasure that we bring forward Ms. Rose Anne Brown to recognize the 39 recipients of a scholarship from the City of Riviera Beach and on the 20th anniversary of this program, I think it's remarkable that we're able to have such wonderful folks in our community that are gonna go off and do great things at academic institutions. So, without further ado, I ask that Ms. Rose Anne Brown come before the Council for a formal presentation.

[Pause]

MS. R. BROWN: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. R. BROWN: Mayor Masters, City Council, City Manager Evans and all other City officials, please excuse our tardiness. You know, I like to think that I'm a spring chicken but every once in a while age sneaks up on me.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Chuckle].

MS. R. BROWN: I am in a low of pain this evening and, um, but we're here. I'm here and also accompanied by Ms. Jessie Grey who is a long-time member of the Riviera Beach Education Advisory Committee and it is our pleasure to be before you with the 20th year presentation of the education scholarship program. On behalf of many grateful young people, we cannot thank you all enough. You are the only City that does a program like this to this magnitude, and you are the only City that goes as far as to try and accommodate every student who is qualified, not just based upon the amount of money you need, you have set a pattern that every student who is qualified, you don't turn anybody away because of money. You go that extra length to get the rest of the money. And now, the City Manager that you have, I mean, he really is committed to it because, if you notice..., and, and I know at least three of you, and the Mayor, contacted us to say, 'Make sure you let me know what you need when you finish because I'm setting aside a portion of my community benefits to contribute.' Well, we had opportunity to meet with City Manager Evans and he was so impressed with the educational scholarship program and the magnitude that you have gone to present this, that he said, 'Let me see what I can do fist.' And so, I'm here and very pleased to tell you that 39 young people qualified this year. That is a record number and 39 young people will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, compliments of the City of Riviera Beach.

[Applause]

MS. R. BROWN: I., oh Lord. Ya'll, ya'll please forgive me. I'm looking for the names because I just wanted to [pause], for the record, if you don't mind, call the names of the, of the young people who will receive the scholarship from the City of Riviera Beach this year and they are: Aliyah Johnson, Alisia [sp] Smith, Alexandra Woodside, Briana Colton, Bethany Grey Sheeley [sp], Briana Smith, Brandy Watts, Corey Bullard, Courtland Patrick, China [sp] Reed, Capris Winn, Darryl Baker, Delia Charlamane, Devon Coleman, Dexter Dixon, Jr., Destiny Washington, Denedra [sp] Williams, Jasmine Thomas, Jade Virgo, Jacoby Washington, Jonathan Watson, Ketriona [sp] Auguston [sp]. I probably messed up that name, please forgive me.

[Inaudible background whisper]

MS. R. BROWN: I'mma mess this one up too. Kiana Cewniss [sp], Kelandra [sp] Marsha [sp], Kionia Small, Lineekia [sp] Bennett, Mark Franklin, Mykaria [sp] Michelle, Mikei [sp] Williamson, Norman Bain, Jr., Nicole Fellwell [sp], Remedy Ryan, Sara Brooks, Takia [sp] Dinad [sp], Takeria Ivory, Tiffany Wright, Uniqua [sp] Henderson, Vandy Allen and Patrick Brennan. These young men and women have received a letter advising them to submit their proof of enrollment no later than September 30th. Once that proof of enrollment comes in, within two weeks, I believe, the City sends the check to their university, with their student number so it is counted towards them. One of the things that we want to do, I spoke with City Manager Evans about it and we just..., the education committee, we just kinda ran out of time. But we want to ask you if we would be able to go back to a separate presentation like we used to do for the scholarship winners to where there was a reception and they were called, they were invited to come in and that was the only thing that was done as a part of that piece of business. So, that's what we would really like to go back to. It's not a whole lotta funding, it's just monies for refreshments for a reception and present some certificates. They do get the letter, the official letter, from the City that they're able to give their university but that was just another nice piece. They're happy to get the money.

[Chuckles]

MS. R. BROWN: But the pomp and circumstance...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

MS. R. BROWN: ...was a nice piece also. But right now, there's 39 very happy young people because of the City of Riviera Beach. And I've been working with the..., Ms. Dozier, who does the newsletter because we put out an on-call for previous scholarship winners and would like to just dedicate a, an addition of the newsletter to current and previous scholarship winners and that's the one thing that she and I have been working on together.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MS. R. BROWN: That's all that we have other than just, great... Oh, I do want to say that the review committee this year, 'cause I'm unable to be a reviewer because of

administering it but the review committee consisted of Ms. Cynthia Becton, Ms. Jessie Grey, Ms. Arrita [sp] Napier [sp], Ms. Elaine Alvin. Is that it? I missed...

MS. J. GREY: [Inaudible]...

MS. R. BROWN: Okay. We're in trouble again because there's one other person that was on the evaluation committee who we forget but the evaluation process is each scholarship applicant that is complete, is read three times and scored by three individual people and then the scores are averaged and then they're ranks. But, because of your generosity and funding all of them, we don't ever have to just cut off at a certain point for the last, at least, five years, we haven't had to cut off at a certain point and said, 'Sorry, you qualify but there wasn't any money.'

So, on behalf of these young people, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Evans, thank you, Mayor Masters, wherever you are [chuckles], right here, and thank you City Council. You guys are truly awesome for what you do for the young people in this community.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

MS. R. BROWN: 20 years.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I just wanna thank you, Ms. Rose Anne Brown and Ms. Pinkney and the other members of that advisory committee for taking this task on for so many years and providing this opportunity, and coordinating this opportunity, for the youth of Riviera Beach. And here's Ms. Cynthia Becton. We too, wanna add you in...

MS. C. BECTON: Ya'll didn't call me.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Shame on them, shame on them.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible] disgrace.

MS. R. BROWN: And the other name is Ms. Wary Leonard. Please forgive me. Now, ya'll know she will really get but Ms. Wary Leonard is a long time member...

[Inaudible background comments]

MS. R. BROWN: ...and, uh, very much involved in this. So...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And we thank each and every one of you for your commitment to seeing that this is done every year.

Thank you.

UNK: [Inaudible] coming.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Two things, I'm sitting here because it's better for me, I think, for not coughing. But, Madam..., Ms. Brown, I wanna ask you a question.

MS. R. BROWN: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: How many years did the scholarship's been in, in birth?

MS. R. BROWN: 20 years.

MAYOR MASTERS: 20 years. Is this the first time in 20 years that it's been fully funded by the City?

[Inaudible background comment]

MS. R. BROWN: It is n'...

[Inaudible background comment]

MS. R. BROWN: Well, and, and this year, we also had some other funders. We had \$2,000 that was presented at the last City Council meeting from the West Palm Beach Fishing Club, Chief Williams, after a lot of arm twisting and all that kind of stuff, committed \$3,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. The Community Development Department employees got together and, for the first time, a department actually made a donation. They donated \$250 from the Community Development Department.

UNK: And the Brooks family.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The Brown...

MS. R. BROWN: Yeah. Well, I was talk...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...Funeral Home.

MS. R. BROWN: I was just talking about this year.

MAYOR MASTERS: My follow up question, you mentioned that the City Manager did something for, for you this year and it was..., what was... I just wanna make sure I'm understanding [inaudible]...

MS. R. BROWN: We... In order to fund all of the students, it was \$9,250 short and, um, I was all set to call everybody back who had already called and said yes, how much can you give us and then call anybody who had not called and said, 'Can you give us something?' But, when we had the meeting with the City Manager to talk about when it was going to go on the Agenda, Mr. Evans said, 'I believe that we can take care of the shortage.' And so, for the first time, we didn't have to bother you all.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Evans.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...Mr. Evans. I won't have to give any money, you helped me out.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Chuckle].

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. [Chuckle].

CITY MANAGER EVANS: This, this was such a good program but, one of the things that.., and, and Councilwoman Hubbard is certainly to recognize our firefighters and our fire union for their contribution in such an event but, basically, how we were able to get to the \$9,200 to make the program whole, is that I agreed not to fill the executive assistant position in the City Manager's office, that's vacant, until after October 1 so that provided us the financial liquidity to be able to fund this program 'cause I thought that was more important. And, so...

[Applause]

MS. R. BROWN: Thank you. And one other thing, we did have an article in the previous newsletter that asked City businesses to step up and fund a scholarship. Brown Funeral Home, the owners of Glenwood Cemetery stepped up and brought a \$1,000 check. So, one of these scholarship' is funded by Brown Funeral Home.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. She caught me at a funeral and gave me the check to bring. So, she wanted to make sure that that check got here, so I know we're very pleased that she was able to step up and do that.

Thank you so much, Ms. Rose Anne and Ms. Becton. You wanted to make a comment?

MS. C. BECTON: Yeah. I do.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

MS. C. BECTON: Good afternoon.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good afternoon.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good afternoon.

MS. C. BECTON: Thank you so much for all of this. Cynthia Becton, resident of City of Riviera Beach. I., we implore you to take just another step. A step in this '17-'18 school year and that is to activate the education committee. There are some young people, and I emphasize the word young, people who are interested in becoming involved on a committee, like the education committee. They have some ideas of some things they'd like to move forward in the City so that it can be a city that is appropriate for their young children because they want activities in this City that they can take their children to. They've started a small group. So, I can actually give you some names.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That was one of the Items that we discussed and Mr. Evans, where are we with bringing that back? I think we kind of decided we were gonna reactivate it.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Right. We, we did make that decision that we were going...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: ...reactivate it, then also bring back the boards and the structure of those boards at a subsequent City Council meeting. But that was one of the committees that the Council did take action that they would like to see come back.

MS. C. BECTON: Okay. Great. Great. We wanna s'..., we wanna say that. And now, of course, that would be so helpful. And they, they won't have gray hair like me, they'll be like...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We need a few...

MS. C. BECTON: ...all of you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...people with gray hair. You got a lotta wisdom and knowledge to bring forth so we don't wanna lose you now. Don't think that ge'..., let's you off the hook. [Chuckle].

MS. C. BECTON: Okay. Thank you.

UNK: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MS. C. BECTON: And, and don't forget the library, okay?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. Yes.

[Inaudible background comments]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Did anyone else have any comments?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes. Ms. Becton, that's a great idea. So, if the City..., I love that idea. Don't forget the library. So, if the City Manager just told us he d'..., he doesn't need to fill the position and there's, at least, \$20,000, so maybe we can entice him to put that money over in the library.

MS. C. BECTON: Oh no, I heard him.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: He used it for the...

MS. C. BECTON: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: He used it.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Not all of it.

MAYOR MASTERS: He used it.

MS. C. BECTON: We're hearing different things.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

5A:

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: 5A.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: A TRIBUTE HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER COUNCILPERSON DONALD R. WILSON

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who's doing that?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Mr. Mayor.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, give me about two minutes. You can come back. I., it's not in front of me but it's here.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Public hearings?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: No.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do you want that?

[Inaudible comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm going to ask Councilwoman Lynne Hubbard to read the tribute from the Office of the Mayor. She was one of Mr. Wilson's neighbors and known him many, many years, before I even came to the City. So, I would like to ask her to take the privilege and read this, as a tribute.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay. I will be honored, Mr. Mayor. Thank you very much.

Tribute from the Office of the Mayor, the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida honoring the life and legacy of Former Councilperson Donald Wilson for his civic leadership on behalf of the residents of the City of Riviera Beach.

WHEREAS, the City of Riviera Beach is a full-service municipality incorporated on September 29, 1922 as a council manager form of government, thereby the City Council serve as the official legislative body; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Donald R. Wilson, affectionately known as Don, was a long-time resident of the City of Riviera Beach wherein he served as an outstanding City Councilman for District 1 for three two-year terms, beginning April '99 through April 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson was a dedicated City employee who, throughout his tenure as a legislator, untiringly and unselfishly served as a distinguished leader who possessed the unique ability to skillfully exercise, compromise and achieve consensus among his fellow Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, Donald Wilson consistently demonstrated concern for our City as he worked vigorously and diligently for the benefit of all people in Riviera Beach but especially for those who believe they had no voice and felt marginalized when expressing the urgency of their needs; and

WHEREAS, Donald Wilson established acclaimed in a multitude of civic reformations. As a public servant, he vehemently championed human and civil rights for all persons, predominately through the installation of affirmative measures to assure equal opportunity, fair practices and policies in the hiring, promotion and retention of African American cities in the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson's love and loyalty to the City of Riviera Beach will forever be remembered. His faithful service will resonate throughout the community as legendary, one that personally touched the lives and future of residents from the elderly to the youth and to every age in between.

And an original of this memorial tribute shall be placed in the hands of the Wilson Family and an original shall be filed by the City Clerk as an official record of the City of Riviera Beach.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that I, Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera beach, through the powers vested in me, through the residents of the City of Riviera Beach, do hereby recognize and remember the beloved Donald R. Wilson and I enjoin all residents to commemorate and celebrate with the City, and the Wilson Family, as we continue to honor the life and legacy of Donald R. Wilson.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. My I also add that Mr. Wilson was not only a great public servant but he was a educator at JFK Middle School for many years, did a, a amazing job in that position. And he was very much involved in the community affairs and we appreciate the work that he had given to our City.

Madam Chair, at this moment, would you entertain a request that I would like to make, if we would all stand for a moment, another moment of silence in honor of Donald Wilson?

Thank you.

[All stand for a moment of silence]

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: And Councilperson Hubbard.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Do we have any public hearings? Or, did Ms. Rose Anne Brown come in yet?

UNK: She did.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yes. She did.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Let's go back to that then.

[Inaudible comments]

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Public hearings? Do we have any public hearings?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Any person who would like to speak on an Agenda Item, please fill out a pink public comment card located in the back of Council Chambers and give it to the Staff prior to the Item being presented to City Council for discussion. Members of the public will be given three minutes to speak on each Regular Agenda Item... We., I can hear a little bit of talking here. [Pause]. In no event will anyone be allowed to submit a comment card and speak on an Agenda Item after the Resolution is read or Item considered.

ITEMS TABLED

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have any Items tabled?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No.

REGULAR – OLD BUSINESS

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Regular old business?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No.

REGULAR BUSINESS

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Regular business.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Discussion and deliberation.

6. ITEM NO. 6

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 6.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: **DISCUSSION ON CAP GOVERNMENT, INC. IN RIVIERA BEACH LEVEL OF SERVICES**

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: And we do have Agenda.., I mean, one comment card.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. We'll do the presentation and then we'll do the comment card.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Madam Chair, Members of the Council, at this time, I will ask for our Acting Community Development Director, Mr. Jeff Gagnon and our Finance Director, Mr. Randy Sherman, provide a presentation on CAP Government. This is an arrangement that we've had in place some time now and back in July, if I'm not mistaken, we were instructed to bring back some options to the Council to consider a potential modification to the contract so, at this time, Staff to make a presentation and then, and address any questions the Council may have.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Thank you, sir. Jeff Gagnon, Acting Director of Community Development. Good evening to the Mayor and Council.

This Item was carried over from the July 19th City Council meeting. It's a discussion and deliberation Item in regards to the level of service provided by our Building Division and CAP Government, Incorporated who is the current entity who provides supplemental services for building plan review and also building inspection services. Prior to getting into the presentation, I just wanted to make a few notes. As the City Manager eluded to, each year, Staff is tasked with looking at potential ways of managing budgetary restrictions during each fiscal year. So, as part of this process, Staff is looking into potential options moving forward. Again, this is a discussion and deliberation Item and the ultimate goal of this presentation and process is to receive guidance from the City Council in order give Staff the authority to look into a potential amendment to the current agreement and the presentation will identify other Items throughout.

So, currently, there is a high demand for development services. So, as shown on the screen currently, each of the past three fiscal year, there has been approximately 2,000 building permits issued. So there is minor fluctuation. It seems to be slightly slowing down but that's not say that the future will follow this trend. I think we anticipate it to be somewhat in line with these projections moving forward for next fiscal year as well.

There's at least one larger project, as far as permitting, that might inflate the number slightly, so that's Mediterranean or what they've rebranded Arbor Parc. So even though it's one project, there would be multiple permits associated with that project so, that's something to take into consideration for overall permit numbers per fiscal year.

Currently, the building division has multiple vacant positions. This is something that Staff has identified and I think both the City Manager and the HR Director have really discovered ways of allowing current administration to move forward to fill these positions. It's something that has really turned into priority item for, for City Staff, specifically, in the Community Development Department and I think we've identified ways to start looking at that moving forward. So currently, there's approximately \$250,000 in salaries associated with those positions that are currently vacant. If you took the total number of hours that CAP is currently billing us for, it's a... it's basically equivalent to those five positions, for a monthly cycle. So, there's a direct correlation between our vacant positions and the CAP services that are being provided. On average, the last bill in June was \$56,000. That's basically the average, it's about \$55,000 per month for services that are provided. One aspect that current Staff is not [pause], I, I guess..., a downside that currently happens is there's administration component to review hours that are provided as far as how many hours are provided for plan review, how many hours are dedicated towards final inspections of properties so this an element that Staff currently has to review and verify that all the hours are correct. So, part of the thought process is, well, what would it look like if it was a flat rate versus an hourly rate which would potentially alleviate this constant review of Staff time. So, that's just one, one talking point in this item moving forward.

One thing that we do wanna reiterate, and I wanna thank both our building official, Ms. Lady March and our assistant building official, Bovell Richards, who are currently present, for being here and assisting with this item and assisting me, personally, on a daily basis with multiple tasks in the department. But the thing that I really wanna focus on is the fact that the intent of any sort of agreement with CAP is to supplement existing Staff services. So, I heard rumors of, of removal of people and that's not the intent, it's really to supplement existing Staff services until we can permanently fill vacant positions. That's really the intent and, again, I think there's been a commitment to fill those vacant positions in an expeditious manner moving forward.

