Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting

Riviera Beach Marina Event Center

190 E. 13th Street

Riviera Beach, Florida 33404

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

6:06 p.m. to 8:46 p.m.

APPEARANCES:

Chair KaShamba Miller-Anderson

Vice-Chair Tonya Davis Johnson

Commissioner Terence Davis

Commissioner Lynne Hubbard

Commissioner Dawn Pardo

Mayor Thomas Masters

Attorney Michael Haygood

Interim Executive Director Scott Evans

Operations Manager & Public Information Officer Darlene Hatcher

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: I want to call to order the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m., September 27th, 2017.

Madam, roll call.

(Upon roll call by CRA Operations Manager and Public Information Officer Hatcher, the following were present: Chair KaShamba Miller-Anderson, Commissioner Terence Davis, Commissioner Lynne Hubbard, Commissioner Dawn Pardo. Also present: Mayor Thomas Masters, Interim Executive Director Scott Evans, Attorney Michael Haygood.)

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. We'll take a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge led by Councilman Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Shall we Pledge.

(Moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.)

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have any additions and deletions?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: No, Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Any disclosure by commission and staff?

Do we have a motion to adopt the agenda?

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Okay. I'd like support of the council to move the budget item, item number 8, to the top, right under regular business. And it's because there is a lot of items on

the agenda and, you know, as we all know we're statutorily required to pass this budget so I think it's important that we focus on that first.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: So item number 8 immediately after consent?

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Yes, please.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

Please let the record reflect Councilwoman Davis Johnson is on the dais.

So do we have a motion to adopt the agenda with number 8 being placed immediately after the consent agenda?

COMMISSIONER PARDO: So moved.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Clerk.

(Motion passed unanimously.)

THE CLERK: Motion carries.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: For consent agenda any person who would like to speak on an agenda item please fill out a blue public comment card located in the back of the council chambers and give it to the staff prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Members of the public shall be given a total of three minutes for 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 speak on an agenda

item after the resolution is read or the other items are considered.

Do we have a motion to accept the consent agenda or do we have anyone that would like to pull anything?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Second.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Clerk.

(Motion passed unanimously.)

THE CLERK: Motion carries.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So we're going to move item number 8 to this present spot here. Number 8.

THE CLERK: A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency approving the annual budget for the fiscal year 2017-18, attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit A; authorizing its transmittal to the City of Riviera Beach for certification in accordance with the law; providing an effective date and other purposes.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER PARDO: So moved.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Evans.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Good evening.

The CRA staff has worked diligently to produce a budget that focuses on the Agency implementing both our existing and our new programs for next year.

We are seeking to enhance our -- to promote redevelopment in our city and in our neighborhoods. And we are striving towards making a recognizable difference in the residents' lives, promoting job growth, and increasing property values in the CRA and throughout our residential neighborhoods.

Tonight is our fourth budget meeting to discuss the proposed budget for the coming year. It is proposed for final approval by resolution. The CRA completes its budget independently of the City and transmits it to the City of Riviera Beach upon approval.

This year's budget includes our work plan for the coming year, which is expanded descriptions of all of the programs and implementation schedules to move these initiatives forward in a transparent and measurable format.

This year's budget increases the resources that we've deployed to expand Board efforts to increase housing opportunities in the CRA. The increase to housing is over two million dollars in the coming year. And these funds are designed to implement grant programs which will help our existing home owners to improve their property and will position the agency to become a major partner in a new recently announced Palm Beach County initiative, and working with the Riviera Beach CDC to bring new housing initiatives to the CRA and Riviera Beach community.

We were also able this year to carefully review our

administration and operations budget, and we've been able to reduce our planned expenditures by 14 percent over last year, which is a total savings of about 200,000.

The changes from the previous budget. It remains the same as the last budget meeting. The changes include that we have added a community garden education program which would work through a master gardener for approximately 24,000. We've added a community garden satellite support program which would help us expand our successful community garden to other locations within the community.

We've also increased our resource center to include an element of technology training for residents. And this could be working with the Bright Bus, which was mentioned by the Board at the previous meeting.

