

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.
RIVIERA BEACH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening. We'd like to call this Special Meeting to order. Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

Roll Call

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chairperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson? 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: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Terence Davis? City Manager Jonathan Evans?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Deputy City Clerk Jacqueline Burgess is present. Assistant City Attorney Lina Busby?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: You have a quorum.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Clerk. I'd like to ask Councilwoman Hubbard to bring us a moment of silence along with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

(Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Councilperson Hubbard).

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Councilwoman Hubbard. "Any person who would like to speak on an agenda item please fill out a pink public comment card located in the back of the council chambers and give it to the staff prior to the item being taken up by City Council for discussion. Members of the public shall be given a total of three minutes to speak on all items listed on the consent agenda. Members of the public will be given three minutes to speak on each regular agenda item. 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 is considered." Mr. City Manager, are there any additions, deletions or substitutions?

AGENDA Approval:

Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

CITY MANAGER EVANS: No, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any disclosures by Council? I'd like to entertain a motion to adopt the agenda, please.

Disclosures by Council

Adoption of Agenda

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

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

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Lynne Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

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

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Items under consent?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No items.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any resolutions?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Petitions and communications for filing?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Awards and presentations?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: We're now on to public hearings.

Comments From the Public on Consent Agenda (Three Minute Limitation)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES RESOLUTIONS

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND AND FINAL READING

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 4098, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS," ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT," SECTION 10-150, ENTITLED "CLASSIFICATIONS AND RATE STRUCTURE," BY INCREASING BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT RATES BY 5% FOR BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS WHICH CURRENTLY HAVE A FEE GREATER THAN \$150.00; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a second? So the motion dies for lack of

a second. Now, in this event can we have a discussion?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Or do we bring this back, Madam Attorney?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: Because the motion has died you -- you -- you should -- there will be no discussion. To bring it back you could always bring it back --

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Under a different title?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: I can research to see if you can bring that back as an -- as another item at another time.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: That was the question for the discussion, to bring it back on -- on a different time. I'm aware that we can't take up any discussion if it fails.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: Oh, okay. Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: But the conversation then would need to be had as to when we want to have this item returned.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: So the question is whether you want -- whether you can discuss returning the item?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Uh-huh. That's the question.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Just if I may, Jeff Gagnon, Acting Director of Community Development. Just for discussion purposes, I believe that the Chair could pass the gavel and second the motion just to discuss the item, even though there are only three board members present. I think that would meet Robert's Rules of Order for procedure.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Or you could bring it back at a regular council meeting.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: If I -- yeah.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: If she chooses to. Yeah. That's just an option.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I'd like to discuss when we're going to bring it back and have a discussion. So here's what I will do. I will pass it to second for a discussion, because I want to know if some of the items that we asked to be done have been done in advance of this coming back. Some of the issues. So second. Is that proper, Madam Attorney?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: You can go forward.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Now, who is she passing the gavel to 'cause she --

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: She passed it to second it.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: -- Miss Hubbard --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: There's only -- I --

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: But (unintelligible) made the motion.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: She can make the motion.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right. So she second it.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I made the motion. She second the motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right. She's fine. You're fine.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Am I? Okay. Carry on, Mr. Gagnon.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I have a question. You're going to make a presentation and then say something first?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Mr. Mayor, this is the same presentation that was offered during last council meeting. I'll provide it. This is the ordinance title on second reading, and this is the only slide in the presentation. Again, it's identical to what was presented on first reading.

MAYOR MASTERS: All right. I want to make a couple of statements. One is based upon my own due diligence speaking to other elected officials from other city, it appears that we are already higher than other cities or a few cities or several cities, whichever one you want to take, in Palm Beach County. Mr. Gagnon, do you have any knowledge of that, as well?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: So each individual type of business would have a different rate structure. In general all the fee categories that are below the \$150 thresholds, in my opinion and -- and what I've seen in the City of Riviera Beach, they tend to be slightly higher than other municipalities. So prior to this meeting I looked at the fee structure in West Palm Beach and currently the city fees for those smaller business tax receipts are higher than West Palm Beach. And that was part of the reason why we wanted to preclude those licenses from any rate increase.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I can tell you that -- let me say this in a way that it's moderate -- we don't -- we don't seem to have the best reputation in the county for business friendly, being friendly to business. Many businesses, particularly small businesses, feel that we build areas instead of bridges that it is difficult for some -- for some to navigate through the process; that they may get through A but then -- A and B and then they fail on C.