So again, there was conversation and discussion of a six-month pilot program. It was referred to as..., but it's really a temporary program that would allow consideration of a flat rate fee versus an hourly fee. So the final details associated with that are not really worked out, they're not finalized. This is something that Staff is looking for guidance from Council to either explore further or not. [Pause]. So, this graph was provided by our Finance Department. What this demonstrates is our expenses which is identified in blue. So you can see that, starting in '07, towards the end of the recession, expenses were higher and they've kind of flat lines around \$1.2M. Currently, revenues again as the recession period ended and building growth has spiked in approximately '15. You can see the comparison between the two. So, I guess the current concern is, is this trending downward, will this flat line as well? So, Staff is aware of this trend so we're trying to look at options, moving forward, to, I guess, prepare for the worse case scenario because, you

know, many of us that have been here over that 10-year period have, have lived through pretty lean times, so we just wanna make sure that we have options available.

So, the discussion on the pilot program, it could conclude prior to a six-month period. This is something that can be worked out in the future, it can be brought back to Council so it doesn't have to be for six months. The six-month time period may be required to get a good, really good understanding of whether or not the pilot program's working because on a monthly basis, the fluctuation in building permits and other variables, do vary from month to month so, if you have a six-month period, you at least have a, a good sample to work from. What's currently proposed is 55 or 50% of permit revenue, based on the monthly income received. On average, and again, this is on average, the City receives about \$150,000 per month. However, the most lean month, I think it was around 50 and the best month was probably around \$500,000. So there is a fluctuation in that itself. So again, this is what's currently proposed. But it's not set in stone, it, it's still flexible.

Another talking point that's important is, through this pilot period, if it were to move forward, any inspections or.., any permits that are submitted during that process, all the permit review and all the inspections will be carried through the entire life of that permit. For example, let's say the City moves forward with a six-month pilot program, on the last day of the program, someone submits a building permit. The way that it's being provided now is, even though it's on the last day, CAP would be responsible for fulfilling completion of that entire life of the permit. So, we wouldn't be left hanging a half completed project, even after the pilot program has expired. [Pause]. So, this is another graph that was provided by our Finance Department. IT gives a, a different breakdown of costs as percentage of revenues, so you can see that City costs following the recession period versus the revenues we were receiving. That ration is much higher. It has averaged out over the past few years, however, current Fiscal Year, it's, it's still influx but maybe slightly over and then red is the projection for next year which is still yet to be determined but the projection is basically in line with '17 as well.

So, we're just asking City Council to consider the pilot program and if it's something that the City Council does wish to have Staff look at further, we will potentially amend the existing CAP contract to implement the program. And we can bring that back at a following meeting.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Let's go with the comment, public comment card and then we'll come back to Council.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Mayr Brabham.

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

First question is, have we reconciled all of those CAP invoice payments that were outstanding? Have they all been reconciled? That's question number one. Question number two is that, if this is a pilot program now, he stated that there was five vacancies that are in that department. If this Board here did go in an allow CAP to come in until, I guess this.., that department is fully staffed. The ones that are there now, would, would

those employees still remain there? Now, we know with CAP, they're gonna get 50% of the revenue off of those permits. Am I correct? Is, is, is that, is, is that what was said up there I just, I just wanna be sure that, that, that we, as the general audience, we are understanding that they will receive a 55% of the permits that we, as a City, would, would bring in as far as revenue. So, that's questions number two.

Question number three is, is this really, really feasible? Do you, as a Board, see this as being feasible, with the 50% of the premiums over \$100,000. Am I correct there also? So, this is, this is something that we know that, as residents, we know that there's vacancies in, in quite a bit of these, uh, departments here, that we do hope to fill and some we do not want to be filled. We do also realize that too, that [stammer] some, some departments are really top heavy, which we've already said that. But the things that, uh, the, the positions and stuff that we can fill and keep, we, we see it as being feasible. But this CAP here, this CAP here and what they're asking from the City versus what you already have and what you can, perhaps, [stammer] conceive, that would be more feasible to your in-house staffing versus what CAP is offering.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Council, do we have any questions? Go ahead, Ms. Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Stammer]...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair? Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Hubbard's gonna go and then you go.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Gagnon, from...

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

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...your presentation, it's 55 % of the take that CAP would be receiving?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: So, what's been previously discussed it, which is identified under the second bullet here.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: So, 55% of permit revenue generated, up to \$100,000 per month...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mhmm.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: ...and then anything above that would be 50% of permit revenue.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. I feel that right now, we're in a prime position where we are gonna make money, we're gonna make a lot of money. So far, with the Staff that we have, the Staff has been doing a woman's job and able to get things

permitted and able to have the plans reviewed. So, I think this is a opportune time for us to fill those positions, make an aggressive effort to fill the positions in the Community Development Department so that we can continue to provide the service for the business people that want to come to the community, that are in the community. In the even that we need the service of CAP, we use it like we have been doing in the past. If the pilot program is being put in place for two reasons, one to deter'.., to determine whether we want to go with that flat rate and continue to use them and the other being to fill the gap for service purposes.

I prefer that on'.., let me go back and say this, I'm not interested in using them in.., with a flat rate period because that speaks more to privatization or t third party service provides, which I'm not in favor of. I'm in favor of growing our, building our and having our own. And I think that with the building that's going on in the City right now, we're still safe, in the manner where we can afford to aggressively go out, hire out people, pay them. We know that we were offering salaries that really were particularly low, that's why we weren't getting anybody. We know now, with our salary survey, we have to offer a fair wage if we want to continue to have our own department. So, we're clear on that.

I think that.., this isn't something that we need to do or have to do right now. I think we're at a stable position where we can go out, hire our own and keep the department in-house. Even based on your graphs and the information from your presentation, having them come in at six months to get imbedded into our department and then we don't make an aggressive effort to go get our own people, then we get comfortable with having them in our house and we don't really want to have them, you know, imbedded in our house. We'll just call them and invite them over when we need them.

So that's my take on have the CAP Association come aboard.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Ms. Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you, Madam Chair. You know, CAP has been here, I feel, a little too long. And, what we need to do... Now, I understand that these private companies are going out and they are hiring ...

UNK: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...people that have the experience in planning. Alright? And they're paying them better. [Stammer] I don't know if they're paying them better, um, they're paying them better salaries but I don't know, you know, if the whole package is better than what, you know, the City of Riviera Beach could provide them. Alright? But a lot of these guys are young and, you know, they're looking at the money. What I think we should do, we need to start growing these people here, in Riviera Beach. We have so many kids. We.., we're sending 39 kids, right now, to college, we're assisting them. We've been doing it for over 20 years. There's a lot of college graduates that come back to Riviera Beach and they can't get a job here. So, I really think we need to start growing our own and if we need CAP temporarily, because we do have some building going on here in the City to, you know, continue using them temporarily but I think the focus needs to be on getting rid of them as soon as we can. We just can't keep them

here and pay..., you know, they're taking half of the money and it's just, you know, it isn't right. I would rather invest in these young kids coming out of school.

Have..., do we have any of, you know, young college kids, right now, doing internships in your Department, Jeff?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: We do. It's technically not an internship. We do work closely with YEP and we have offered internships historically.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: And I definitely hear what you're saying as far as offering those opportunities for young people.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right. Because you get them in here, you can train them...

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Right.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...and then there's a loyalty to stay. You know? And we're gonna start paying the employees better, they get a great pension with the City, you know, health benefits. So, in the long run, if you look at the big picture, I think the City can provide, you know, better, you know, a, a better package but we really need to be aggressive with the young people. You know... So, that's my, that's my feeling. Temporarily but, in the meantime, be aggressive and try to find some young people and let's mold them.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You finished, Ms. Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I am. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Ms. Davis Johnson.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Chairwoman. The, the comment that I would have is, if, if our ultimate goal is to get CAP out of the Community Development Department and to bring on folks full time, we then need to direct the City Manager to find those dollars when we're already talking about this deficit and this shortfall. So, where then do you have him pull those dollars from in order for us to be competitive?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: We need to certainly...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: We certainly need to be able to identify the dollars so that we can do just that if we are looking to employ our, our local residents, we, we've gotta find that money in order to be able to bring them on at, at those salaries that

are comparable so that we can shore up the number of individuals that are currently in the Community Development Department. So that would be the charge that I would say we need to now lead is to have him identify the additional funding to cover the cost of those salaries that are higher than what we are offering and we need to do that moving into this fiscal..., into this budget year and this [stammer] budget cycle so that our Staff can then, you know, we can receive the revenue, the City fees that are collected in totality, as opposed to having to, you know, sh'..., farm it out because what I'm saying in this most recent correspondence that came today, you gave us the CAP fee due at \$75 per hour versus the 50% rate and yes it does provide us with a, in some instances I will say that it is a savings and others, um, not so much. That's this memorandum here. [Pause].

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Right.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: And just...

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Go ahead, Jeff.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Yeah. Sorry about that. Just for reference, so, this information was provided. It was in response to the request that was received yesterday, unfortunately.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: I'll, I'll take responsibility for...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: ...the lateness of this butt the real intent of this memo and document was to really provide talking points for the Council. So, the lower rate..., well, not the lower rate, the lower section of the memo discusses a flat rate.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: So that's what's reflect here. What was difficult from the Staff perspective, is to truly identify the number of hours that are required for each permit. So, what I attempted to do was just provide a range of potential hours that could be associated with a certain permit...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: ...as well as the amount of funding at \$75 per hour in order to fulfill that permit. So, you can see that the, the smaller permits, it may be advantageous to have the flat rate because you can have a small permit that utilizes and commands a very large amount of Staff time while, you know, the, the fee that would be required for the flat rate would be minimal, that fee could be much larger 10, 20, 30 times or more, as demonstrated here, but, you know, again, it works backwards and it's difficult to find where that tipping point is as far as the average size of the permit valuation to really see where the cost benefit plays out. So, the, the larger permits, that's where, you

know, it's difficult to even estimate the number of hours associated with some of these larger permits. So, the largest permit value provided here to \$50,000,000. So, it's a very large project but, again, just for discussion purposes only, I wanted to provide a, a wide range of potential permit values and, again, potential hours associated with completion of review of the permits and also inspections associated with those plans.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So we know that... Thank you for that explanation. We know that approximately \$250,000 in salaries are what's available for the five vacant positions. Do we have any idea of what that additional cost would be to bring us on par and to make us comparable so that we can go after the talent and then find those that are here that can perform this work? Do we know what that dollar value looks like in addition to this \$250,000?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Madam Chair, if I may? Currently, at this particular moment, we're not 100% sure what that dollar rate would be because of the competitiveness of this particular field. And so, what we were looking at is when we put together this analysis, to determine where is a break point where the City continues to win on the relationship and, basically, you can see, after you get passed that \$5,000,000 mark, the structure does change. But of the things that we would..., you see this as, as a stopgap measure to be able to get us from point A to point B over the time in which when we're conducting the compensation classification study and, like, Mr. Gagnon expressed earlier, we're taking the necessary steps to be able to bring folks onboard, sooner rather than later, to fill those vacancies.

But another point that I think is very germane to this conversation, and Director Sherman can provide a little bit more insight, if I'm not correct, this is the first year where the building fund, in essence, or this particular..., the, the services that are paid for from permit fees, it is not subsidized by the general fund, it's actually receiving more, collecting more than the expenditures but, historically, there has been a contribution from the general fund to subsidize these operations to the tune of about \$130,000 a year and, and Mr. Sherman can correct me if I'm wrong on that.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: [Inaudible].

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Sure.

[Inaudible discussion]

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Good evening. Randy Sherman, Director of Finance and Administrative Services.

Yeah. And that's actually why we produced this graph. As you can see from '07 through, you know, 2013, the general fund was subsidizing the operations. And then, since 2013, again, when you've had your building, you know, activity certainly escalate, you have actually started to turn it the other way. But over this 10 plus year period, we actually have spent \$2.3M more than we have brought in. And that, that's why we looked over a wider range so you kind of get a, a blended impact or blended look at, at exactly how, you know, the, the operations were functioning over, you know, a period of time.

So again, as, as the, the..., as the demand increases and you're keeping that staffing level relatively flat, you know, you're, you're certainly turning, uh, It'll bring in more revenues than your expenses but when the economy turns, as we're, again, we're starting to see there in '16, it's starting to turn back down, you're gonna start spending again, more than, than the revenues that are coming in.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: And then, if the general fund has to subsidize it, that takes away opportunities for other programs and services that are provided by the City. So, we thought that once the compensation and classification study comes back, it will give us a better understanding of what the fiscal impact would be and I would envision that..., and the Staff has already been talking about this is that we do have five vacancies, looking at the opportunity to maybe fuse some of those vacancies so instead of five, you hire three that have multiple skillsets across the spectrum that we can get it to where it is balanced and we don't end up running a deficit. So, Staff is already having those conversations and, as part of the compensation and classification study, we can ask for that data to be provided so we can make an informed decision.

One of the things that can be stipulated in the agreement, if it's the pleasure of the Council, is to say, 'Mr. City Manager, we'll pilot this is a pilot program. Six months after that, no more extensions, nothing,' and then we, as Staff, know that as of the date the contract's executed and we move forward, that unless something catastrophic occurs, happens, we are prepared to staff up and be able to handle that. So, that is something that the Council can stipulate in the, in the actions, if they wanted to consider the opportunity to enter into a different structure. However, the cost associated with CAP at that \$75 an hour, is really placing a large burden on the organization so we're looking at how we can make that switch. And unfortunately, we didn't have enough time to provide an analysis on how many of our permits..., because we may have 85% of our permits are under \$5,000,000 and so that would be something that would be a good point to, to discuss. However, based on when we got the request, we weren't able to calculate that information but that's another point to, to discuss at a future conversation.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, Mr. City Manager, you hit the nail on the head for me when you talked about the rate that we're paying per hour to CAP for continued services. We need to... I, I understand that we are doing the classification and pay study but we certainly can find out what the municipalities, that are similar to us, are paying at this particular time.

I would not be in favor of a six-month pilot program because I think that that just kind of gives us a position of being a little lax when we need to understand the, the importance of filling these positions and getting folks on board to provide the services that we need to those that are coming here to build or to, to operate their, their business here. So, we need to look at..., in my opinion, we need to look at maybe three months and, in that three-month period, you can then take an opportunity to see what's comparable so that we can go ahead and put those positions... And I know that they're advertised but their advertised at the rate that we are currently paying. So, maybe we need to pull that back, have a look at what is comparable and try to attract some talent to come in so that we can start to remove the, um, presence of CAP in our department.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: To...

[Inaudible audience comment]

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Madam Chair, if I, if may? One of the things that I think we can do, if that's the pleasure of the Council to move in that direction, we can certainly look to make the Community Development Department the first department that's looked at as part of the compensation and classification study and be able to get some good comfort on those numbers and then look to make the appropriate modifications. But that would take that coming before the Council. My only concern about moving Items forward, as it relates to a specific group of positions, you will create internal equity issues as it relates to building inspectors. If we bring those and we see the market says it's 15% more and I increase the 15% more, I have existing Staff in other positions that manage those positions that we have to be conscientious about as well. So, that's one of the things that we look at as part of the process.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You're finished...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Alright. So bas'...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...Ms. Davis? I'm...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: No, no go head'.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So, based on that statement, are you in favor of privatizing that department?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: I'm not in favor of privatizing the department, what I'm in favor of is us looking at both the revenues and the expenditures and finding a way to give us the time necessary to be able to find that stopgap measure so we can, in fact, be able to loo'..., reduce the cost for the City while giving us adequate time to do a fair, equitable analysis on our compensation plan.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Is that, is that it...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...Ms. Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Evans, when you talk about this, this stopgap or this pilot program, I know a while back when you talked about the outsourcing, you talked about.., to what degree of the inspections and code enforcement.., do, do we have a number with the Code Enforcement attached to it as well? Because this is only talking about permitting.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: That, that's all we're looking at.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, Code Enforcement's not a part of this?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: No, sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So that stopped?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yeah. Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So, here's my concern. Back in the fall, December, we had a retreat to talk about this same discussion we're having in July. Since coming on board, I'm waiting to hear of some strategy, or what Staff has been doing to make this a top priority. We [stammer] determined that back in December. And I've heard nothing. Matter of fact, the department is costing us the money, and we needed the most eyes on... Let me roll back. Mr. Evans.., not Mr. Evans but Mr. Sherman, maybe you and Mr. Evans discussed this. Let's look at Kolter, if that project was to come online and permitting fees, how much would that be valued at, for permitting fees?

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Turn that over, over to Mr. Gagnon.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible]. The Kolter project?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Yeah. Just to.., a really rough estimate, I believe, approximate value now is around \$80,000,000 so it'll be about 2% of \$80,000,000.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: 2%?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: About 2%.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So they wouldn't get 50% of \$80,000,000? Based upon this...

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: So, so... The permit fees, the way they're calculated is, we would ask for the overall project value.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: So, the value of the Kolter project, um, and that's, that's 5000 North Ocean Drive, the value of that project, from what I remember is about \$80,000,000.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: That could be give or take a few, don't, don't hold me to it exactly but what our permit fee structure does, and it's.., the easiest way to look at it is just say 2% of the \$80,000,000...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: ...is revenue that's created by the City for the permit fees. So, if a project, of that magnitude, were to come in during the pilot program, then the structure that's being discussed now, the 50% would be 50% of the permit fee would go to CAP.