We've enhanced our beautification dollars. The Board is going to go through a visioning process in the coming year for our major corridors through our pending process to update the comprehensive plan. And this would create some dollars that you could implement your vision to make improvements along those corridors.

And the next change would be we've created a reserve based on Board feedback so that we could provide additional security at Marina Village if it's needed as we go throughout the year. And we've increased the presence of Clean and Safe ambassadors in the community by enhancing the cross training we do. Our

Clean and Safe ambassadors provide a lot of work helping at the Marina Village, and we will cross train them with all of our efforts throughout the community so that we can increase those services when time allows.

That completes my summary of the changes in between this meeting and the last one.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Do we have a public comment card?

THE CLERK: One public comment card. Bonnie Larson.

MS. LARSON: Bonnie Larson.

A real quick question. Is there money in the budget to have both a CRA director and an assistant director this year? And if so, why or why not? Thank you. Because we always operated with two people, so I'm just wondering what we're going to do this year. Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: The budget does include the position of executive director and planning and development director, which is currently vacant.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Any questions from the Board?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Evans, I have a question.

Well, it's kind of a question statement.

In the -- on the other side there was a meeting, we talked about in the CDC program for the housing initiatives, the funding that we have appropriated for that. Have you all

reached out on the other side to find out how much funds would be needed and how could we -- how would the programs we are doing disburse for us to function outside of the CRA boundaries, the funding from the City? We talked about it on the other side but I wanted to kind of come back here and speak about it a little bit more; and how it would create some synergy on the other side of the CRA in neighborhoods, whether it's on the south side or Monroe Heights area so we can improve those homes in that area.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Yes. We have a home owner grant -- a home owner grant improvement program where residents who own their own homes can apply for up to $20,000 for facade improvements, property upgrades. And since we're already managing that program we have made a proposal to the City of Riviera Beach if they wanted to also fund that program so that we could extend it beyond the CRA.

And actually the Riviera Beach Community Development Corporation, they operate in -- within the entire boundaries of Rivera Beach. So they could continue the program if the City provided funding.

And the City said that they have some dollars they might be able to allocate, but they have not given us a formal response yet.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, because the reason I bring it up, because, you know, I think my colleagues will recall, and I

was talking about it on that -- on the other entity's side to get the commitment to happen over here. But the question was, does the City have programming or the resources in place to run a program? And if not, how does the CDC function, you know, with Ms. Jenkins as executive director, with having that stuff already in place, you know?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: The City does not have a housing improvement division right now. So since we're already -- we are already working in housing, and we already have a grant program, it's very -- a relatively simple process for the CRA to expand that program working with the CDC.

However, the City has not made a commitment on whether they wanted to fund that yet.

We are also working with Palm Beach County.

Annetta Jenkins, I don't know if you want to summarize their new initiative and how we hope to be able to bring that to the City.

MS. JENKINS: Annetta Jenkins, Director of Neighborhood Services.

We're anticipating in the next few months that Palm Beach County will come forth with several programs, including first time home buyer assistance as they traditionally do. We anticipate that they will continue their owner occupied rehab program, which is similar to our housing beautification program but it's more extensive because it allows repairs inside and

outside. And they have a small owner replacement program.

So we will partner with Palm Beach County to the extent that we can. And if we're able to partner through the CDC we'll be able to cover the entire city.

And just as a footnote, last year the CDC did assist residents outside of the CRA with the County's owner occupied rehab program.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Anything else?

Mr. Davis?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Evans?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: No.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else?

Madam, roll call.

(Vote taken.)

(Motion passed unanimously.)

THE CLERK: Motion carries.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Item number 5.

THE CLERK: A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency approving the professional service agreement with Florida Fishing Academy for the Community Boating Program, providing an effective date.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: So moved.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Annetta Jenkins, our

Director of Neighborhood Services, will introduce this item.

MS. JENKINS: Good evening. Annetta Jenkins, Director of Neighborhood Services.

And thank you, Mr. Evans.