And this is at an important time frame in the history of our city. We'll be celebrating the City's anniversary, birthday in a couple months from now. It's important for the Mayor to encourage businesses to do business, to want to come here. I would rather see us

give some incentives to businesses rather than to -- for the word to go out that we are -- we're already high. The water bills are high. Now we want to raise something higher. I want businesses to come here. I don't want them not to come, because the word goes out that we have just increased this tax on businesses.

But a climate with all kinds of things happening in our city, we want to minimize that type of atmosphere and accentuate and positivize, whatever

the -- my new word for the day is, the positive things that will welcome businesses, that want them to come and to stay and to do business in our city and help to create the climate that they can come and we become known as more business-friendly. I think one of the reasons why we are known perhaps as not being as business-friendly as we could be, because we're high up in several categories, as you just stated. And it's -- and it's -- and it's for those -- that reason and other reasons that I've just stated that I am prepared that whenever this comes back, if it passes, the Mayor will veto it for sure. I just want to put that on the record.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you. So I feel the same as the Mayor. We've raised these rates in 2013. We raised them in 2015. And here we are again raising them. And we -- at the last council meeting we saw a slide that showed us if we did raise it we expect an additional 30 to \$35,000, which is minimal. You know, think about the goodwill if you're not going to raise the business tax receipts.

My other issue is I don't think something like this should be at a special meeting. If you're going to raise the rates for these businesses, they should have all been notified, and we should have had it at a regular council meeting. And there is no reason for why this couldn't have been on the August 2nd council agenda. And you know, I'm really disappointed and I have made my disappointment known to the City Manager. I am very disappointed that we're having a special meeting for this item to raise the business tax receipts on the larger businesses. I don't think that's the way any city should be doing business. Thank you, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Did you have anything else?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: No, no. Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The -- is there a particular reason why this landed on - - on the special meeting agenda? Is that because there's a time certain that we have to

have this done by, Mr. Gagnon?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: So the reason why it's on this agenda versus the August 2nd agenda is it will buy staff and also businesses an additional at least week's worth of time to be notified of the rate increase if it's approved, as well as having staff update the rates within our software and computer systems.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The -- thank you. The other thing to that end is this: As you stated, the smaller businesses, they are the ones that are experiencing the higher rate as compared to the larger businesses. Our neighboring cities rates for small businesses is lower than ours at this time. So we won't get to do this again for the next two years. And if we're not going to burden the smaller businesses any more, giving them an opportunity to catch up and to grow, I don't think 5 percent is asking too much of the larger businesses at this -- at this time. Because all of the businesses in the city have to pay their fair share. And as our expenses increase, for us to provide services to those same businesses, we have to adjust our budget. Since our small businesses are already paying the high end of the rate, I understand why we would leave them out of the increase.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So Jeff, you made the statement which is, you know -- which just, again, doesn't make any sense to me. You're saying, Okay. We're not -- you know, we didn't want to put it on the August 2nd agenda because we want to give staff enough time to upgrade the system or do whatever you need to do and then give the businesses a week's notice that we've raised their rates.

But what we could have done, we could have given the businesses notice that staff was proposing that we raise their rates so they could have had a chance to come in here and talk to us. It just -- it's not right. It's not right. And these businesses, you know, they pay an extraordinary amount of taxes. They're the people that are employing residents in Riviera and throughout the county, providing the health care and the whole bit, trying to make the city a better city. And if we're only going to -- we're estimating, you know, we're going to get net net \$30,000, it makes no sense to me.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yes. And I'm sorry, just if I may.

MAYOR MASTERS: Go.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: So there has been a legal ad that was posted on July 5th and July 15th.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: So there was

notification provided and really me offering that --

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: What kind of --

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: -- that -- that week difference, it really is just based off current conditions what the benefit is and that's what the benefit would be.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right. The benefit is, Hey, I'm giving you a week's notice that I just raised your taxes. It's just -- it isn't right.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Madam -- Madam Chair, if I may, also.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: And you're not going to convince me.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: We also provided this as part of the budget discussions that we did have with the council with respect to moving forward with the increasing of the business tax receipt. It was discussed at the -- I believe the 24th of June as well as the 28th and 30th session when we looked at alternative revenue streams, to the point where we also did ask the council was there consensus to be able to proceed forward with such an initiative.