[Inaudible background comment]

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: However, they would also be responsible for completion from cradle to grave.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So, let me ask you a question. Okay, CAP just put their sign up over there on Singer Island, on Kolter. So, if something's gettin' ready to happen, you still have yet to give us a number what, what CAP would get under this program, just on the Kolter project. Because I would like to get the numbers on Kolter, the Amrit, the Mediterranean, and even the Housing Authority project.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...on how much we would pay CAP, or we just come close to it because [pause] I wanna know how many millions of dollars that we're gonna pay on just those four projects alone. And if we're talking about funding and filling that gap, we fill our gap just on those four projects. We can't keep kicking this bucket down the road, I need to know what that number is before we move on to the next item.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Right. So, the, the Kolter project, approximately.., 2% of that number is \$1.6M.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: So, it would be \$800,000, if...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: ...it was a 50% flat rate fee.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: And again, that's, that's the one project.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Understood.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Unfortunately, I'm, I'm not as familiar with the valuation of, of the other projects off the top of my head but that's definitely something we could...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Do we have...

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: ...you know...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...anybody in the room that knows? That maybe could.., anybody? Evans, do you know?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: No, sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Do you have any...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...Staff, any Staff? [Pause]. Police? Fire?

[Chuckles]

[Inaudible dais comments]

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Yeah.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: Valuation... Ladi...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: State your name...

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: ...March from Community Development, building official. The valuation on the Amrit is still under determination, valuation on Mediterranean is running about \$97,000 a unit. So, they have approximately 500 units slated, there. We have Gateway, who's at \$80,000,000 to one ten. We have 5000 North Ocean, which is at...

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: That's the Kolter project.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: That's Kolter?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Mhmm.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: Okay. That is scheduled to come into our office in coming weeks at \$982,000.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's Gateway, you said?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: No. That's...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible] Kolter.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: Kolter.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, which one...

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: 5000...

UNK: 5000 is Kolter.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So Gateway is the Mediterranea? The new name?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: No. We have...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That's...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible background comment].

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: Okay. Let me start fresh. You guys refer to it something different than what we do. Kolter is 5000...

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Right. That's...

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: ...North Ocean

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: ...that's the Harbor Point.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: So, Harbor Point is coming in at \$80,000,000. Amrit is somewhere between one thirty and..., well, I'll go with their lowest valuation. Right now, they're asking for \$90,000,000.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: For two towers?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: That's what they asked for.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: So, that's Amrit. Mediterranea is \$97,000 a unit, about 500 units.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: The Housing Authority was the other one.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: Housing Authority, Heron Estates, is coming in at about \$22,000,000. So we have, in the next few months...

UNK: It's a lot of money.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So is it, is it safe to say we can be closely sharing almost \$5,000,000 with CAP, if this was to come through under this program?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: Um...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Close, not...

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH: Approximately.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'mma say this much. Staff need to figure out, if we're gonna keep this department together, one of the things I would like to see happen, but I don't dictate on every day operations, we took a Staff member that was over there, Mr. Bailey, should never happen. If you had to fill a gap over there in Public Works, Public Works shoulda came up under the City Manager's office, you should help run the day to day operations. That department is costing the taxpayers a tremendous amount of money and the last thing we need to do is be moving personnel around. For whatever reason, whoever made that decision, you're costing us a lot of time and a lotta money.

I'm gonna stop 'cause I can carry on but we need to see Staff give us something that's gonna work within the next 30 to 45 days. Are there any kind of creativity to bring people on, train folks, get 'em in the fields? They might not be.., they may work for less but that don't mean we can't train 'em to do some work. We need to do something people. You know, you know our Staff is... We got Gagnon over there now, you got Ms. Ladi March over there doing their jobs, they're doing a great job. When we had a full team intact, I mean, we was already a little low on customer service, now we're even falling lower, lower behind. I don't wanna share anything with CAP. They're not providing a level of customer service that Riviera Beach demands and require. And they're making our name look bad. 'Cause I'm tired of walking around in grocery stores and people will pull me over about little cabinets, littles jobs and, and... I had a guy pull me over about a fence, about how CAP came and was challenging.., and really wasn't being far about the per'.., permitting process and inspections. And they kept going on and on and on and on and they kept billing us. So, I don't hear anything today that talks about how we're gonna stop that from happening. We're talking about what can happen within six months. No, what's gonna happen with.., before the month is out, August. We need to start plugging away people.

I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I just have a quick question. How long has CAP been with us? Did they just come to us?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: About a year?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: I believe the initial agreement was October of last year.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: October 2016?

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

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, they didn't just come on board?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: No.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: This has been something that's been going on for a while, correct? [Pause]. Okay. Alright. I'll, I'll let you go ahead and I'll come back. Go ahead, no, go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. The.., there was a, a couple, a couple of comments made and one that I made earlier. I'm all for us trying to grow our own and work from ins'.., from the inside and get people of.., get people employed from, from the City and within the City. If we are having all of this growth right now, if we ever were going to stock our own department, this is the time where we can afford to do that. If this is when we are going to train our own, this is the time when we can afford to train our own. It still boggles my mind that we have had to supplement that department at any time, other than when we had the downturn in the economy when everybody else was feeling the same economic downturn that we were. That should've been the only time because we were never 100% stocked over there. So, for us to have to supplement that department? If any.., I can see us supplementing any other departments but that department for [stammer], at the tune of \$130,000. One thing for sure and two things for certain, they are able to afford to be [stammer] have a 100% of those positions filled now with the money that we are expecting, with the money that it's coming on.., that also allows us time. That allows us time to train our own and to build our own bench as opposed to amending an agreement.

I don't want to amend the agreement that CAP already has outside of saying, 'Hey, we will call you for these services as we need those services and allow them to work with us that way. I don't want to give them a flat rate, I don't want to give them a, a percentage for the.., during the one time when we're really finna' make some money. So, I'm hoping that [pause]. I know that there is somewhere, there's a need for us to fill those positions and that we'll have to find those monies and identify those monies, if they're not already in the budget. But that, you know, that's what caused me pause, with the money that they're bringing in and about to bring in, why we don't actually have the money in that department to fill those positions. But,, if we're really serious about filling those positions, we're gonna need to aggressively put out qualified statements of interest or job descriptions so people will know that your serious with a serious salary attached because, as you said yourself, CAP is offering more of a salary. They might not be offering the type of benefit package that we are offering but they're offering more of a salary. And.., but a lotta times, people will come to you for the benefit package and a little less salary unti'.., so that they can get the training and hone their skills and their, and their, their craft here.

So, I would not be interested in either of the options other than letting them know we're interested in doing business with them on an as need basis.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Did you...

CITY MANAGER EVANS: We can...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Councilman Davis and then Mr. Evans.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'll de'.., I'll defer to Mr. Evans [inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Evans.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: At, at this particular moment, I think it's, it's been explicitly clear with respect to some of the concerns that the Council has, and so, it is my recommendation that this Council consider allowing for us to move forward with the arrangement as it currently sits and then what I will instruct the HR Director to do is for us to do our own internal compensation analysis just pulling our local competitors and then the City Manager has the authority, up to 10%, to be able to offer positions to individuals. But in the event that we can't offer [stammer], if they're not within that 10%, then we can bring those applicants forward and the Council can offer what we believe to be the fair market rate for those particular positions. That will allow for us, if we're able to move forward, probably be able to get to a good point in the next 45 to 60 days. Hopefully, you know, we'll be able to, to get some folks on board at that time and also go out and recruit individuals from other organizations. We can do that. That's something that, you know, Staff can, can move on that sooner rather than later but also, as part of the compensation study, we may find ourselves where we either underpaid, overpaid but we'll take the corrective actions as part of the compensation and classification study but I think that gets us from point A to point B. It's just a different way for us to get there in the interim.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Who do we have that's monitoring CAP through all the different inspections and different projects that are coming online to make sure that the billing on all the major projects, um, that we're gettin' our fair share and they're not just kinda billing us for little small miscellaneous conversations, engagements, emails and phone conversations and the... There's some things I think they can do that will save time and money. Who do.., do we have a Staff member that's committed to doing just that?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Currently, our building official, Ms. March, is reviewing all of the hours that are provided to the City.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Have we determined or found out potentially nex'.., within the next year, how much money that that department will bring in, off inspections and...

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: There is, there is the previous graph, if I can find it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Let's say those...

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: So...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Let's say half of those projects come online. I don't know if you did analysis with all that information included...

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...but it will really help because one of my colleagues asked for finding the money but it's my understanding, if this stuff come' online, the money's there. Matter of fact, we had money allocated for this last year. So, we've always found a way to find.., the way to fund that program. So, I just wanna make sure folks know at home that we do have money coming in to address our, our needs. We just.., it's just all about time at this point.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Understood. And I think that [pause], half, if not more than half, of the projects we discussed are in the current state of definitely proceeding forward. So there's a few projects that have been kinda back and forth for some time and we're not really positive if they're gonna submit final documents or not.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: But I'd say at least half are real projects or ready to move forward so that's something that we can, you know, project forward for next year's revenue.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, if one of those projects come online, as of now, the way the agreement is structured, that they were billing us on a hourly rate? Working on that project?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: It currently would be on an hourly rate. On, on, basically, as needed basis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And if they start a project and we was to.., at some point, let's say two months from now...

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...or three months from now and they're mid, midway through the project for review or as they go through it and we decide to eliminate CAP, do they continue to bill for that project they already started on?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: No. We wou'.., we would have, and I think we've, we've already started discussions with our Purchasing Department, based off the existing agreement, to go back out for competitive process to fill that in the future.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: So, being that it's just an hourly rate structure now, it's on an as needed basis only, so, if for some reason the agreement were to be terminated, then the services would just cease at that point.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair, I'm done.

Thank you, Mr. Gagnon.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Real quick question.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: When does the CAP contract expire? When's it scheduled to expire?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: I, I think it was a, a yearly contract starting in...

CITY MANAGER EVANS: I think...

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: ...October of '16 with extension period as well.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: No. I believe it was a four-year arra'.., arrangement and what was memorialized was a billable rate and it was.., the appropriate monies were not allocated in the subsequent year. So originally, we anticipated that the cost would be \$140,000 for this fiscal year and obviously we have exceeded that. But it was a four-year agreement at the \$65 or \$75 per hour based on the services provided for building inspection services and so, there is no, um, we could.., of course, we have an opportunity to get out of the ar'.., arrangement with appropriate notice which we would, you know, as we move forward, that's would be one of the...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: ...aspects that we would move forward on.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair... Mr. Gagnon, how many...

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

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So, we say that we use them on an as, as needed basis.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: We have how many Staff in Community Development that's currently doing the work?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: It's almost easier to say how many people...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: You don't have?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: [Chuckle].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So, how many you don't.., you don't have the five?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: So, so, I believe in the building division, five out of the eight current positions are vacant.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: And those are the full-time positions. We do have some help within other positions so it's really four out of the eight are completely vacant.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: And, and I'll just stay in the building division.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So, based on that information, our as needed basis is a little more increased based on the lack of individuals that we have serving.

To.., back to your point, Mr. City Manager, when you talked about the, um, you talked about equity issues. Because we did have this conversation so how then, if you're pro'.., proposing, which I did understand you to say that we would go ahead in advance of the study and look to see what our counterparts are paying and put out the advertisement with the dollars. I mean, is there an opportunity for us to have the existing Staff understand that the pay and classification.., compensation study will be, will be completed and we can look at that... I'm not saying certainly not bringing in folks totally over existing Staff but we need to be competitive if we are going to bring folks on board that can help us to get out from under this contract, spending the dollars that we're spending based on, you know, \$75 per hour. And I'm not in the industry, I don't know how long it takes to go out and do a specific thing but, you know, it just seems to me, as I said in my earlier comments, that this is a priority and we need resolve the issue because we're going to... If, if we don't, we'll be in this place six months from now and that's not our intent, certainly.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: And that, and that goes back to what my original concern was with respect to us doing a Staff initiated compensation study and bringing that information forward because of the internal equity issues because I know there's individuals that hi'.., have a higher level of skillset in the organization that, when we go get the data form other communities and we look to bring in these inspectors and other positions, that they are gonna be close, if not more, than those that they will be, in essence, managing because we have a series of inequities in the organization and so that was my concern about doing that in advance of the study, because the study's gonna provide us the justification to say, 'Okay, these positions should be in a certain place because, if we do the study and the study comes back and says they should be at \$65,000 a year, but we do our preliminary study and our preliminary study says it should be a 72 because of what the comparables, then, do you go back and reduce the salary of those individuals you just hired? So, the likelihood of that would be no, you, you wouldn't do that.

So we just wanted to make sure that whichever direction we took, that there would be adequate documentation and support to do that but we would communicate to; the employees that we will look at this apples to apples, bring these folks on board, hopefully,

it's within that 10% threshold. If not, we will just make sure that we bring it to the Council to [inaudible] ratify the compensation for these individuals, get them on board and then there's going to be a little bit of an overlap as they start taking away those projects from CAP and then we ramp up our, our operation. So, conceivably, we can get it done, I would hope, in the next, you know, 30 to 45 days and, and this will be a priority for Mr. Davis and I to work through those, if that's the pleasure of the Council.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I think Mr. Evans is totally right but my concern that we must understand is that CAP and, and other companies are sitting back and watching our interview process and it's about a demand and it's, it's a bidding war. And so those making those offers the understanding that they can pull all the candidates before we make those offers. They can afford, as long as they have our contract, to pay those great expenses. So, once we are removed from this umbrella, our price might not necessarily be at the \$75 an hour, it might be at 65 or 66 or 68. So, the faster we get rid of them, the cheaper it's gonna be to pay [inaudible] 'cause the only reason those prices are up, is because we have someone like CAP working..., [stammer], under contract and they're snatching people up the minute they apply for jobs for us. They're watching our whole interview process as well. So, they can afford to pay as long as we're paying 'em millions of dollars for just, for [pause] being on the payroll. So.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: So, can I have, uh, or can I state what I believe the direction to be or?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes, go ahead.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: I believe it is the, the direction from the Council to proceed forward with looking to recruit and retain our own individuals to serve in the capacities that we have vacant in, in the Community Development Department and then look to do a comparable analysis with respect to compensation and then, hopefully, if it's within that 10% threshold for us to be able to bring those folks on board. If not, we're comfortable with paying what the market analysis comes back as and then bring that to the Council for ratification at...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER EVANS: ...a subsequent meeting and then begin the transition process of severing the relationship with CAP. I would assume once we get folks on board, I would say about a 30-day process but then we would, in essence, pull back the, the amount of people that we would work with on CAP if we bring our folks on board, sooner rather than later.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: What's the total number [stammer]... So we need a, we need a building inspector, we need a combination plans examiner. Are these multiple positions that we need?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yea'.., there, there are multiple positions but also Staff has had a great idea that we're working through, is to almost look at fusing some positions to be able to have multiple skillsets and multiple disciplines where you may pay a little bit more but you'll get a better quality. So, the positions as they stand today may be five but it may get down to three or, I don't think it's ever gonna get down to two but at least three, so we're looking at maybe changing those and that would be something that would require legislative action from the Council, as well, to do so.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm looking at the current job listing and I only see the two positions. So, I, I guess my question is, are we looking for two building inspectors, are we looking for three building inspectors, are we...

CITY MANAGER EVANS: We...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...looking for...What are we looking for?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: We have three building inspectors, a combination plans examiner, a building permit tech.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So, the building permit tech is not out here, so we need to have that out. [Pause].

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: I think that that position was previously advertised and it closed. But I can follow up on that...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Please.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: ...definitely.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: But I think the, the big positions are the four, the three inspectors and the combination plans examiner. And so, in conversations with Staff, we looked at the opportunity and, and, Mr. Gagnon, correct me if I'm wrong, to look at that building inspector positions and say okay, maybe it's one building inspector and two combination plans examiners because they can do more across the discipline. So, we're looking at some type of other situation where we can still have a high level of service but also save some funds in the process as well [pause] while still providing a high level of service.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: How long have those positions be vacant?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: It's been months.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Months?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

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

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Probably before my tenure.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Like, 10 months, two months?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: Think 10?

UNK: 10 months.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: 10 months?

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: 10., 10's accurate

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GAGNON: And, if I can also build off of City Manager Evans' comments, I don't want to lose the future potential of supplementing existing City services through a third party provider because I think what we've seen historically as being such a small division that, if one person calls out sick, and we have, you know, 20 inspections lined up, we have to have the ability to at least have a third party on board and have an existing agreement in order to still fulfill those services. Again, we're, we're a very small division, it's something that we've had the capability of doing for, for years really. So, it's really getting to the point where we don't require these services on such a large scale but just in case, again, someone's sick, someone's on vacation, someone's at a conference, you have the ability to still provide a high level of service.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: And, and also, I would...

[Inaudible dais comments]

CITY MANAGER EVANS: And, Madam Chair, I also would caution us, with respect to how fast we do grow with.., within that operation because it is a restricted revenue stream so it's.., we can only utilize it for the services rendered by that particular division. Anything over and above the excess runs into fund balance in the building or permitting fees and so you can't utilize it to supplant the general fund or transfer monies in the general fund so it is extremely restrictive on how you can utilize that because that's what that state statutes calls for.

So, back to the Community Development Director's point, is that if having that third-party vendor allows for additional.., if the market decreases or increases, you can staff up or staff down and not have an adverse impact on your existing workforce. And, because that is what happened during the economic downturn, when the building funds were impacted, that's when a lot of agencies had to reduce the level of service and their

employees to be able to right-size their organization. So, there is that fine line that we have to look at.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. You had a comment?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. With the summary that Mr. Evans provided, are we in agreement with what he stated? Anyone have anything to add to that?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Restate the summary.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Chuckle]. That's a long summary.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm comfortable with the 10% but that's about it. 'Cause I think the market is driven. The price is gonna be high as long as they're working for..., long as they're in agreement with us.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: And I, and I can go 10% without the Council's approval.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Anything...