Commissioners and Chair, we are coming to you as staff to request Board authorization to approve a new three-year contract with Florida Fishing Academy.

This contract period would run from November 11th, 2017 through November 10, 2020.

As you recall, you previously approved a three-year contract back in November of 2014. And we're coming to the end of that three-year agreement.

We have Captain Rich here, who if you will indulge him would do a brief presentation about the benefits and the success of the program.

Captain Rich Brochu.

MR. BROCHU: Captain Rich Brochu, Executive Director of the Florida Fishing Academy.

I want to thank you for your vision for seeing the importance of programs like this for children.

We're in our sixth year in Riviera Beach. We've serviced over 6,000 -- we've given over 6,000 scholarships since we started this program.

This past summer we had a thousand scholarships given to Riviera residents. And in addition to that we brought an

additional 700 underprivileged kids into this community to experience the same thing that you have allowed us to do.

As you can see, we have a video going. And that is just the stuff from this summer.

Our programs are proven now to help the social and emotional learning of our children. And it's hard to believe that 95 percent of our kids without this program would never get this opportunity to be at the ocean, the intracoastal, or on a boat. 95 percent of them.

And I find that very troubling when most of our kids in this community live less than a mile from salt water. 95 percent. And they keep coming back too.

So it is proven that it's working. And I want to thank you for your support in the past.

A couple other things that we want to change for this upcoming year if we get another contract is we want to start doing more things with the community events, making them bigger and better. I'd like to have the council and other members of the community that actually go out with some of our kids to experience what they get to see firsthand because you can see it in video but you can't see the smiles and the joy that I get to see every day when I get to do this job.

Also we got a grant from Community Foundation this year so we're building a $100,000 mobile marine lab. So I want to also showcase that in Riviera Beach at a community event and then --

and have our kids be able to enjoy that too. We expect to get that done hopefully in January or February.

And I want to let you know that we exceeded our scholarships for Riviera residents by 500 students this year.

We do that every year, we find matching dollars to do whatever kids want to get involved. We don't want to turn anybody away. And we've done that since the beginning. And we did over 500 again this year.

Not only do I believe in Riviera Beach but I have another business that I own a boat in, and I keep that boat in Riviera Beach also. So with my personal boat in Riviera Beach, along with our academy -- we have an academy owned vessel in Riviera -- I've never asked for a discount or taken a discount from the marina -- so we're actually spending close to a little over $22,000 a year in dock fees. And we don't mind doing it because we believe in the program. We like having our boat. We use it for other things here, for other kids. I couldn't think of being anywhere else.

And the other thing, I just want to let you know in closing that for the past six years we have used the same kayaks. They're pretty much beat. We're getting new ones this year if we're approved. They're going to be a three-person kayak so we can have three kids on instead of two. We found that our trips to Peanut Island, we usually have one drop out and get tired; so now we'll have a third one that can paddle. The cost of that is

$8,000, just for those kayaks. And we use that with our own funds and money from other sources and other grants that we get.

Again, I want to thank you. It's been amazing. And I hope you continue it so the kids get to enjoy what I get to do every day. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

Do we have any public comment cards?

THE CLERK: One public comment card. Bonnie Larson.

MS. LARSON: Mine is a clarification question again.

I had asked one time, there seemed to be so many West Palm Beach and other cities using this program, and we pay $2,500 a month for it, and I was questioning why were there so many out of city students and people using it, because when I see the bill I don't see a list of what students were on what trips and whatever, and their address, so I don't know that they're Riviera Beach people.

But one of the council people asked that question after I talked about it last time. And, Mr. Evans, your answer was we'll clear that up. So I didn't understand that, how that was cleared up.

The other thing is I just heard Mr. Brochu mention that the lab will happen in January or February. That's the first I've heard that it will definitely happen, and I'm wondering where that will be. If he can maybe -- he can clear that up.

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

Do we have any questions or comments up here?

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Okay. So perhaps we can hear about the lab.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah, he can come back up.