So we took that direction from the council, and we are here tonight on second and final reading based on the conversations that we've had. Again, if it is the pleasure of the council not to proceed forward with such an initiative, then it precludes you from increasing the business tax receipts for a period of two years.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Let -- let me just ask this question to the lawyer for clarity purposes and from memory's sake. It was second -- the motion was second tonight, right? Was it?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: No. That was --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, it was second for discussion.

MAYOR MASTERS: It wasn't when the gavel passed and -- was it? What happened?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: The gavel was passed to Councilperson Hubbard. However, it could have been passed to Councilperson Pardo.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. It was passed for what purpose?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: Just --

MAYOR MASTERS: We don't have a motion until it's second, though, right?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I second for discussion.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: She second --

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. That's what I thought so that's my -- my question. It was -- it was motion.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: And it was second for discussion.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: And at this point if there is a majority, which would be two to one, it could be voted down or up, couldn't it? Couldn't that --

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: I believe this particular would require four votes.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Four. It takes four votes.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: Four votes.

MAYOR MASTERS: It could take four --

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: Four votes.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- four? Really? Why is that? 'Cause of the ordinance? I mean, where is that?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: So within the state statute --

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Statute.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: -- that governs the 5 percent increase that can happen every two years. There's specific language that says four out of the five voting council members would have to approve the ordinance in order for it to move forward. So on first reading that's what occurred; however, at this time we don't have four out of five present so it's just --

MAYOR MASTERS: I guess I'm overanxious to veto it.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. We'll wait.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: It's really for discussion purposes now.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh, my. So let me just state for the record. At the last meeting I asked about the number of landlords that have to register their -- their rentals with us. And I was told that we -- I do believe as a part of the conversation it was a situation wherein we have not been able to track all of those.

And so my -- where I wanted to see the increase was certainly for those who are large property owners here in this city, and I don't see where that was incorporated, because we're keeping those at a minimal level. And I do believe that that should increase by virtue of the fact that they are not here. A lot of times they don't have property managers that are watching and managing these properties. And it is contributing to the blight and slum of our community. So I wanted to see that information before casting an affirmative vote. But in light of the fact that we don't have four, that gives you an opportunity to do some additional review prior to this coming back to this board.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. All righty. With that being said, that concludes this discussion.

ACTING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: JEFF GAGNON -
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CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. City Manager, do you have anything further?

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yes, I do, Madam Chair. If it is the pleasure of the City Council, I would like to schedule a joint meeting with the CRA, as well as the City of Riviera Beach for our final budget discussion workshop. And the date that we're targeting is August 28th, which is a Monday, at 6 p.m., if that works for everyone. We'd like to get that appropriately noticed and moved forward. I know that the Florida League of Cities' conference is the middle of August, and then we had some conversations with the CRA and that time seems to work for them, as well.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, pending the confirmation of the outstanding members that are not here and their schedules, you can -- I would suggest that you go ahead and poll the offices to make sure that that date works for all.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Okay. We'll go ahead and do that. And then one of the other items is that I know that a lot of our council members are active participants in the Florida League of Cities. With the conference being in the middle of August, it is staff's recommendation that we look to cancel the second meeting in August because it falls right in the middle of the Florida League of Cities' conference. And so if it is the pleasure of the council, we would like to be able to make that accommodation.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: That would be the August 16th meeting?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I'm fine with that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm fine with that.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Fine with that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Fine.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Okay. We will go ahead and do some --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So you'll provide that notice?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Yes. That concludes my comments, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Seeing there no -- there -- seeing there is no first business to discuss --

MAYOR MASTERS: I have comments, too. Are you still doing comments?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I have a comment, too.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Mr. Mayor, your comment?

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THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Yeah, just briefly. I do want to announce to the students of Bethune Elementary School, second grade students and the fourth grade students, that the Office of the Mayor will be providing school books -- book bags, rather, for the children in the second and fourth grade. The principal has the information and what day it will be.