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

CITY MANAGER EVANS: ...over, anything over that, I would have to get the Council's...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: ...approval. So, I can..., we can offer at 10%. If we see that the numbers come in higher, then I'm gonna end up bringing it to the Council so we can get people on board and that can be a policy decision that this board makes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Did you...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...[stammer], you still need him to [inaudible]...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else? [Pause]. Okay.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Okay. So, can I have a motion on the proposal as...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: It's a discussion...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...Item.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER EVANS: I would still like to memorialize it by official action of the Council for the purposes of having a clear direction, so we can move forward.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Let me see..., can I ..., state it?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Well...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I just wanna know then why you...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Pull your mic down.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...didn't have it?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Pull your mic.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I'm sorry. I wanna know then why you didn't have it as a Resolution.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Instead of just a discussion Item.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: You can still take official actions on discussion Items as well.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: There was no mention in the Item. But, whatever.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So, the, the, as Staff., Staff's recommendation, as Staff presenting it, is not what the general consensus is.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So, this is, this is my motion. My motion is that we go ahead and keep the...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...contract... I'm sorry?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh, no. Go ahead, go ahead. No, she's talking about...

UNK: [Chuckle]].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ... something... [chuckle]. She was talking about something else. Go ahead.. Go ahead. Continue. Continue.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: That's why we shouldn't be talking when people are making...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, you know...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...a motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I,...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...apologize for that but my question was, instead of making a motion for formal action, why can we not just direct the City Manager to move forward in the direction in which we just discussed.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: We can do that but the City Manager said that he felt more comfortable with having a motion so that he could move forward with the action.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Well...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So that was the only..., the only reason.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: But gi'..., us giving him direction is a formal...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Is it not a memorialization of what we want from you and what...

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Well, well, the...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...we intend?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: It, it..., I would just say then there's consensus from the Council for the Manager to move forward as presented.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Well, as presented in my...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: IN your...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: His co'...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...summary.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: His summary. His summary.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Stammer].

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Not that.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yes. Yes. That what I was saying.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Alrighty.

[Chuckle]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: That is...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Is, is...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...what the conversation was about.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...that the understand, Ms. Pardo? Are you good with that or no?

[Inaudible dais comments]

CITY MANAGER EVANS: I can restate it...

[Inaudible dais comments]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No. You know what, let Ms. Hubbard make a motion.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: If, if the Manager isn't comfortable with direction to and he needs a motion to move forward, then Ms. Hubbard, please make the motion.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible]. I mean, colleagues?

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Let's go. I move that we go ahead with the arraignment that we have with sta'..., with CAP as it stands now, using them on a as need basis and that the Administration and the HR Department move aggressively to fill these positions so that we may be able to keep our in-house permitting and review department in place. We will continue to use CAP as..., on as need basis.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Uh, and maybe...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Are you second'...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No. And maybe, Ms. Hubbard, you can also put in there that we..., that CAP will charge us an hourly rate. So they don't get...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The arrangement...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...a piece of the pie.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. You're right.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Well, the arrangement that we have with CAP is an hourly rate as...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...as it, as...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: But remember what...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...it stands.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ... they were proposing originally.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. She's right.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So, we will, we will continue with CAP on an as needed basis, which is...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Hourly.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...by charge of an hourly rate. We, in turn, will move aggressively to fill the positions through the HR Department in the Community Development Department.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. We're gonna go ahead and move into public comments.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: 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. 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, FORM THE MEETING AND/OR THE BUILDING, IF NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have any public comment cards?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Yes, we do. Peyton McArthur and Bishop Thomas Masters.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We only have two?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No, we have a few.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No other public comment cards will be accepted at this time.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. P. MCARTHUR: Good evening. Peyton McArthur, Port of Palm Beach. Mr. Mayor, Councilmembers, as always, it's a pleasure to be here before you. I bring greetings from the Port of Palm Beach. There really isn't a lot new that you would be interested in although we do have a possibility of a second ship and we are working diligently to try to get the owners of the ships to relocate their administrative offices and their call center from Fort Lauderdale to Riviera Beach. We think that would be a lot of jobs. I can't go into specifics but I can't understand why they haven't [stammer] jumped at our offer because it's very generous.

I just wanted to bring you greetings. If there's anything I can ever do to bring you any information or anything, please feel free to give me a call and let me know. And, it's a pleasure to be here.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you so much.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Next. And who's after the Mayor?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Lloyd Brown.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

BISHOP T. MASTERS: Bishop Thomas Masters, Pastor of the New Macedonia Baptist Church, located 748 West 9th Street, Riviera Beach.

A group of concerned citizens from the county, pastors, community leaders, community advocates, it's come to our attention that there is a store that several residents from Riviera Beach, as well as nearby cities, may shop at. This store is the Family Dollar store which is located on Australian Boulevard and Palm Beach Lakes. It has been noted by eyewitnesses that they have seen evidence of mice, rats in the store. I, as a Pastor, I have also noted likewise as well as other residents of the Palm Beach County area. I'm calling attention to our residents because we have several that may go there and others I in the area but you need to know that, um, from what I can gather, that the store is aware that they have this problem with the mice and they are trying to do something about it from we have been told. However, when you have food there, there's only one thing you need to do, is close the store and then take care of the mice but you can't keep that store open and you have this kind of problem. So, I wanted to make the..., as a Pastor, as a minister, as a concerned citizen of Palm Beach County make residents that maybe listening to this, in Riviera Beach and also on Channel 99 in West Palm Beach and Lake Worth and Lantana and other places, that is a problem and I'm just..., I wanna thank the young lady who called it to the attention of myself and others.

Also, as a Pastor in the City, I'm also concerned about certain situations in the City of Riviera Beach, as well. And I have asked Minister Lloyd..., not minister, Mr. Lloyd Brown, talked to him earlier today and he has mentioned that there's some situations that he's not happy with and I would like to invite him to join us and to share those things with us but it's just come to a point that people have to stand up and know what's going on. I've gone to places in the City, services stations and other places and...

[Beep]

BISHOP T. MASTERS: ...they tell me that the restroom is not., the restroom is not working. I know they're lying, most of the time but there's certain things that I'm gonna be looking to., looking into as a Pastor, in this City.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

BISHOP T. MASTERS: Madam Chair.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Lloyd Brown, then Bonnie Larson.

MR. L. BROWN: How you doing? My name is Lloyd Brown. Thank you, Mayor. I had some other things to say but I'll let it go this time so ya'll got a break.

But anyway, I know you live over there, Ms. Hubbard, by the Imperial and all these places that sell food in Riviera Beach, these stores been there since I was at Washington Elementary and, you know what, I have not ever saw a tent, a tent or anything over these buildings. Now, Mary B. used to own this food store in the Imperial parking lot and Joe Richardson used to own the gas station, John used to have, have the little store there, I never saw a tent over there but we got people going in there, buying food. If you wanna go in there, just go in there and look around. And you can look and you know there's roaches and rats and everything in there but they're still selling foods too. But, if I go over the other side of the bridge, see, Ms. Pardo, you're earning your money. If I go over the other side of the bridge, you don't see these stores that got food, they' selling food. You got somebody back there today and then tomorrow, it's another person back there selling and he's making the food.

Now, one thing too, I haven't seen over other side is I haven't seen no., I know gambling, right? When you get down on your knees and shoot craps, that's against the law, right? But what about these machines they got in these stores? I mean, I went to these stores over here and they got seven, eight, nine machines. See, they' playin' on the intelligence of a black man who's poor and he think' he's can win, that's another lotto kinda situation. They' pullin' all these guys that used to shoot crap, they' right in the store. So, it's the same ball of people, you know, in those stores, on the machines. And, like, one person might win \$5,000 but during that week, eight or nine people done lost \$20,000 and they don't even see it. And they look and it's, like, suckin' 'em in, you know, suckin' 'em right in.

And then, another thing I wanna know, Jerry Springer, on his show, he got, like, now and he got then. Okay? I heard you talk about these college people. Okay, that was then. I've been over here for a while, then, when they went in. Where are they at now? I mean, you say this thing is working. I mean, show us these people that., 'cause I've been coming over here for a while and, I mean, I wanna see these people now 'cause you say., you, you puttin' money in this program, puttin' these people through college, where are they at now? Are they on the corners with them same guys? They wa'n't on there for four years 'cause they were college? You know what I'm trynna say? Now that

they're outta college, where are they at now? If you're putting this money in this program, then you might as well stop it and put it into the gym because, I mean, open it up seven days a week. In Lauderdale, some of them places they do it, but if you're giving it to these college students and they go off and then they come back and they' in the same boat on the corner as the other guys, what's the use?

[Beep]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright? Who's next?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Bonnie Larson and Mary Brabham.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And to Mr. Brown's point, hopefully, maybe we can get a update, maybe if some of the scholarship recipients, at some point, can give us an update as to what they're doing now. That would be a good idea.

Ms. Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: That's a great idea. An also, someone had an idea, a couple years ago, whatever, and they said the people that we give scholarships to, it would be nice if, when they come back into the community, maybe they give a scholarship to somebody, \$1,000 or something, that would be nice because we do never hear...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MS. B. LARSON: ...from them, what's happening.

And, um, you know, as far as them..., when you, when you go to college you learn how to apply for a job, so, if there are jobs in Riviera Beach, of course, they're very welcome to apply for those. They know how to do that but they have to have a specific skillset, they have to have the education, they have to have majored in something that we can use and, of course, then, you apply for Riviera Beach if it is your desire to return to Riviera Beach. Florida is not the highest paying state so a lot people who go to college, they, you know, go off to other states and find jobs but, if they come back here and they have the correct education and major, sure. They'll know how to apply for jobs in Riviera Beach and we hope they do.

The other night, there was a, a lady here, and Ms. Hubbard, you arranged this meeting, I believe, about the codes and liens. She was an attorney and she was talking about how to revise our codes and, and [pause]... That, I guess that's about it. There were very few Council people here, unfortunately, so not many people got to hear her but I would like to ask that, at some point, we have resident input into codes because we see a lotta things and we shouldn't bring our personal problems but if we see things that can be rectified and, and clarified throughout the City, that would be a good thing, if we gave our input.

There's been a car on Broadway, it's been there several weeks. I called several weeks about it, near the old Betty Ann's Bar. It's been sitting there and I called several weeks ago. I don't see a sign on it saying get this car outta here. If you got a junk car,

you can sell it. There are companies which buy the junk car but don't leave it on Broadway because, when people come in here to open a business or whatever, they look around and they see how the other properties are kept and they're not gonna wanna open a business if they see that all of our properties along Broadway and MLK and the other major street, are just kept in disrepair. They're not gonna wanna open their business here.

Oh, I was very happy to see outside tonight, on that electronic sign, it said meeting tonight. Yes. And there's a meeting tomorrow. They were advertised on the sign today so I was very happy to see that.

P&Z though, we, we still need... It's very difficult, still, to access the Agenda on the internet. I finally found it but it, but it's not easy. It should be easy. When I finally got to it, there was no backup for the meeting, that would be nice to have backup on there. And they talked about upcoming meetings, there was nothing listed in upcoming meetings. And also, if it could be put on the Novus Agenda so we can just go there and click on the P&Z and see the video because right now, like I said, it was very hard to get to it.

[Pause]. Ah. [Stammer] I had an opportunity...

[Beep]

MS. B. LARSON: ...to speak with several policemen this weekend and they said they were working five days a week, 12 hours a day. Is that true? That's what they told me. That's 60 hours a week. These guys have to be tired and they need to be on their toes when they're working here. 60 hours is a lot, is that true?

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms....

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Mary Brabham, Tommy Walker.

[Pause]

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

I'm gonna change courses here because I'm gonna..., I'm very displeased in the conduct of some of the Board Members up there. It's okay for you to be distained toward Mr. Evans but it's very unprofessional and rude toward what we see up on that Board. Not just this night, other nights too that we've gotten with residents and we have saw this behavior. I hope that OIG office continue' watchin', I hope certain investigators, that we know, watchin' because this is what we have said. You sit on that Board, doing your deliberation and you talk to one another, that's breaking the Sunshine Law. You talk when others are up there deliberating, that's rude. That's very unprofessional. I hope they are watching this. Just like we are watching it because the same thing' that [stammer] we're saying, we will not let this go unscale. Be, be nice. Show some professionalism. Show some.

Too bad that boy there, Councilman TD Davis is outta here. When he made comment about Mr. Bailey, we all know how Mr. Bailey got there. He didn't get there by Mr. Evans, he got there by Danny Jones. Here's these applications here. You had four more greater applicants that were well more qualified but we know Danny Jones put him there. No, Ms. Brabham doesn't bite her tongue. I don't have to answer to nobody but God because it's time for you all to stop this foolishness here. We, as residents, we see this. Mr. Evans has done nothing but came in here to try to lead us. It's up to you as a Board whether or not you want him or not but guess what, you only serve two or three years too. We'll be here. And we'll still come to this podium and voice our concern for the unprofessionalism that you all possess here. Stop this talking when you're delib'..., deliberating. Stop this whispering. That TD Davis boy he's bad but yet you all wanna treat Mr. Evans like he's some child? Look in the mirror and check yourselves. We love all of you all but we don't like this behavior here. This behavior is distasteful and it leaves a bad perception of we, as residents, in this City and we are not like that. Stop this here, work together. Work together. It's time, [inaudible] for this foolishness. In 10 months here, Mr. Evans wasn't here when all of this was going on. Last week, on July the 4, you all voted...

[Beep]

MS. M. BRABHAM: ...to do the, uh, Mangonia Park and have the workshop. A week and a half ago, we watched this here..., mess here. The attorney here, we felt so sorry for that attorney that came in here to do that workshop on the Code Enforcement. You all got to start deliberating better. You all got to stop lagging the Board down. It's, it's, it's terrible. It's terrible. Last week, that boy there, I'mma call him a boy since he wanna label Mr. Evans as a boy, stop acting like a kid, Councilman TD Davis, be a man.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms. Brabham.

MS. M. BRABHAM: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Next.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Tommy Walker...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible comment].

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: ...Margaret **SHEPHERD.**

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who else?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Margaret **SHEPHERD.** Tommy Walker first, then Margaret **SHEPHERD.**

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

[Pause]

MR. T. WALKER: Tommy Walker, 1582 West 9th Street.

Wow. [Rubbing hands together]. I came, and I'm glad I came. I'll get mine out the way right quick. I am hosting my second annual Take Your Kid to School Day, on the first day of school on the 14th of August. This is a day where we try to encourage all the men in the City to step up and take their child to school. I'm trynna build a database because we got Mary McLeod covered but I'm trying to get all men that's able, that's qualified, to come out and help us this year. We need a lotta mentoring. We ju'.., we, we need a lotta things and I'm gonna create a database and put everybody in this one database that I'll be able to go out and give Lincoln and Washington and West Riviera some help 'cause we keep sending our kids to school expecting the school to fix it. But our schools are what we make it. And if the community doesn't get involved, it'll just be what they want it to be. Now, my phone number is 561-501-3524. 561-501-3524. Anybody out there in TV land that wanna volunteer can give me a call.

Um, I got.., I thought I was the only one... I'mma skip and change courses. I thought.., Ms. Brabham, I thought I was the only one that saw that.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Stammer], let's...

MR. T. WALKER: That... I haven't been to a meeting in a while. Every since.., we.., TD, we know that, that situation with CAP was all the way in October. Mr. Evans ain't had nothing to do with that, but yet, you still, you said something about it and he has nothing to do... You could [stammer], you can blame Peter Ringle for that because, when we did have qualified applicants, he was telling them, 'Hey...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. T. WALKER: ...they get paid 35, you get paid 24 and you ain't gotta deal with the Council. Go over there to CAP.' [Pause]. I know at least four people that work for CAP, that's on their payroll from Riviera Beach. So, if we can get a comprehensive program to do that, then that'll be fine. If it was a priority for Mr. Evans, why didn't we get a directive when he first got here but now it's a problem? [Pause]. We need to stop. I'mma defend him when, when, when you're wrong and that's wrong. I, I see Ms. Pardo sit over there and every chance she get, she try to hit him in the head, bust him.., bust his head to the white meat. We gotta stop this. He ain't going nowhere. Trust me, he's not going anywhere 'til the, 'til the residents...

[Beep]

MR. T. WALKER: ...say he can go somewhere.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who's next?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Margaret **SHEPHERD.** And the last card is Willis Williams.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible background comment]...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm gonna handle this [inaudible].

[Pause]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: Good evening. My name is Margaret **SHEPHERD** and I do live in the great City of Riviera Beach. To the Honorable Mayor, and Ms. Chair and to all of you, our City Manager. I'm here on a different note.

On Saturday, August the 26th at 7:00 o'clock, at the Hurst Chapel, we will be having a torch bearer dinner, given by the Youth Recreation Association with Mr....

MAYOR MASTERS: Calloway.

MS. M. SHEPHERD: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'm getting there.

[Chuckles]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: Uh, we'll be hosting this great event and we have a young man that's being flown all the way to Riviera Beach to be our keynote speaker and that's the Honorable Mr. Jonathan Evans. If you never heard this young man, this is your time to hear him again. This is the third time. I think I've heard him speak and the tickets are \$50. I've sold 20 already at \$50 and I'm gonna need another 20 but I need your help to make sure that the senior citizens of Riviera Beach be able to get tickets to go over and hear this young man. He is a great man. If you have heard him speak and I'm sure that he's gonna bring joy to your hearts to know that he is going to be our next Manager of this great City.

I do wanna thank the Honorable Mayor of this great City. And to Mrs. Miller-Anderson for speaking on his behalf, talking about having a two year, uh, I mean, having a contract but not having a contract. I do agree with some Items that say let's wait 'til after we get through with the budget because we know the budget is very important and I've sat down and thought it would be, honestly great if we sat down, let the budget move and then move into the replica of making sure that Mr. Evans is secure here in the City of Riviera Beach. I've heard so many of the citizens talk about him and so, I feel relaxed that you will make that decision to make sure that he is here, doing well for this great City.