MR. BROCHU: The marine lab that I mentioned is a mobile marine lab. So it's actually a trailer that I tow around with my truck. It has a stage on it so it opens up. And we're going to have a touch tank in it with different animal critters. It also has a watershed, a working watershed, and what's called an augmented sandbox, to show topography, how rain and water affects sand and soil, how it washes away. But it's mobile. I mean I bring it anywhere I want to go so -- and I want to display it in Riviera while we're there. I'm not going to leave it there at the marina but it is a mobile marine lab.

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else have any questions or comments?

I did have one question. There -- are there two different companies listed, one nonprofit and one profit, listed as the same name?

MR. BROCHU: No, there are not.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: They're different names?

MR. BROCHU: Yes.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: What are those two names?

MR. BROCHU: There's a Florida Fishing Academy and there's a Florida Fishing Academy II. And that was actually -- that part of it was arranged because -- I'm not sure if you're aware but there's difficulty when it comes to paying captains, because the captains are not subject to Florida Worker's Comp, so their salary actually has to be separate. So that is set up to pay captains only.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: That one account? The other account that you have is just for the captains?

MR. BROCHU: Yes.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. BROCHU: Yeah, that would be the Florida Fishing Academy II, correct.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. BROCHU: Yes.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: I noticed a couple of the children were from Pahokee, so you're getting --

MR. BROCHU: Yes.

MAYOR MASTER: -- children from Pahokee and Belle Glade,

and South Bay, and that area as well?

MR. BROCHU: Yes. We had had some requests for Belle Glade and Pahokee. Obviously they don't even ever get to come out here. So I actually -- we have our own school bus. And this year, because they didn't even have a way to get out here, I think I left my house at 6:00 in the morning to be out in Pahokee about 7:30, picked up two sites; and came in and dropped them back off at the end of the day so that they could experience what we have here.

The funding for that is Prime Time, which is an ELO program which we receive over $100,000 to service over a thousand children through Prime Time through our after school and out of school programs.

MAYOR MASTERS: Very kind of you. Thank you.

MR. BROCHU: Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you so much for the work that you're doing.

I wanted to know if we have developed relationships with the local schools that are in the city to increase the number of students who are participating. I understand, and I see the numbers and I fully understand that. But I'm wondering if we have developed direct relationships or interlocal agreements with the schools to have field trips or to bring them out for various programs.

MR. BROCHU: Yes. We -- the elementary schools and some middle schools are approved through Prime Time. And we work in the schools and after the school programs with them. That's the only way we're actually able to get into the schools.

VICE-CHAIR DAVIS JOHNSON: They have to come through Prime Time?

MR. BROCHU: Well, that's the only way that the schools actually allow us in there.

VICE-CHAIR DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. BROCHU: But if anybody has a school that you want us to work with, if you open that door, we'll be there.

VICE-CHAIR DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm happy to do that.

Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, one more. Just one more, briefly.

I don't have a school but I do have a low income housing complex in Riviera Beach. Stonybrook. Do you have any relationship with Stonybrook yet?

MR. BROCHU: We have not. But we're -- again, we're --

MAYOR MASTERS: I will --

MR. BROCHU: -- open to anybody you want to help us with.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll help you with that and I'll facilitate that for the children of Stonybrook --

MR. BROCHU: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- who would really appreciate this

program -- to make sure they're on board as well.

So I'll get with you and we'll work out the details.

MR. BROCHU: Awesome. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: You're welcome.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Any other questions or comments?

Madam Clerk.

(Motion passed unanimously.)

THE CLERK: Motion carries.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Item number 6.

THE CLERK: A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency authorizing the execution of a Real Estate Exchange Agreement by and between the Agency and Gerald Properties, LLC and Courtney Elizabeth Properties (collectively Viking Properties), specifically designated in Exhibit A and B to the Real Estate Exchange Agreement for the consideration of equal value of the properties and other considerations; finding that the sale price and other consideration represent fair value; directing and authorizing the chairman and executive director to take such actions as shall be necessary and consistent to carry out the intent and desire of the agency; providing an effective date.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: So moved.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Evans.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: This agenda item is a

property swap that the CRA has been looking to implement since 2014.