We'll also be partnering with the -- one of the fraternities in sponsoring the giveaway of book bags for the children of Lincoln Elementary School. And I also think that we will have book bags to give out at the next community Family and Friends thing which is sponsored by the City and cosponsored by Radio Station 102.3 to families, as well. So the best is yet to -- the best is yet to come. Stay tuned. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councilwoman Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you, ma'am. Okay. Mr. Evans, I would like you to send staff, perhaps Code Enforcement, over to the Marathon Gas Station on the corner of Blue Heron and Broadway. So I was stuck at the light today, two lights, and -- and I noticed that the grass is dead. The shrubs -- most of the shrubs are dead, and there was trash scattered throughout the property. And it's an eyesore. So someone needs to get on that immediately, please.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS: And they have a lot of people loitering there, too.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Constantly.

MAYOR MASTERS: That -- that I've seen there.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Constantly.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. I would also like to announce that the groundbreaking ceremony that we announced for July 29th has been rescheduled to August 12th. And information will be forthcoming regarding the specifics. But the groundbreaking scheduled for Saturday, July 29th, has been canceled and rescheduled to August 12. Councilwoman Hubbard, do you have any comments?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes. I'd like to announce that the bid openings for Cunningham Park is July 27th. So -- I'm sorry. And where is it going to be located?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: We -- we will be having that bid opening here inside the city council chambers.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: We had to extend it, sir. We actually extended it to August.

MAYOR MASTERS: Come to the mike, please.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: August --

MAYOR MASTERS: We're taping. While -- while he's coming, Madam Chair, I do have a very important announcement, that I turned 65 two days ago.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Happy belated birthday, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. And I'm proud to be here.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Mr. Little, if you can go ahead and give us the -- the latest update concerning this matter?

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: It actually extended to the following week, the next -- the Thursday from the 27th because we had to add some additional plans so that we gave the bidders a chance to review and bid a better package.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Okay. And -- and do we have information as how many picked up that additional package?

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: I do have it but I don't have it currently in front of me.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Okay. If we can provide the council with a memorandum concerning --

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: I will. Not a problem, sir.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: -- that number. Okay.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: Miss Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. So the bid package went out on what date? Do you remember?

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: Not off the top of my head. It's -- it was out for 30 days and we gave them an additional week to add plans in the package.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Okay.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: And all -- all prospective bidders were noticed that it had been extended.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Can -- let -- let me ask you this: When bid packages go out and there's no access to the plans, isn't that kind of difficult for a contractor to bid a project without the plans?

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: The City actually charges \$20 for the plans so that's in the legal notice that we actually put on the website and DemandStar that they have to come to City Hall to pay for the plans and then pick them up in our office.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Do you? And -- and that's not my question. I don't think anybody's going to wrangle about the \$20 cost for the plans. When you say that you had to add plans, maybe I'm misunderstanding you. Tell me what you mean.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: That plans that actually came from the architect company was missing two plans in the original package. And we had to add those two plans to the package.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I see.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: And for people that had already bought that, there's no additional cost for that.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I see. I see. So someone who had not even picked up the package yet, they still have a -- an opportunity to pick up that package to bid this particular project?

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: They most certainly do.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. One last question: Was the -- the demolition out in back or is it a part of this --

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: The -- the demolition was actually a separate bid so we put that out separately. And --

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: -- and that is already closed.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Okay. Thank you. Also before we close, we just want to take an opportunity to wish our Mayor a happy 16th birthday once again.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Just for the record, the invitation to bid was issued June 26, 2017. I don't see an update of the extended date.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: If you look it's an actual addendum [phonetic] --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Addendum?

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: -- on the website.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: 3rd? August 3rd?

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: One -- one last question. I just want to ask you this: The way that that was put on there, would you say that it's easily accessible, easy to find?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: But the way one would find it is to know that you have extended it?

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: It's definitely easy because that's where all the solicitations actually go. So when they go to the website it's listed in order of all items that's actually for each bid.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So what would drive them back to the website?

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: (No audible response).

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The fact that you notified them that this bid is going out again or what?

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: That -- that would be the -- the notice that we actually sent. When we post it on DemandStar, DemandStar automatically sends them a notification that an addendum has been done.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. All right. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Follow through, Madam Chair, one second. Madam Chair? You could -- we could suggest to IT they can put that on the home page. If anyone immediately goes to the website, they'll see it.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT LITTLE: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: From the home page. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: There being no further meeting to discuss -- business to discuss, meeting adjourned?

ACTING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: JEFF GAGNON - (561) 845-4060

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - 7:30 PM Non-Agenda Item Speakers (Three Minute Limitation)

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COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

(CONCLUSION OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING)

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