Once again, we hope that you come over. I have tickets here. It's only four people that I know on that sheet. I think it's about 10 and it's, um, I know Cynthia Monroe, Gwen Oaks, Ms. Dawson and myself, those are the only four that I really know on that paper but I'm here selling my tickets so that our citizens, our senior citizens who was over at the Marina and, Mr. Blankenship, what an honorable man. And Gwen gave us such a fantastic day of dancing. I think I saw the Mayor over there dancing.

[Chuckles]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: I think I saw him cuttin' the rug and...

[Beep]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: ...I saw our Chair and, and our Vice Chair. So, let's come out and support our senior citizens, making sure that they have a front row seat at the table.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr. Willi'..., Williams.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, while he's coming, Mr. Calloway's done a lot for senior citizens and I'm supporting the cause and ask others to join in.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Mr. Williams.

MAYOR MASTERS: Of the council.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Good evening, Council and Mayor. Willis Williams, Riviera Beach.

Couple things that's troubling to me, is I got a few phone calls during the last week and I know Mr. Evans, when he came on board, he had a lotta, and probably still do, have a lotta personnel issues that he has to worry about and take control of and make sure that things get happening and done. But down at the Marina, this Board was supposed to look at that contract for the three-year period, a month ago I think it was and I don't know to what avail it happened but I do know that a lot of people are very upset down at the Marina. Now, they're asking for \$2,000,000 [stammer] insurance for, for the, for the vessels that will be docked there. There are vessels that are charging people an extra \$2 a head. That's, uh, I know it's an enterprise zone, I'm just wondering if that money being filtered into the City coffer or not. A couple of you mentioned about where would you get the money to staff these people in the building department and the building department is a very, very, very functional part of our City that we really need because building is always gonna..., somebody gonna tear a house down and build a house or some land gonna be[stammer] gonna need a building department. So, it's kinda not easy to try to get rid of a building department but let me say this, I would like for you in your next year's budget, to just take a look..., I, I come to this podium quite often and I talk about the, the vehicles that we're purchasing. For some reason, every time I talk about, a few Council people, they'll go on and they'll vote and, and supply..., I know Mr. Johnson is not with us now and I hate to talk about people, they're not around but they don't even build a vehicle now that, that will go over 100,000. And we, we talk about the mileage on these vehicles and I went and checked some other municipalities around and I'm looking at the years of vehicles that they have compared to the years that we've got. If we don't buy any vehicles this year, or the next year, we'll have enough money to staff a whole lotta people. So, when you're doing your budget, take a real close look at whether the vehicles that are being proposed, are they really necessary? Because I think they're spending this money just like it belongs to them, instead of the taxpayers. This is taxpayers' dollars and I don't think it needs to be spent frivolously.

And Mr. Evans, as an old man used to tell me a long time ago, these are the bumps you get in the road that you take but come back fighting every chance you get.

[Beep]

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Keep fightin'.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hold on one second. Is that the end of public comments...

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...cards? Okay. So, what I'll have is Mr. Evans have an opportunity to answer some of the concerns that were mentioned during the public comments. And, you're wantin' to make a comment, Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Or do you want to make it during your time?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, well... The same way he's gonna make comments regarding what's.., you're allowing him to do, I would like to have the same thing to respond.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: To respond...? Typically, we don't go back with...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Are you saying...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, he should make...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'll let you do what you need to do.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: He should be making his comments under City Manager comments, the same way I want I'm a do in Council...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'll let you...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, I would defer...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I let you...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I will defer to the end of the Agenda, the same way the City Manager should defer to the end of the Agenda.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'll, I'll..., no, you can go after... I'll let you go right after him. Go ahead, Mr. Evans.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: The I... The Item specific to the Marina contract, we can certainly look into that and, and provide some additional clarification. And with respect to the vehicles and the acquisition, that's something that fleet management and we're creating an internal service fund to help assist in better tracking that so, this budget year, Fiscal Year '18, we will have a better understanding of our fleet and the rolling stock so that number may change in subsequent fiscal years. And I believe..., and then the scholarship update, we can certainly reach out to Ms. Brown and see if we can get some of the recipients to come and visit us and provide an update on how they're doing and where they're seeking gainful employment opportunities and see if we can recruit 'em to come back home.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. I just wanted to make a point, just to be clear as to why I do have Mr. Evans address the public comment card questions, is because a lotta times the residents are not staying around that long and they do want to hear those answers. I know many times they would leave the meeting and not have a complete answer so I provide that opportunity for them to hear their answer. So that's why I have him address that but not do his City Manager comments at that time. He's only addressing those public comments. So, that is the reason for that.

Go ahead, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Just to be clear, I have a question for Mr. Evans. But, as I lead into this question, I just want the public to understand that we come to this meeting to govern ourselves as professionals. I have sat through the last two, maybe three mee'..., three months and I witness folks coming to the dais..., to the microphone, making comments and accusing Boar'..., not just me, and other Board Members of the City Manager's contract and I just wanna continue to encourage them to reach out to us. Call us before you come to the meeting so we can have a discussion, a true professional discussion and deliberate whether the rumors you're hearing are true or not. What I would like to ask Mr. Evans, the contract that you're un'..., currently under, is it a contract you negotiated and signed?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, that...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, no. Because I'm being attacked for something, I want the public to know that we did not..., we did not stop him from getting a contract. He negotiated the contract and he agreed and he signed so I should not be attacked, and no other Board Member should be attacked, for something that he negotiated and agreed upon. And that's only fair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. I don't think this is the forum to have [inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, you allowed him, Madam Chair, to speak out of order.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: It's...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, all I'm asking is for him to answer that one question since the public came to the microphone and I'm responding to the public by a mere question to the City Manager, did you or did you not negotiate and sign that contract, Mr. Evans?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Davis, I want to respect your position, however, we are.., we do not have anything on this Agenda talking about Mr. Evans contract.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, I will respect that at this time and I will defer...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Now, if you want to...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...that to my comments...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...bring that back...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...to my comments.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But, when you go to public comment, moving forward, Madam Chair...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...please allow us to move forward and let him address the public when he get to City Manager comments.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I will not do...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's only fair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...that because the...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Because, that's...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...public...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...that's ____.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...are very pleased...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You can't do it both ways.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...with getting their answers...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I know.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...here.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: When they are here. He is not doing City Manager's comments, he is providing answers for the public only. At the end, he will provide his City Manager comments, just like we provide our Mayor comments and our Council comments. So, we will continue to answer the residents.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, a...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That is what that's about.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well a public member did request and made comments and questions about his contract and that's why I brought it up. So, you did not allow him to answer that question. So, I still am waiting for an answer to the public's question, just like you stated, Ms. Margaret **SHEPHERD** came to the microphone and crying about his contract. Okay? Mr. Walker came talking about his contract.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: They didn't...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Let's addr'...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...ask a question.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: They brought it up.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. We're gonna move on.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, move on.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Did you need to say something? Okay. We're moving right along. Thank you.

7. SALE OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX, 1481 WEST 15TH STREET.

ACTING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: RICKEY LITTLE - (561) 845-4081

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: RANDY SHERMAN - (561) 845-4040

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, next Item is Item No. 7.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: SALE OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: And we do have two public comment cards.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. So, we'll do a presentation and then we'll move to public comments.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Madam Chair, Members of the City Council, we discussed this Item at the previous City Council meeting. Director Sherman and Staff have had conversations concerning this matter, as well as our Interim Procurement Director, and so, we have brought back a revised presentation, as well as the rationale behind some of

the proposals, or the options that we'd like the Council to consider so we can move forward with this particular Item. At this time, I'm gonna turn the presentation over to Mr. Sherman.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Good evening again. Randy Sherman, Director of Finance and...

[Inaudible background comment]

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN:...Administrative Services. [Pause].

[inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Everybody's coughing.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: [Chuckle]. Thank you, man.

UNK: There's mold in this room somewhere.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: It's the mold in here.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: So again, I wanna kinda..., just kinda take a little step back from, from where we left off a couple weeks ago. There's two ways to dispose of the building. We could either do a hard bid or we could do an RFP. And we believe what we've heard is that the Council really is interested in, again, the economic development and really having some say as far who is buying the building and, ultimately, what's best for the City in that development of the building.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Sherman?

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Let me interrupt you.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Sure.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm going to call a...

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Recess?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...three-minute recess...

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...for the Board to return so that everyone can be involved in this conversation.

[Inaudible dais comment]

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No problem.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Wait a minute. Now he's going too. [Pause]. What's going on back there? [Inaudible]. We shouldn't be doing that.

[Chatter during recess]

[Return from recess]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Let's go ahead and get started.

[Inaudible chatter]

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Hey, Mr. Mayor, you want us to make you, uh, that a permanent seat for you?

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't know. I need a permanent room.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I think we need to get rid of the mold in [inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: There's something in this room. Really, I'm...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...telling you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...because we [inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We're rea'..., we're on. We're on.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: I believe, in here, we have had...

[Inaudible background comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Sit next to [inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: But if I have to, I will.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We're ready.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Ready?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. Okay. Alright. Let me, let me start again.

[Inaudible chatter]

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay. So we're talking tonight about the sale of the City's Public Safety Complex. There really are two methods for us to do that, we could issue a hard bid and just put it out there and, you know, we could certainly put a, a, a minimum bid on it but it would be a, a bid, a price we sell the building and whoever buys and whatever industry or, or jobs come in, let the market take care of itself. And I'll tell you, the Mr. Little has done some research on that and that seems to pa'..., be the way that, that most communities go when they're trying to sell some of their community facilities. But we've..., believe we've heard from the Board though, is that you wanna have some say and some input on actually who buys the building, what the industry is, what kind of jobs are coming into your community.

So, the goals that we have kinda tried to lay out in this RFP, and Mr. Little and I have been working on this RFP together, obviously, get some cash in, into the City, try to increase and maximize the number of jobs that were coming in, deal with what I put up here is community wealth and then, kinda thinking of that is, is the amount of wages and, and spinoff insularly business that might be coming from this business and then again, a preferred industry. So, what we did in trying to develop the RFP, and we tried to, guess we were a little creative with this, is we looked at the qualified tax industry program that, that's run in the state. And what the QTI does, is provides refunds to businesses to encourage quality job growth in targeted, high-value businesses. That's what they do. So they look for specific industries and they're willing to pay those industries to come and create jobs in Florida. So, these are the industries that they're looking for and I know it might be a little high but they have clean tech, life sciences, info tech, aviation and aerospace, homeland security and defense, and financial and professional services. So those are the industries that, under the QTI program, that they have, have targeted.

What they do then, is they say, 'Well, okay. No one will be eligible for these programs.' These are the types of issues that you have to, you have to create 10 net new full-time jobs in Florida. If you're going to expand, you have to increase your employment by at least 10%, you have to pay an average wage that's 115% of the state, or the MSA or local average wage. So again, they're looking to increase the wages that are coming in and show that the jobs make a significant economic contribution. So again, trying to take this concept and, and build it into our, our RFP. And then what they do is, based on what the industry is and what types of jobs they're bringing in, they pay, as you can see here, a different array of cash incentives for those jobs coming in. Now again, our situation is a little bit differently because we're trying to issue an RFP and standardize what we are..., would pay, not necessarily knowing what jobs were, were coming in.

So, in order to use this as part of your evaluation when you get responses to the RFP, we developed a point system to try to equalize everything in the system. So again,

dealing with the jobs, cause we dealt with the, the minimum bid at the last meeting, but dealing with the jobs, in essence what we have said is that for every 50 jobs over 49 jobs... Okay? We said 49 jobs would be our base. But, every 50 jobs of that, we would give you \$2,000...

[Inaudible comment]

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...credit for every job that you brought to the City, in 50 job increments.

For the wage side, we said we, in essence, we're offering \$100,000 for every [pause]... For, for every million dollars in payroll in excess of \$2,000,000 of payroll. Now, if you think about it, when the City was looking to put jobs over there, we looked to put almost 200 jobs on that site. And we were looking at putting close to \$10,000,000 of payroll on that site. Now granted, we were talking about three shifts and, you know, and, and keeping that 24/7 operations but there's no reason that someone coming in from the outside couldn't be doing that same thing. So, depending on what you were bringing into that facilities, or those facilities over there, we would, in essence, try to help you come in depending on, again, the number of jobs and the amount of payroll. And then the third thing that we were actually looking at was, again, trying to find some target industries. Now, these are the industries that we came up with in, in working with the City Manager but, again, we can make these industries, you know, be anything that the Council desires. And then again, by looking at and getting a specific industry in, we're again willing to offer, in essence, \$200,000 bonus for bringing that industry to the City.

So, what the RFP allows the Council to do is use, not only the price of the building, but the jobs, the types of jobs based on the salaries that it's brining and the industries, as part of your evaluation process. And by putting this out within the RFP, it tells those people who are in the business, who are, are interested in the property, what the scoring will be and what the consideration will be with the Council. Now, as I said, um, most communities are just doing a hard bid, they're not trying to get themselves involved in this type of evaluation process. Hard bid, you buy it, you bring in the industry that you wanna bring in but again, we were trying to address what we thought we had heard from the Council, as what's important and what you were looking for to bring there.

And with that, I'll open it up to any comments or questions.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Madam Chair?

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Or, maybe Mr. Manager, you wanna...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER EVANS: And, and that is why when we had the conversation about the \$9,000,000 being a minimum bid for this particular project because we wanted to show the opportunity that there is a partnership between who the perceptive owner of that building will be and the City of Riviera Beach. If you have buil'.., the building sold at appraised value, realistically, what is the incentive for 'x' industry to say, 'Okay. You know

what? I'm gonna go ahead and hit one of these targeted marks,' because based on we have it now, and I think the Council did take official action on the \$10.4M, this was allowing for us to have some other mechanisms to really pick who the entity would be that would occupy that space. So that was the thought process behind it. So, if it's the pleasure of the Council to move forward with the \$10.4M and adding in these additional components, we will bring all that information back to the Council. And if you like one of the proposals, you can certainly adopt it and, and negotiate the terms and conditions or you can reject it and we can go out for bid again. There's nothing that requires the Council to, in fact, accept any of the proposals that are offered by the perspective entities.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have any public comment cards for this Item?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Yes, we do. We have two.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Mary Brabham and Margaret **SHEPHERD**.

[Pause]

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

Thank you, Chair Miller for allowing Mr. Evans to continue addressing the residents concern. This is the residents when we come here to speak. So we like that and we do appreciate that.

The building there, we know that we have laboring with that for years. I'm not gonna stand here tonight and say don't do it or do do it because you, you all have that final decision. Now, I.., we hope that everybody have come here with the meeting of the minds to not labor in this tonight. Make a precise decision tonight and let's move on. If you're gonna sell it, sell it. If you're gonna keep it, keep it. Now, we have been wrangling with this. We know that the police, they should've had a building. That is a sick building over there. I'm for one that knows that but if you all do not want to do this, let's not keep laboring this City here with it. If you find that you can get some revenue from it, let's move it out. Let's, let's [stammer], we're tired of this. You labored with the Code Enforcement, just trying to get a moratorium. We got to stop conducting business like this. Come to the board here, you all read your paperwork. If you don't read, get with someone to understand it so you can come to this Board here and fully be in deliberation. But, that 13th Street building, yes. Mr. Evans, you were not here, Manager Evans, you was not here when all of this took place here. Ruth Jones wasn't behind this.., buying this building here. Danny Jones and we said that we needed a building. So, so he advocate'.., so what, whatever he did in order for him to move those officers out from in there. That's, that's what he did because I would assume that under that assumption, that he felt as if that it was the right thing to do. But now, since it is a heated thing here and nothing has moved on it, go ahead on, we as residents say we're tired. Sell it or lease it or let's move on. And, and do the tools.., give the peoples the tools that they need to make this happen. Don't labor with this 30 minutes or a hour. You should, you should come prepared.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms. **SHEPHERD**, you said? Ms. Shepard?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

[Pause]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: Margaret **SHEPHERD**, Rivera Beach.

Once again, to the City Manager and to all of you in your respectful places, I have to agree with Ms. Mary Brabham. I was once for this building but as I pass by that building now, it's very disgraceful that this piece of prime land is sitting there going to pure rot. I'm with Ms. Brabham, if we're gonna sell this building, let's sell this building. Let's, let's get over this. I, I, I, I'm at the point now that, if you continue to let it sit and we all know that when a building sit, it becomes with rodents and roaches and rats and I heard..., the Mayor always said, 'That leaky building,' and I used to cringe. I agree with you Mayor. By now, I'm sure it's a leaky building. I'm positive that it's a leaky building. We have people in place, and I heard a gentleman sit back there once before and he got very arrogant and belligerent and said we didn't have a million dollars, whate'..., well, he did he know what we have? And to have people come to the City that wanna buy the building and then talk to us in such a manner that we are nothing, then I become very distraught and I wanna say to you all, let us not sit here in this cold Chamber and continue to know that we have to do either, either or, either or, sell that building or make a decision. You all said that you wanna stay here, at this complex. I'm alright with it but this building is rundown and raggedy, the police buil'..., rundown and raggedy. You're either gonna build that police building up or let's try to make provisions. The library, rundown, raggedy, mildew. I mean, it's awful that we, as residents, have to go over there. I don't..., I try not to go over there but I can't afford the paper so every now and then I have to read it. But it is not a place that seniors or children should be. Neither the police.

So, give Mr. Evans the tool to execute, as well as Purchasing, Mr. Rick, to let's, let's do something. Let's come up with a plan and the plan is what? By now, you guys should know what you wanna do, you shouldn't be deliberating on what you want to do. It should be a place now, are we gonna get rid of it, are we gonna keep, are we gonna allow the residents to weigh in on what? How this City is being ran, it is horrible.