The Marina Village, the current master plan for Marina Village, looks to promote development over a ten-year horizon. And in order to do that we have a lot of -- a number of properties that are too small to develop on their own.

This property swap would align all of the properties so that they're consistent with the City's approved Marina Master Plan, with the Phase I site plan that built both this building and the current Marina Village site, and with the CRA plan.

And what it does is it creates future development parcels that are large enough so that we can attract the future phases of development that would help make this Marina Village prosperous and would allow us to attract more businesses and more development.

The property swap would take a variety of property that's owned by the CRA that is right now too narrow to develop, and it would allow us to create that larger development parcel.

And the proposed swap is of two equal sized -- equal valued properties. The CRA properties in this -- above this shows the -- this is 13th Street and the Event Center where we are right now. So these are the CRA properties that would be involved in the swap.

So as you can see they are fairly small and narrow and on their own difficult to be developed.

The Viking Developers, their properties are more assembled, but they are directly across from the marina. And this is the Event Center located here. And their properties would be swapped with the CRA's.

The CRA's property has an appraised value of 250,000. And there are approximately 33,000 square feet. And Viking would swap a property that's appraised at 240,000, and it has 32,000 square feet. So very similar.

This is the Phase I site plan. So this plan represents the development of where we sit today in the Event Center and with our surface parking lots and out future development sites.

This plan was approved by City Council in February of 2014.

And along 13th Street, which is the entrance to the marina, you can see the larger development parcels that are designed for the future phases.

And so this, this property swap would align the properties -- and I'm just waiting on my presentation -- it would align them into three development parcels. On the north side of 13th Street -- there we go. On the north side of 13th Street, this property would be aligned for future developments. And then on the south side the CRA would then -- rather than controlling this narrow piece along here we would now control all of this larger piece which we could promote for development. And then it would also assemble this larger piece.

Along the center of this piece is old 13th Street. Which

is right-of way that would be required to be abandoned in the future.

Until the City Council completed the abandonment this property swap would be prepared for that next step but it wouldn't actually close until the abandonment went through. And once this street is abandoned, that would create this larger development parcel which would assist the CRA and also Viking who owns the adjacent lease.

Under the agreement we would submit jointly to the City Council. If the City Council did approve the abandonment in the future then the proposed agreement before you today would then actually close. And it would create the development sites that we're hoping to attract new development for. The CRA is going out with an RPF for the Phase II phase of this Marina Village so that we can attract future waterfront restaurants, parking garage, possibly a hotel; and this property swap would align the properties so that the development community can submit for a much larger and more ambitious project.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Do we have any comment cards?

THE CLERK: Yes, Madam Chair. We have one. Bonnie Larson.

MS. LARSON: Bonnie Larson.

The main premise of my comments tonight is let's not swap any more Viking/CRA/City properties. They still own Yachtsman,

don't they? They still charge us $11,000 a month for parking, don' they? Yes, they do.

We are -- we will have no leverage whatsoever.

If you go back to that slide, if you could go back to that slide, that little narrow piece up at the top -- the slide would be good. There are three --

THE CLERK: The timer is up there.

MS. LARSON: No, not the timer. I'd like the slide where that showed the properties.

Because in that long narrow piece there are three properties owned by the City or the CRA. If we give them that, then they have that contiguous property. That's good for Viking.

What has Viking done? What has Viking built? They came in here and said they're going to do this, that and the other; they're going to build condos, they're going to build business parks, all kinds -- they haven't done anything. So I'm wondering what the rush to judgment is tonight.

We need to make sound business decisions.

What they want to trade us for is -- there's another parcel about that big. I can't have the slide? Okay. Anyway, that parcel, we would only own half of that. That half is not big enough. If we owned the whole parcel, that would be fine. Because that's what Viking does, they own contiguous property. We would only own a half of a little rectangle there. That's

not going to do us any good.

Why do we want it now?

I can guarantee you -- it was just said that the property values are close enough. I can guarantee you that if Viking's property was more valuable than ours they wouldn't say it's close enough.