[Beep]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Alright. Do we have comments from the Board?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead. Pull your mic over.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So, I believe that the building should be sold and that's been my position all along. And, um, but if the consensus is to sell the building, the Council also needs to decide what we're gonna do with the money. Originally, before we purchased the building, we had plans to move forward with building a new police station, over here, and we had the plans and we were, you know, a couple months from building a new Public Works [stammer] Department. You know, the whole center. So, I would say if we're going to decide tonight to tell Staff to sell the building, I think we should also tell Staff, with the money that we get from the building, Public Works needs to be rebuilt and we need to decide what we're going to do with the police station. Are we going to wait until we have the money to rebuild this whole complex or should we just move forward right now with rebuilding the police station? But I believe, and will support selling the building if there's consensus to then take a part of the proceeds and move forward with building Public Works. I am so surprised that that building is still standing. We all know, you know, you wanna talk about mold, there's much more than mold in there.

So, that's where I stand on this.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I support selling the building like, like once.., we once made this decision months ago. I just wanna make sure whatever system that we put in place allows any potential buyer to have.., to give us much more flexibility. We don't wanna limit that flexibility with the wrong type of instrument. I like the idea of putting a point system on employees, with those guarantees. But, in, in those proposals, I will like to see what type of jobs and, and what they're paying. You know, are they warehouse jobs? Are they jobs that mid-range administrative jobs, project managers? Whatever it is [stammer] industry has to offer, any type of training so they can grow and expand throughout the City of Riviera Beach. But just... let's put it out at, at a, at a good price and let's see what they have to offer, let them come before the Council. This can has been kicked down the road long enough. It was political, it's no longer political, people are tired and they just wanna see something happen.

But, um, I do believe we'll get a return on our investment on it. I know I received numerous calls from different folks that wanted to make different off'.., we even had maybe one or two unsolicited proposals, within the last, what, 18 months from folks that wanted to jump on board. So let's put it out on the market but I don't wanna put any limitations on it. Let the bid war start and let's see what they have to offer.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And, and another thing. And also, we have to also keep in mind of the.., the zoning issue by being zoned as governmental...

UNK: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...building...

UNK: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...because, when they purchase it, they're not gonna be able to use it for anything but governmental use so we're gonna have to give them some type of special exception or something until we change the zoning within the next six months.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: That's correct. We would have to go to a Comp Plan amendment.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uhuh. Ms. Davis Johnson.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So, I believe that we should sell the building. I don't want us to get into the discussion of what type of industry should come there and, and the promise of employment because we all know how that works. There is a promise of employment and then when we get down to the actual offering of employment, it is pretty much not the jobs that we were promised. So, I believe that if we're going to look to sell the building, we should sell the building. We have an appraised value of \$10.4, that should be the beginning offering and we should move forward and let those that wish to bid on it, bid on it and let's move forward.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yep.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. I am in agreeance that we should sell the building, however, I do think that we should, at least, start with the, with the minimum appraisal, nothing, you know, nothing less than what, what the building was, was appraised for. I remember that there was some explana'.., explanation given in our last presentation why would go a bit lower than what it was appraised for. I am not sure exactly what that was from that time. Now, employment, I, I want to, I want us to think about employment because employment is very important to the City and we set the standard to start to bring some type of industry to the City that people can grow with, that our families can find well-paying jobs, everybody was excited, for example, when Walmart came and they were giving all kind of monies and concessions but then they brought jobs, they brought millions of jobs. Uh, not millions of jobs, lots of jobs over the country. The brought, you know, you would say millions of jobs but they didn't bring well-paying jobs. They didn't w'.., bring well-paying package of benefit packages. So, if we have an opportunity to get a good industry here, I would not like to see us saddled with a poor industry when given an opportunity to get some well-paying jobs for our residents so that our residents can improve the quality of life, have a nice insurance package because, if we get to a point where we aren't getting any good bites, any decent bites, then, you know, so what? We, you know, step back and punt but right now, let's go for all we know

and try to get all that we possibly can, good jobs, um, well-paying jobs and a clean industry that won't poison our community, for sure.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard made references to.., about a price. Well, the reason I said no limit on the price and just leave it open, with the consideration of the appraised value is that 10.5, is because, let's say Motorola or Sprint or Tesler or some company get in, we haven't taken into consideration of, of a facility that large, how much it's gonna cost them to invest in build out alone. So, if I pay \$11,000,000 for this building and I got 2.5 or \$3,000,000 worth of build out, that's not a \$10.5M dollar purchase, that's a \$14,000,000 investment. So, we must.., I ain't sayin' take down to eight but just put into consideration that it's appraised at \$10.5, that need to be in the information, no one coming in on the bidding understanding that. The bidding war's gonna drive that number up. But when we have people ride, and I'm walking through Publix or when we had Winn Dixie's or when we have shootings and we have different [stammer], things...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...happening, people always ask the same question, what is the government gonna do about crime? We had.., and when entities come and they wanna build a dollar store, we don't want it in our community, we say, 'Well, they own the property so we can't do anything about it.' So now, we're in a position to.., we have a piece of property that's very valuable, that everybody wanna get their hands on and now we can actually dictate what goes there and we also can dictate.., maybe have a, a good invested interest and concern and a decision on how many of those jobs we actually can get in writing.

So, I mean, the.., now we, we have an opportunity to, to, to do something really great in this City. So, I, I think we, you know, we just need to put it out on the street with the \$10.5M, appraised value in the document but we don't need to put any limits with those considerations because I don't wanna drive any potential buyer away. I don't know who, who else is out there but I'm not gonna put a limit on it because, if it's \$15,000,000, if it hits \$20,000,000, great but they will know its appraised value, they know how to come in at that number, everyone knows it's \$10.5M. And they know how to come in at that number. So that's nothing that we need to put a limit on because I would like to see what type jobs we really can get a commitment on, in writing, and, and attach some things too. So.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Madam Chair, if I may?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: To, to try to capture some of the, the components with regards to the jobs, would the Council be amenable to, of course, the \$104M as a minimum bid but then if the applicant.., somebody puts together a proposal that scores really high

because, let's say, they wanted to offer \$8.5M for the building but they're looking to build.., bring two.., 200 jobs or a, a marine industry or something, can we look at bringing that proposal forward just for consideration sake because they're scored so high and then the Council can listen to the person that asked, you know, let's bring the proposal with \$10.4M and then one that's saying \$8.5M and what are the assurances that the City will be provided that you are going to, in fact, create these jobs and then make a decision as to which way that you want to go or is it something that you also wanna see, maybe if you're within 10% of the \$10.4M, that, that and your points are high, that can be something that the Council can consider. 'Cause we can bring you the top five, we can bring you the top 10, we can bring you the top 15 but we do wanna provide options for the Council to select who they think is the best industry and tenant for that particular building. And so, that's why we incorporated the point system.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. I think I made it clear, I'm not in favor of that because we've seen too many businesses come in here with, you know, hopes and dreams, right, telling us that they were going to bring so many jobs and, you know, that never came to fruition. So, um, and especially for \$8.4M dollars? It's not, it's not gonna happen with me. So, perhaps if they came in close to the appraisal and, you know, offered additional promises, maybe I could go along with it but anything under appraisal or, you know, 5% less than appraisal, I'm not going for it.

So, that's just me.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Well...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: My.., I... Ever since we've discussed this, I've al'.., always talked about selling the building so I'm certainly in favor of that and I don't want to see it below the, the appraised value. Bringing back those options that we discussed, I think, would be good for us to do. You know, it'.., it's been going on for a long time as everyone has stated and we do need to go ahead and just make a decision. I, I do think when we sell it, if we sell it, that we should utilize some of that money to try to go ahead and get going with the Public Works and, if possible, with police station because I know that was to be done over 10 years ago and then all of a sudden it just disappeared and, and we had this Public Safety Building over, off of 13th Street. So, we definitely need to try to bring them up to state of the art as some point.

So, are we going to go ahead and g'... You wanna say... Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: One of the things, I think, we should do with the monies, the proceeds from that building, is to buy down the water bill because that's what we mortgaged out and we.., and the note that we're paying on that water bill is what's

driving up the water bill in the City. I think we need to take some of that money back, put it in..., and pay off a portion of that debt so that we can afford to lower the water bills in the City of Riviera Beach and that is the only way that we're gonna be able to lower the water bill, if we buy down some of that debt that we have...

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Well, that we use it as collateral, we use our..., we used our water bill as collateral to borrow that money, so now we have, we have an opportunity to buy down that note so that we can afford to lower the rates for the residents of, of the City. I think that's very important that we do that and I also think it's equally important to rebuild..., or to build a new Public Works Department. That's not..., and, and by no means, I didn't want anybody to think that we couldn't do both, that I was suggesting we only do one.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Madam Chair, if I may?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY MANAGER EVANS: On Page 136 of the tentative budget, we do have \$5,000,000 that is allocated for the Public Works Complex. So, funding is already appropriated in the tentative budget for this particular project. Also, with respect to the buy down on the utility, that's restricted revenue and so, if we are to make any buy downs on that, it would have to come from utility revenue to be able to do so but Director Sherman and I have talked about some opportunities to capture some of the revenue that we are losing, to the tune of maybe 15 to 20% so we would be able to effectively reduce the utility rate but that's something that's in the; process, that Staff is looking at and, hopefully, being able to bring forward in the next quarter. And then, if I'm not mistaken, Mr. Sherman, some of the revenue that was utilized to acquire the Public Safety Building was from insurance funds and that that would have to go back to the funding mechanism in which it was...

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: ...collected.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: So, it would have to go to another public safety type of facility if we were to do that but we did borrow some type of money that we would have to replenish.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.
Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Stormwater.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And, and part was...l

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...storm'...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: It came fr'...

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...part was storm water as well.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Correct. So, it came from stormwater, the money that we were going to use to rebuild Public Works came from the stormwater fund.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: A, a portion of the dollars...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Correct.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...for Public Works.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: It was, like, a million dollars. Is...

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. Yes. I believe...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...that was correct.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll be brief. I don't really do a whole lotta talking about the warehouse and I'm..., I called it that day one, I'm called it that in the middle and I call it that now.

[Inaudible comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: As you know, as..., also known as Public Safety Complex, um, I can tell you that it definitely was a, a mission for me. We won two elections and that was a part of, of winning. The..., it was clear to me that the community did not want to keep that, that, warehouse building. It was clear to me, day one, that it..., we need to sell

it and those that supported keeping it, lost the elections. Those that supported selling it, won. And that's, that's just the way it happened. But since we are here, let me just say for the record, I am definitely.., I do not want us to offer less than the appraised value.., the building. That's exactly where I am and I did like the option, the first thing that we saw about the tax, the credit from the state. I.., we oughta take advantage of every'.., every opportunity, everything, that's going to benefit the sale. I like the point system, I like it all. So, let's just sell it and let's just move on.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. So, are you clear on your directive, Mr. Evans, for this partic'.., particular Item?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Certainly.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Anyone else? [Pause]. Alright.

8. FPL SOLARNOW™ PROGRAM COMMUNITY BASED SOLAR OFFERING PALM BEACH.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: RICHARD BLANKENSHIP - (561) 845-3411

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 8.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: THE FPL SOLARNOW™ PROGRAM COMMUNITY BASED SOLAR OFFERING PALM BEACH.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: And we do have one public comment card.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

[Pause]

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Good evening, Council, Mayor, City Manager. Richard Blankenship, Parks & Recreation Director.

We bring this Item before you tonight because we have an opportunity to partner with FPL on implementing a solar program. I think maybe the reason why Parks is involved in this is because parks are the.., one of the better settings for this type of program but we wanted to bring this discussion forward, get your, uh, sensibility to it and then, if we can further direction if you're interested, then we'll come back at a later date with a more specific agreement and plan. At this time, I'm gonna turn it over to the FP&L representatives, Ms. Eccelston and [stammer] and Mr. Chokshi.

MR. A. CHOKSHI: Alright. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Commissioners. My name is Eunuch Shocksy. I am with the Florida Power and Light development group and I'm here to talk to you a little bit about the FPL SolarNow Program. [Pause].

Alright. So, the SolarNow Program is a program that allows our customers to voluntarily contribute \$9 a month on their electric bill to support solar in Florida. It's an easy way for them to bring clean energy to the local communities. FPL utilizes those contributions to build solar projects at no cost to the community and we partner with our

host to identify the, the optimal locations for these, these solar structures, typically in areas where people come together as a community and there's a wide demographic of folks here. So, the pictures down here, and I'll get into more details about some of these structures but the picture on the left is a, a solar tree that we installed at the Babcock ranch location on the west coast and then the picture on the right, might be a little bit more familiar to folks as this is our Riviera Beach plant and, adjacent to that, we have the Manatee Lagoon Viewing Center and we've installed two solar trees there. But I'll go into some more details about the structures in, in just a moment.

As far as the participation in the program and where we're seeing the participants, Palm Beach County, ranks third in the state, in our territory of participants. And then, Riviera Beach, specifically, has 80 par'.., 80 individuals that are participating in the program or 80 accounts that are [stammer] participating in the program. So, really good participation here in Riviera Beach and we're excited that the constituents are also excited about solar. So, there's a number of Riviera Beach, certainly the solar structures raise awareness of solar energy. We definitely recognize, or want to recognize, the participants that are enrolled in the program. We're able to bring solar generation into the community and through.., and bringing that generation through very attractive designs and I'll go into a little bit about the designs also in, in just a moment. And then, another aspect is that, you know, solar power also compliments some of the other investments that the City may be making in renewables and energy efficiency such as LED lighting and those type of programs.

So, we've installed these structures in a variety of places. The top left is the Brevard Zoo and we installed three solar trees in their new Australian exhibit. I talked a little bit about the Manatee Viewing Center location and that.., those solar trees there actually provide shading to the visitors that are waiting for the trolley. That's actually the trolley stop for where the trolley drops people off and takes 'em back to their vehicles. The bottom left, is the West Palm Beach Zoo and then the bottom right is the Boynton Beach Oceanfront Beach Park and we have a nice little setup there with the solar tree and some benches where it can provide shading to the visitors that are going to the beach.

So, I'll begin with the, the canopy solar structures. So, we offer these canopy solar structures that are a very progressive look, very different from some of the, maybe, traditional canopies that you guys may have seen where they're more of an industrial look. These have a more of a tubular, aluminum structure with glass on glass panels that have a unique railing system that hide the wires and things like that, so they have a very attractive solar structure. When you're underneath the canopy, you're able to actually see the panels which, typically, those panels are, are covered up and reserved for the top of a structure. So, we definitely want people to be able to engage with these structures and really become inspired by, you know, the solar power renewable energy when they're, [stammer], when they're in the presence of the structures. And there's a couple different configurations and those are mainly directly by the location and the orientation to the, to the sun there but here's some examples that we've rendered.

The solar trees have two designs. There's the Curve, which is about 18 feet tall. The array there offers about 120 square feet of shading and there's the option for some integrated tables and USB charges so when people are at, you know, a park or some sort

of setting like that, they're able to stand under the shade and then also be able to charge their, their mobile devices. The Lift structure is the.., a larger structure, offers twice as much shading and that primarily is, you know, the best option when we're looking to generate slightly more but also provide twice as much shading for areas that, you know, could benefit from shading. So, when looking specifically here, in the City, we looked at a few places but one of the areas that was sort of a unique, and very innovative actually, uh, opportunity for solar, was the Barracuda Bay Aquatics Complex. And you can see here that we looked at two solar trees in this area where they could provide shading and the unique ar'.., aspect of this is that the, the chairs and the.., that are there are able to be moved to kinda follow the sun and, and these things would be able to also provide shading as well as solar generation. And then, on, on the opposite side of the complex, we looked at a small canopy which could cover the, the bleachers there and then also offer a little bit more space, a meeting space, that's thee that, you know, I understand you guys use for, for rental events and things like that. So, it can also offer a little bit more benefit from a shading perspective in that, that location. So, kinda mixing, you know, the, the, you know, the, the function and then als'.., or sorry, the form and then also offering the function of solar.

The next area that we looked at was a little bit of a larger option which was the sol'.., solar parking canopy along the Municipal Beach Park. And this is, you know, drawn to cover the entire parking area but I think we would work closely with the Staff to understand, you know, what areas would benefit the most for shading, if not the entire area that's there.

So, I'll open it up to, you know, some questions that you guys may have on this but definitely thank you for the consideration.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Any questions?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Wait, wait.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: We have one comment...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have a public comment card?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. Let's go to that and then we'll come back.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Willis Williams.

[Pause]

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Again, Willis Williams.

Madam Chair, excuse me for putting this card in on this but I, I get up and, uh, make this comment and the comment is about Public Works. And I, I don't think no one on this dais, even Ms. Pardo, with her 10-year tenure, understand that they've been talking about building Public Works for over 25 years and that piece of property, at that time, was a full scale operation. And when I say full scale, I'm talking about from garbage trucks to packers to we had the auto mechanics shop there, we had auto., we had everything, wrecker trucks, we had tire change'. That building could be scaled back down now to a minimum of nothing, so we don't even need a millions dollars to go down there to build that building. So please, make sure, when you do your [stammer] deliberation, that we take and build a facility that we don't need at this point.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Are you speaking on speak on the FP&L Solar?

UNK: No.

UNK: No, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: I, I thought he a degree in solarology there, for a minute.
[Chuckle].

UNK: [Inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS: Snuck that one in, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: There's another...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Huh? We do have a card?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Was it only one? I thought...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That was the one, right? Was that the card?

MR. W. WILLIAMS: That was it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That was it.

[Inaudible background comments]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, can we... Good evening.

MS. S. ECCELSTON: Hi. How are you?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Hi. Good. How are you?

Alright. So, to be clear, there is no cost to the City, correct?

MS. S. ECCELSTON: That's correct. [Inaudible]...

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Yeah. The.., we would be providing the structures, the installation and the maintenance for the term of the...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible background comment].

MR. W. WILLIAMS: ...the project.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: May I ask...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. And, um, okay. So, why are you doing it? Is it experimental or...

MS. S. ECCELSTON: I, I think...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: You know, why... Especially something like that, we know, you know, if you did move forward with it, that would be great but that's gonna be a very costly endeavor. So, I just wanna know the rationale.

MS. S. ECCELSTON: Just for the record, Sophia Eccelston, External Affairs Manager with FPL.

I think Enuge addressed that early in the beginning, so we have a program, the SolarNow Program...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right, right.

MS. S. ECCELSTON: ...where we have our customers who pay into the program, so it's a voluntary \$9 that they pay every month so we do have the money and it, it was authorized by the PSE for us to go forward and do this. Most of it is.., because it doesn't.., the canopies give you a little bit more power but the solar trees doesn't give you that much power so it's mainly for educational purposes for newer.., renewable energy and solar energy.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. And then, does FPL make those panels or where are you buying them?

MR. A. CHOKSHI: Yeah. We have a manufacturer that makes those panels. They're out of...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Canada?

MR. A. CHOKSHI: ...Colorado.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Oh, out of Colorado?

MR. A. CHOKSHI: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, you know that there's a, a solar manufacturer here in Riviera Beach? Solar Tech.

MS. S. ECCELSTON: I heard about that recently. [Chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: They're right here...

MS. S. ECCELSTON: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...in Riviera Beach. You guys should take a little ride over there and check them out. Stay local.

Alright. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I would like to know.., I like the idea, specifically, at the Barracuda Bay. I really give a little better aesthetic 'cause I go a lotta times to the, to the swimming.., the swim meets and it's hard to find shade and, if you don't look up, you really wouldn't know what was there. I think that's a great idea. So, do we have a cost savings at that fac'.., just that facility or that regional area, once we draw solar energy? Is there any kind of cost savings for energy?

MR. A. CHOKSHI: Yeah. So, the power would go back to the, to the grid. Now, the larger structures, we understand that's a little bit more of a sizable...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. A. CHOKSHI: ...you know, lease agreement and so there would be a, a land rent component that we would provide to the City, uh, per year, based on the size of the, the structure that's there.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So energy.., the sun goes in...

MR. A. CHOKSHI: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...there's no cost savings? It goes back to FP&L?

MR. A. CHOKSHI: It goes back to the grid, correct. Yeah. It goes back to the grid. It's for the communities. The way the program's structured, it's for the benefit of the community so it doesn't...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh...

MR. A. CHOKSHI: ...necessarily benefit one specific host.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. A. CHOKSHI: But, in lieu of that, we, we have a rent payment, a lease payment that we provide to the City for these large structures.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I, I like the idea. I mean, I don't know about [pause] the blocking the view...

MS. S. ECCELSTON: That's just...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...of the...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...no view.

MS. S. ECCELSTON: That's just a...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...ocean.

MS. S. ECCELSTON: ...rendering but that's not actually what it's gonna look like.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MS. S. ECCELSTON: I mean, we'll work with the City to decide...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MS. S. ECCELSTON: ...you know, the size and location.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: And then you get premium parking.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. Under...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Seriously.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: That's premium...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, it is.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...parking right there.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It is.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I like it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I have a q'...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Stammer], Barracuda Bay, I think the parks...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No. I love Barracuda Bay too.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. That, that was..., that sold me.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: But this also.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So the..., for the \$9 that people are volutneer'...
ls..., was that offered to everyone or how do you become a...

MS. S. ECCELSTON: It's offered to anyone so...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MS. S. ECCELSTON: ...if you'd...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So...

MS. S. ECCELSTON: ...like to pay \$9 extra every month on your, your electric...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And you...

MS. S. ECCELSTON: ...bill [chuckle]...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What's the benefit? I mean, what does that
person get for ju'..., they're just donating?

MS. S. ECCELSTON: So, their..., so, it's mainly for people who are interested in solar
and wanna see more re'..., renewable and wanna see it more, you know, within the state
and within in their area. So...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But they aren't receiving an immediate benefit...

MS. S. ECCELSTON: Right.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...[Inaudible].

MS. S. ECCELSTON: So, for example, like, in Riviera Beach, there's a certain
percentage of people who say, 'Hey, I'm gonna give you this \$9 a month 'cause I would
like to see more things happen with solar,' so we, we come in and we do things like this
and they're like, 'Okay,' you know? It's almost like a community solar type program but...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

MS. S. ECCELSTON: ...you know, a little bit different.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. A. CHOKSHI: Yeah. Also, I'll add to that. You know, when I lived in this, this white
building right here [chuckle] recently, so, we... Actually, in that building, you know, I don't

have the option to actually put solar on, on my roof or what not so, you know, as an alternative, I can support solar through a program like this.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MS. S. ECCELSTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Anyone else? Ms. Hubbard? Ms. Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, I... We have the solar panels... Good evening and thank you, Madam Chair. We have the solar panels. I'm just wondering if we can extract some, some energy...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's what I'm sayin...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...from the solar panels and I'm thinking in terms of.., you know, we have these beautiful entryway signs and I know that it.., we wouldn't want to place these trees all over the City but is there a way for us to extract some of the energy to, maybe, light up some of those signs? Placing, maybe, solar energy type devices that will help us?

MR. A. CHOKSHI: Yeah. So, the way, you know, this particular program is structured, you know, we wouldn't be able to do that but I think in any solar application, you know, we'd always have the s'.., the power, either going back to the grid or back a building and then the building's power will then power those signs. Because, you know, one thing that's important to note is that solar is an intermittent resource so, on a cloudy day...

[Inaudible comment]

MR. A. CHOKSHI: ...you know, like we've seen recently, you know, we would wanna make sure that, you know, whatever power is needed, to whatever facility, is, is always there so that's always how we would sorta route the energy but, for this particular program, we wouldn't necessarily be able to do power, you know, any one thing. The power would, you know, have to go back to the grid just because of the way the program is structures and, and how it was approved.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So, Madam Chair?

[Inaudible background comments]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So, I understand that and thank you for that explanation. So, when we talk about entering into this agreement, we are going to look at Mr. City Manager and Mr. Parks Director, we're going to look at various parks to possibly put this in, in other others so when it comes back in the Consent Agenda, we'll have a better idea of actually where we're talking about the initial placement?

UNK: Right.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yes, Madam Vice Chair. We've also talked about, with Cunningham Park, looking for opportunities for some solar trees in that particular park. Also, there's the opportunity, with those solar trees, to be able to charge your cellphone as well. So...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: ...that, that's a good benefit, especially when mom and dad are there trying to take photos and... But one of the things that we can also look at as we look to construct additional municipal facilities and we have a solar company locally, we can incorporate green technologies and look at our roof pitch and utilize some opportunities for power generation to actually power those facilities, i.e., the Public Works Complex, fire stations, et. cetera. So, that's something that we can look to incorporate in architectural designs on Citywide projects. That will, in essence, offset the operational costs for the facilities.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I just wanna say thank you to Mr. Blankenship for, once again, bringing a good pro'., proactive approach to the Recreation Department in the City of Riviera Beach. You have been a great light in our City, regardless of what anybody think', I, I stand behind the work that you and your Staff have done together as a group. So, thank you and thank you to FP&L...

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...for being great partners.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You wanna make...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: And, Council'., some of the credit goes to Mr. Bailey, as, uh...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, Mr. Bailey.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Of course.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Alright.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Any... Oh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You get...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yeah. Last thing...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...you get a fifty cent thank you. [Chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Over at the Marina, on the rooftop, is that an acceptable or, or, or possibility of having something like this over there? I know we were looking for shade structures to go over there and we were trying to insulate it. So that might.., I don't know if you're familiar with the Event Center or the Marina, I was just wondering if that location was a possibility?

MR. A. CHOKSHI: Yeah. So we hadn't looked there. Now, one of the, you know, the primary goals is to ensure that the folks that are contributing, and even the folks that aren't contributing, are able to, you know, understand and get.., become educated about solar so we have avoiding, you know, rooftop, to some extent, because of the visibility standpoint but we can definitely take a look, kinda understand the, the visibility factors. Right now, it's really just applying these, these solar type structures that, you know, I've shown you today. But we'll definitely, you know, kinda revisit that location to understand, you know, is that a place where, you know, would have some, you know, interesting visibility in that, you know, folks could become educated about solar at that location.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: It's sold out every weekend...

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...for the next almost year probably, so it, it's gonna get a lot of visibility, and they will be very happy with you.

MR. A. CHOKSHI: Okay.

[Chuckles]

MR. A. CHOKSHI: Alright.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Anyone else?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Just one...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...final question. Is, is there a program within FP&L that comes out and, and does workshops as it relates to the benefit of solar, that we can maybe teach our children because we're talking about putting this in Parks & Recreation so do you offer any workshops or can you put together some workshops for us?

MS. S. ECCELSTON: We, we, we could work.., we could talk about that. We could probably put something together. We have a, we have a solar team so we could probably see, you know, where I can see what we can do.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yeah. I'd...

MS. S. ECCELSTON: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...like to see us generate the conversation.

MS. S. ECCELSTON: Yeah. Yeah. Absolutely.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Anyone else? [Pause]. Alright. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: So, to be clear, Council, like, do we have a consensus to come back with a more specific plan?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been consensus.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Right. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Thank you so much.

MS. S. ECCELSTON: Thank you.

MR. A. CHOKSHI: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: RICHARD BLANKENSHIP - (561) 845-3411

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We're on Item No. 9.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Board appointments.

[Inaudible background comments]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh [inaudible]...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Good evening again.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh, again?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Council...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh yeah. [Chuckle].

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...Mayor, City Manager.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Recreation, huh?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Richard Blankenship,
Parks & Recreation Director.

This is a, a..., this Item has come before you tonight to do the Board Appointments for the Recreation Advisory Board. It's very important to our Parks & Recreation system. The more we can include the citizens and [stammer] not in directing us what to do but in advising us what the community wants, uh, the more success we'll have in the long term.

We have seven positions available. We have five applications. What we're requesting tonight is those five appointees, or five applications be appointed. And then, when we have two other applications come in, we'll come back to you for those appointments as well but I think it's really important to get, get this Board seated so we can start working. We have..., hopefully, we'll have a Parks Master Plan that we'll be start working on very soon so that is the, the reason why we brought this Item before [stammer] to you tonight, not in totality but at least five citizens have expressed interest. This is a very, of the five applicants, we have a range of expertise. We have a range of ages, we have a range of how much volunteerism has already been given to the City. So, I, I'm very pleased with these five applications and, and I hope that you will agree and, and see fit to appoint them.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: And I'll answer any questions you may have.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have a public comment card on these...

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...on this Item? Okay. Ms. Davis Johnson...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...then Ms. Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I would like to make a motion that we accept the appointments as submitted, thee five.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Did you want to make a comment before the motion, Ms. Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Well, the motion's there so...

[Chuckle]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible comment...]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. So...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Alright.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...do we have a second for it?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Ms. Hubbard, I think...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You second it.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...second it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, Mr., Blankenship, have you reached out to, like, the alum's or any of our retired, um...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We, we...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...athletes to see if possibly they'd have an interest in sitting in sitting on the Board?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We have..., number one, we started advertising this in November.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right. But have you...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: And we've spoken...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...reached out to them?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...um, to some of those retired athletes in the, in the community. And I think once they see that the Board gets seated and there's actual.., that we're actually doing something and.., that there will be interest coming from that, uh, sector of the City that, that, that will now want to, to...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Alright. So no one...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...committed. But you did...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: No commitment.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...have the conversation...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: With several.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...with them?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: With many.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Anyone else? [Pauses]. Alright. I notice we do have one, any other applicants out there in the audience? Mr. Williams is back there with the white on, so we appreciate you applying, Mr. Williams. Alright? So, we're ready for our vote.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Was there a second to the motion?

UNK: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Thank you. Alright.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Discussion by City Manager.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Just a couple of Items, Madam Chair. The August 16th regular meeting of the City Council has been cancelled because of the Florida League of Cities conference. I wanted to see if the Council was amenable to August 21st, that's a Utility District meeting and complete..., after the Utility District meeting, we wanted to see if we can have the final budget discussion with the Council, if the Council is amendable to that?

[Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Okay. And then...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible]the 21st?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The 21st?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: The 21st.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The Utility District meeting date.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yes. August 21st. Originally, we talked about the possibility of having a joint meeting with the CRA on the 28th. That still would be a placeholder in the event that we don't resolve everything as it relates to the budget on the 21st but we're.., we only have a couple of minor modifications and tweaks that we would like to bring forward to the Council on the 21st and do not believe that it will necessitate a second meeting but, if it does, we still have that as a placeholder but we're hopeful to be able to cure all the issues on the 21st.

Also, August 9th at 6:00 p.m., we're going to have an executive session with the City Council to talk strategies in relation to our labor, our represented employees in our collective bargaining agreement so that's just a reminder.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You said the 29th?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: The 9th. The 9th of August.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The 9th.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: At 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Did you send us a notice on that?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible]

CITY MANAGER EVANS: We, we...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We announced it.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: We announced it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: We announced it.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: We announced it at...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Announced it in the meeting.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yeah. But I, I will send all this information out in an email.

And, the last Item, is to specifically address Councilman Davis' remarks earlier. I do have a contract. It was a contract that was mutually negotiated in good faith by both parties and executed by both parties. And so, I did want to communicate that. And the other component I do want to address, at no time have I ever advocated or requested that anyone come to the podium and speak on my behalf. I appreciate the remarks from the community but, in all reality, all I'm here is to do the best job I possibly can and work with my elected officials, work with Staff and move the organization forward. So, the contract is the contract and I'm not worried about it. I'm worried about doing a good job for the organization and continuously, you know, doing the work that needs to be done.

And that concludes my comments.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Discussion by City Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I have nothing for your consideration.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: City Council Committee Reports? [Pause]. I did make a comment one time before that I was going to do a presentation and I didn't do it for tonight. So, we're gonna excuse me for tonight and I will add that to another meeting. Anyone else have any committee reports?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No. But I...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...have comments.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I wanna start with the Mayor and then we'll go down this way.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. It, it was [pause]. It was a little embarrassing..., it was an embarrassing moment for me when the, the Manager asked for a motion. A simple motion. And I think, just as an executive courtesy, he should've been given that, um, privilege, opportunity to have a motion without... I mean, if your Manager asks for something and you can't give it to him, that's what the point? So, I was a little taken aback and..., by the action but I do want to say Ms. Pardo did recognize that we needed to move it on and she did ask for the motion at that time, so, I was happy to see that, that was made. I mean, there's something called respect, cooperation and if any elected official asks for a motion, whether good or bad, I think it ought to be heard. And

if the Manager asks for a motion or Resolution, because that's what he wants for whatever reason, it should be heard and it should be either passed up or, or fail, one or the other. But at least the, the courtesy of hearing it out, I think is important. I think it's also important that when we speak, I've, I've noticed it, um, sometimes people seem to frown when others speak or shake their head in disagreement. For me, it's all about respect. If you don't agree with someone or you disagree, you don't have to show it. You know, just say it. We're, we're all adults. The cameras, people are watching us around the world and sometimes I've, I've been..., I felt that I've been disrespected as Mayor because I've said things that, next thing, I'm looking up there... But I sat down here tonight and I'm seeing somebody, you know, frowning as..., well, what did I say to [chuckle] cause you to frown? What did I say to cause you to, to react but when other people speak, I don't see the same reaction. And I think respect goes both ways and I try to respect everyone. You know, I don't necessarily agree with some of your decision. If I disagree, I'm not going to act it out, I'm gonna say it out and then leave it alone. So, I think that there, there's room for impro'..., improvement in our decorum. Especially if we ask the residents to act and behave in a certain way.

I want to conclude this by saying, first..., secondly rather, that Family and Friends Day will be the third Thursday in, in this month and we're excited for the..., because it's the first time that we have karaoke coming to city Hall. And if it rains, we'll be inside. If it..., we..., God blesses us with sunshine, we'll be outside. So, young people are bringing this part to us and I'm excited that we are getting the young people involved. Also, this is the month of the Jamaican community is celebrating their, I think, independence. We will also have someone, a Jamaican band to come and join us.

Last but not least, as you know, a few years ago I had the opportunity to go to China to participate in a summit and a conference. This year, we have received an invite to something similar but much bigger and much broader. There are elected officials coming from different parts of the world. Globalization is making our boundaries a lot closer and we must always look to increase our brand and presence of the world. With twenty..., 26% of Riviera Beach residents, and a large number is from the Pacific and the Council has tentatively supported economic development in the 2018 budget. And this is a trade opportunity that can pay major dividends, and having a working waterfront, this could lead to additional economic development., So, although I've been invited, I wanna share that invite to our business community. For those that are interested in commerce, trade, tourism or, or whatever, I will also share that invite with any elected officials from the county and this area. I can tell you that Florida, what is it? Enterprise?

[Inaudible comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: Is working..., Enterprise Florida is working with me to..., along with the CRA, along with the county and others, will be working and giving me their literature, their presentations and their this, that and the other. So, we're looking forward to the end of this month. And the invite is for anyone else that would like to go and share.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms. Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes. It's..., I guess it's unfortunate that we have to defend ourselves and explain things. I know that I most often speak up, say what's on my mind and I stand up for whatever position that I take on Items. I don't try to hide it, I don't..., I try to say it in the most pleasant and decent way that I can but I am [stammer], I am for what I am and I'm against for what I'm against and chances are, if I'm against something, it's because I don't believe it's in the best interest of the residents. If you remember, Mr. Mayor, when the Manager asked for a motion, I was willing to give a motion.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So I, so I, I was willing to give a motion but if we were able to just give a consensus and all of us seemed to have been, then I thought, you know, that too could've been sufficient. So, there's more than one way to skin a cat and I don't think that there was no deliberate disrespect intended. I think that it was just more than one way to do something. We were..., it wasn't a Item on the Agenda where it normally requires a vote, so normally a consent [stammer] would have..., a consensus would have sufficed. And I think that's where people were coming from. I don't think we were being disrespectful to that extent.

Now, me, myself, in any..., with any of my colleagues up here and the City Manager and you, when I..., just because I don't agree with somebody don't mean I love you any less, I just disagree with you. I just don't think that it's, it's the best thing for me and mine, the, the community as, as a whole. It doesn't mean I have any direct hate or dislike for anybody. It means I don't agree with you and I don't believe that this is gonna serve us in the long run. So, I don't mean anything when I disa'..., when I disagree with someone, it's just that I believe differently. And I think that's what we're all up here to do, to challenge the process, look at what's going on and how the decisions that we make and how we vote are gonna affect us overall. It's not a po'..., you know, it's not [pause] up here..., we're, we're not up here to be intoxicated by the leather on these seats. We're up here to be..., to do the business, things that's gonna bring us a better way of life for the residents here in the City and sometimes the residents don't always know the backdrop of everything and we..., and I think we've gotta trust ourselves that we're gonna do the best..., I trust myself that, when I make a decision or when I go against what someone is saying, it's not because I like 'em any less, it's because I don't believe..., I don't agree with what they're saying and I've voting my conscious. So, to that end, you know, I'm not..., I don't like to have to defend myself but sometimes I think it's necessary.

The, um, the other thing that I, that I wa'..., I want to say, I do want to ask that we..., that the Planning & Zoning meetings, the, the content is... We talked about putting it on the first page so that someone can click on the first page, find the minutes, find the meeting notice, find the Agenda, add it the Novus. We have talked about this over and over and over and it has been asked for by the residents. So, I would like to see us get that done.

The, the Code [stammer], Enforcement attorney, let me, let me tell ya, she did a good job. She presented her case, she stated her case our job was to state ours, what we wanted for the residents, what we wanted to have done. It wasn't anything personal

against her, she signed up for that. She was paid handsomely to come in here and present what she thought was how we could get to our end to best serve our residents, how we could stop the [pause], how we can make our communities more stable, how we cannot have all of our properties going to rental because everybody house has liens, liens, liens on 'em and that we couldn't institute a moratorium that we couldn't remove those liens from that. So, I, I don't think that we..., [stammer], I don't think that I mistreated the Code Enforcement lady, I [pause], the Code Enforcement attorney, I wanted her to be clear when she left here, not to come back with anything.., the same thing. Come back here.., and I wanted her to know what I was.., what, what I was thinking, what residents needed, what we wanted and it's my job to explain that to her. And she came because she was a subject matter expert and, hey, she' been here before so she know, you know...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: She know' the deal.

[Chuckle]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And, I'm sorry that.., I hope that, I hope that she didn't take it any kind of way. I don't think that she probably did.

Now...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible]. [Chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Now, with the.., we talked about the money, I'm going down my list, what we should do with some of the money but I see.., I think there's some stipulations as the Manager pointed out, on, on the monies that we have, coming from the sale of the building. So, [pause], okay. There was someone in the public that came to make a comment and they were saying why didn't we say, before now, about the keeping the Community Development within the City? Now, we did have several meetings over at the Event Center, retreats, workshop' and I think that has been a consensus. So, it wasn't like we were springing this on the public or the general manager or for.., and, and most of all, not blaming.., I wasn't blaming the City Manager for what was going on in Code Enforcement. All that predated him but the conversation is tonight, we're having it tonight. Staff.., the staff that is here, is the Staff that needs to know what we want done about the Community Development. No disrespect intended, it's just a matter of trying to say, hey, we wanna keep Community Development in house and this is how we feel. Now, [pause], we can't, you know, you can't be so thin-skinned and sensitive all the time when you, when you come in here. You know, this, this, this not the place for it.

[Chuckle]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: This is not the place for it. If you're thin-skinned every time somebody say something, you.., you know, [stammer], we won't get no'.., we won't get anything done here and we're here to do business, we're here to advocate on behalf

of the residents. And, all times every time, my intent is never to be disrespectful. I just want to get my point across.

And, thank you, with all due respect to residents, Staff and my colleagues.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. I'm gonna be very quick. [Stammer], I'm having a Back to School Kickoff on August 26th. It will..., school will be in. We've had some conflicting Saturdays so, unfortunately, it's going to be after school starts. It will be 3rd grade students that attend our local Riviera Beach schools. And, and we're focusing on 3rd grade because we know that is the grade in which they start with their state testing and they have the potential to be retained in that grade level, if they do not get the necessary skills to be able to go on to the next grade level at the end of the year. So, I will have those applications available here at City Hall, as well as the local Riviera Beach schools starting next week. Again, it's August 26th from 11:00 to 4:00. It'll be at barracuda Bay. We'll have food, a DJ, we'll have some teachers and assistants out there providing information for parents to be able to assist their children throughout the school year. And, it will be a preregistration so you must preregister and your child will receive a gift bag with educational materials in it. It's not a backpack giveaway, it will be educational materials and, and to help them get through that FSA testing that they will be required to take at the end of the year.

The other thing, I did have a constituent that told me that Meyer's Landscaping is looking to partner or work with the City in regards to homeowner's that may have some code issues with their, their sod. So, I'll be trying to get more information regarding that but I, I was happy to hear that Meyer's Landscaping is willing to provide some assistance, in some sort of way, for our residents that are having code issues with their lawns. And [pause], Mr. Evans, I know we have some moratoriums that are about to expire. Will we be looking to bring them and, if you know offhand, are approaching that date? Have any expired, at this time? Or will it be coming up or soon?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yes. We had the discussion at Department Director's meetings concerning the moratoriums and that will be coming back before the Council here, at the last, I would say the second meeting in September, that that will be coming back because the Council did say that they wanted us to provide some options and some policy recommendations concerning those. So, those will be coming back.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And then the, the other thing is, in regards to the Utility District Director appointment, where are we with that?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: At the August 21st meeting, we will be bringing forward an Item that, in the Charter that established the Utility District and certainly, Attorney Degraffenreidt, correct me if I'm wrong, it never really memorialized who, in fact, has the ability to appoint, manage, direct, remove the Utility District Director. It has always just kinda be *de facto* that the Administrator has had that authority so, in our conversations with legal, we're bringing forward a Resolution that, in fact, provide the Manager the authority to go ahead and make the selection for that particular position. So, what we've done in order to make sure that we stay on track, is our top two candidates are going through the background check process now, and so, then assuming that the Council then

ratifies the Resolution, then we will be able to provide a conditional offer and both background checks will be completed. Mr. Davis and I will be making a trip to this..., one of the individual's current employer and then reaching out to the other individual's previous employer.

Mr. Degraffenreidt, did I capture all that?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Pretty much. The, the substantive issue is, in all of the documentations relating to the creation of the District, it was the intent and the actions that the Management would treat it as a department and he would be over it. The problem is that, because the District is an independent entity, that power had to be delegated and there's an absence in the record of the delegation. There's a simple Resolution that does that and everything's gonna be ratified. Boom. With that passage.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Thank you. And, Mr. Walker mentioned about having..., looking for volunteer men to be at the schools on the first day. [Stammer] can we see about possibly allowing some of our employees utilize that volunteer hour, or if we have some that want to sign up to participate?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: That was an email that I was gonna put out to all City employees that if they can support our Riviera Beach schools for that, that morning when school starts, working with their supervisors to make sure that we have adequate coverage but those that would like to participate, that we would encourage them to do so.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And the.., Mr. Willis brought up a point regarding the Marina. I had actually gotten a call earlier regarding that with Loggerhead, requiring the \$2,000,000 insurance policy and causing some people who have been allowed to dock their boats there for a while, they're being driven out so if you can kinda...

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yeah. I have...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...look into that and...

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yeah. I have some notes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...find out what's going on with that.

And, I just want to briefly state about the situation with Mr. Evans contract. I, you know, I know he has the contract but I still want to make sure that it's on record that, in the past, we have always given, you know, a one year, two year, some sort of year and for me, that has been the situation for me and I do believe we, at some point, still need to address that. Mr. Evans is, is, is really working. He's providing us a lotta information that we have not received from anyone, at least since I've been on the Board and, you know, I just wanna ask that we all continue to be professional and, and, you know, just serve as we're su'.., we're, we're put up to serve. As some' stated earlier, you know, we're not gonna always agree with each other on everything, and that's fine but, at the end of the day, we still need to be professional and just do our job, allow the City Manager to do his job and if it's something you have an issue with, you know, we can..., it can be addressed but Mr. Evans has really been working hard and providing us with information that we

have never received before and, and I will continue to support him as long as he's doing what's right for the residents of the City. And I know I've spoken to many residents and a lot of them, as well as employees, are very pleased with his performance. They are allowed to participate in processes that they've never participated in. And, um, and, and that says a lot. You know? So, it isn't... No, Mr. Evans is saying he may not ha'..., he didn't..., he doesn't have to go out and recruit people to speak on his behalf because, I think these people are intelligent enough to make up their own minds to come up to the podium and say something if it's necessary. And, I, I just think we should just allow someone's action to speak for them and, and, you know, just..., hey, at the end of day, you know, we all have a decision to make and if the person is doing what they're, they're required to do, they're doing it. If they're not, you know what it is that we can do for 'em after that.

But, I just wanna ask that we all... When I did run..., when I ran a few years back, I did run on the, the knowledge that we would try to improve decorum because there were times when we had a, a very awful night of meetings and I think we've been doing really well for quite a while now and I wanna make sure that we kinda stay on board with the way that we've been carrying on our meetings and, and being professional. You know, [stammer], and maybe times we don't agree and that's fine but can, you know, we can agree to disagree.

And that's it for me.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. City Manager, where are we with the Charter Review Committee? I know that we have approved, we were waiting for two additional alternates. Have they convened to meet to discuss their schedule? And we have we identified, or carved out, the work that they are to do as it relates to the review of the Charter?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Currently, at this particular moment, the City Attorney's office is working with the Clerk to secure legal counsel to be able to have the first initial kickoff meeting. One of the first things that we will discuss is Sunshine Law ethics in public meetings and then subsequent meetings will be scheduled to go over the components of the Charter. Unfortunately, the Clerks is not here this evening but I have asked for a schedule and sequence of the meetings and the departments that will be presenting to the Charter Review Committee. So, once I'm able to have that sit down conversation with the City Clerk, I can provide that in writing to the Council, outlining exactly what's gonna happen with respect to the Board and making sure that we hit the deadline to be able to put the Items on the ballot.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Do we know how long it's going to take to obtain that legal counsel? Is that going through Attorney Degraffenreidt?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: That, that is going through, through Attorney Degraffenreidt, yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Do we know long, Attorney Degraffenreidt, it will take for you to secure the services of legal counsel for Charter review?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I anticipate the next two weeks.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: The next two weeks. And that will help us, that will keep us on track? Were sure about that?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: We, we are going to.., the meetings are gonna be long but we are gonna make sure we hit that deadline.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. The school supply drive is scheduled for Saturday, Mr. Blankenship? Is that correct?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: What's the start time?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: 10:00.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So, please be reminded, residents, that on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. the Parks & Recreations Department will host its annual back to school supply drive and that will take place at the Dan Calloway Center. Do you have any additional information you wanna add on that?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Preregistration required.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Free registration required.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Pre...

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CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Pre...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Preregistration.

[Chuckles]

CITY MANAGER EVANS: But it's free also.

MAYOR MASTERS: You may wanna give the date.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: But it is free, the service is free.

MAYOR MASTERS: You may wanna give the date.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: But it is...

MAYOR MASTERS: 'Cause they're gonna keep playing it back. Excuse me.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm. Thank you. August 5th, Saturday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m., at the Dan Calloway Recreation Center. If you have preregistered.., is there still an opportunity to preregister or have we cut it.., cut off?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You have until...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Until...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...Friday. Friday.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Saturday or when we're full.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Alrighty. So, you can continue to preregister. Just contact the Parks & Recreation Department. Do you want them to come in physically, can...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...they get it on the website?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: No. They have to come in physically.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Come in physically. Alright. To...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: [Inaudible]...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Barracuda Bay?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...Barracuda Bay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Again, that's August 5th, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

We are happy to announce that the groundbreaking of the Riviera Beach Heights Community Center will be Saturday, August 12th at 10:30 a.m. We will be at the corner of.., is that 4th & G?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: And we will have our groundbreaking and we're super excited about that because that has been a project that has been under the.., under works for, for a short period of time and I'm sure the community will be excited to have that. I want to thank the City Manager's office for providing the funding to cover the cost of the groundbreaking. I also want to encourage, Mr. City Manager, we got a call from Steve White, who serves over the Young Lions Reading Program at Bethune and what we're asking are for volunteers to come over and read to the 2nd and 3rd grade male students. And so, in the past, he's indicated that both our Fire Chief and Police Chief

have provided support. So, we want to be able to, just as we're doing in the, in the previous instance, we wanna be able to allow those individuals to come out. It's a 30 minute timeframe that they're asking to read so, if we could follow up with Mr. White and identify some men in our employ that can go over and help to read, that would be wonderful.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Certainly, we can do that, Madam Vice Chair and 'sure with the Chief retiring, I'm sure he'll have plenty of time...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Plenty of time?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: ...to assist in that endeavor as well.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: Leaving us.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: And finally, I, I want to announce that, on July 21st, I was sworn in to the National Board of Directors for the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and so, I now serve. That is an organization that serves to increase the number of African Americans in public administration and so, I'm very happy to serve and will certainly carry any concerns that you may have, as it relates to public administration, back to that organization.

That is it...

[Inaudible].

[Applause]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm gonna be very brief. We got a few minutes so, so we'll split 'em real quick, right?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I appreciate that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Oh, you want me to go first? Okay. Alright. So, the first thing is, Mr. Evans, you know, I know you live on Singer Island so you've probably seen this numerous times, at the Inlet Lounge, half of the sign has blown off and then the, the sign that lights up that says, 'Liquors,' right now, it just says, 'Liq,' L-I-Q.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...and that is the gateway to the Island. So, I would appreciate it if you could have code Enforcement do something about it. It's...

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...been that way now for quite a while. I didn't bring it up with the hope that someone was looking into it but, obviously, with it still being like that, I doubt it.

The other thing is, for the residents, I was really disappointed that I had to postpone the zeroscape seminar that I was going to have. I had several great speakers who were participating, I had plans to give out free plants, we were going to give out free designs. That's why I had asked people to bring photographs of their lawns and I was going to use some of my community benefits., and I also had an engineering company who had probably two dozen volunteers that were gonna help us. And also, Public Works, they were going to help us. But then I had found out through a Staff person that the Manger had a problem, he didn't think that using the Staff on private property was., it was going to be an issue. So anyway, I am waiting for an opinion from the Inspector General and, hopefully, I will be able to move forward with the project in, I would say, probably by the end of September or early October. And, like I had told everyone when I was putting the project together, this is all about educating the residents on how they can move forward with saving money on their water bill. There's no reason that people should be paying 150 to \$200 a month because their watering their grass. And, in many instances, it's unfortunate but the reality is, in many instances, they're watering weeds and not grass. So, anyway, once I get my opinion back from the Inspector General, we will be moving forward with it.

And that's all I have. Thank you very much.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I wanna say thank you to all the new Recreation Board Members for, for soliciting and being a part to serve in Riviera Beach, for your service. It is greatly appreciated for the service that you all are about to endure in.

This Saturday, at 11:00 o'clock, Headliners Barber Shop on Blue Heron in the Imperial Plaza, will have its 8th annual edge, like your edge, junction [chuckle] bookbag supply giveaway with haircuts, food, entertainment. Waste Management sponsored the bookbags and some of the entertainment. It's a group of young men that grew up in Riviera Beach. [Inaudible]myself, committed for the last eight years of giving back. I happened to grow up across the street from there and that's why that particular location is so dear to my heart and I will continue to do that for the rest of my life.

Number three, to the parents, as you know, school is coming back. We encourage you just to be enthusiastic. Please get involved with your children's education. Just ask the question every day that they come home, 'How was your day?' That means so much to, to the children.

I'd like to say thank you to Abe Elam Foundation. A few weeks ago, they came and gave back, him and a young man, Curt Maged, to [inaudible]. So many others, Tommy Lee Lewis, ah man, Brandon Flowers came up from Delray. To all the people who came and supported Riviera Beach, I say thank you. And to Parks & Recreation Staff and the Police Department for supporting this great event. Abe Elam Foundation

has been giving back for many years and we talk about keys to the City, that's one I would truly like to see happen and maybe someday lead our parade because he gives back unselfishly. You know, he's out of the league, he's steady giving back, he's bringing money, he's bringing revenue...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Excellent.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...he's bringing attention to this great community as a wonderful young man.

And last but not least, I wanna say one thing, if lovin'.., passionately loving my City is wrong, I don't wanna be right.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: And with that...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm done.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh, I'm.., it was.., you're, you're done? Okay. Ms. Hubbard wanted to wrap back around.

MAYOR MASTERS: We'll, we'll give him a key too.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: There.., on, on August 12th from 10:00 to 2:00, we will be holding a backpack giveaway at Hilltop Baptist Church. I'm teaming up with Hilltop Baptist Church to do a backpack giveaway with school supplies included. So, from 10:00.., from 10:00 to 2:00, please come out. You can call the office, the legislative office to get your name on the list and we will be glad to have a backpack ready for your kids. Look forward to seeing you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have a motion to adjourn?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

[Gavel]

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