What I heard last time was they wanted to charge us -- the $10,000 difference, they wanted to make up by giving us the right to put in something underground, or something you wanted to put there.

But that swap is going to do us absolutely no good. It's good for them. It's not good for us.

So let's make some sound business decisions here and let's not swap anything more until we get that Yachtsman property straightened out. We're not going anywhere at the marina until we get that straightened out.

And like I said, they -- the swap is great for them because now they would own contiguous property and we would only own half of a little parcel like this. Which is useless to us. So let's not do it.

Whenever they want something they come to the meetings, they fly down here and come to the meetings.

No. We have no reason to do it now. They have done nothing, nothing in the city that they said they were going to do. They haven't built anything, so there's no rush, there's no

rush.

Keep the property. Don't trade it with them. And let's get the Viking -- let's get the Yachtsman cleared up first. And then, like I said, the swap that is being proposed won't do us any good.

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: I think that there's a lot of future steps that we need to work out with Viking before we can get all of their various properties developed the way the City would like.

Right now the property configurations prevent anyone from doing any development in this area. Which is very bad for the City.

The way that we generate our taxes is by attracting development. And as long as the properties are configured in a way that we cannot redevelop them then they will continue to sit there vacant and we won't achieve the kind of development that will bring new jobs.

This proposed swap is very good for the City. It's very good for the CRA. It does benefit Viking. Whether it was the Viking company that owned it or whether it was a different company that owned it, that would be irrelevant.

The reason that it's -- that we should -- that I'm proposing to do the swap is it's very good for the City and it aligns the properties so that in the future that they can be developed for new development. Whether it's Viking who develops it or whether it's another developer who we can attract through our RFP process, who could come in and purchase these properties. But once they're configured and aligned the development potential will be greatly enhanced.

And another addition to this agreement, which I forgot to add, is that the City is in the process of burying all of the overhead power lines along Broadway. This will allow us to take down all of those unsightly lines and all of those poles. We'll be able to replace them with decorative pedestrian lighting along Broadway, which will be very good for helping us improve the look of the street.

And this agreement provides us the additional easements that are required so that we can complete that project.

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

Any questions or comments by the Board?

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Scott, we spoke about the property owned inside the marina parking lot, the $11,000 rental that we -- we spoke about how -- you know, losing that leverage by

doing this, but we're gaining an opportunity to develop and to continue with the, with the marina. But what was the discussion concerning the property that we are still renting from Viking?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Currently Viking owns a property right where the number 7 is on the screen. And that's the Yachtsman property that was referred to previously.

And the purchase price for that property back in two thousand -- sometime ago, I don't recall the exact date, by Viking, was about four million dollars. And the CRA is very interested in acquiring that property also, to assist in our future development.

We've had the property appraised. And it's only appraised at approximately 1.9 million dollars.

So at this point we are unable to come to an agreement on purchasing that property because we're so far apart on the price.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Again, what is the value of their property and the value of our property that we're going to be swapping?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: The appraisals on the swap is approximately equal. And the pieces we'd be swapping is valued at 240,000 and 250,000.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Okay. I guess I'd say we -- are we in a situation where we bite off our nose to spite our face? Do we hold up the rest of our development and swap, or what do we

do? It's kind of a Catch 22 situation.

I'm done.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Anyone else?

Well, you want to answer? Can you answer Ms. Hubbard?

Ms. Hubbard, can you repeat what you were just saying? They couldn't hear you.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: I was asking Scott about the discussion that should have taken place since our last presentation on this. He was saying the properties that we are swapping are 240,000 and 250,000, but the piece in the middle, the one that we're renting for $11,000 a month is -- they brought it for four million and it's only appraising at one million, so that's why we can't get together on the purchase of the piece that we want.

And if we don't swap, we hold up the -- we don't develop the rest of the marina, and they don't move forward on their project. So I was saying it's kind of a Catch 22 situation. We kind of bite off our nose to spite our face. And they will too.

So I guess we have to decide would it be more advantageous for us to move forward and buy the land that they have later or not. I don't know the answer to that question. I guess Scott will speak to that.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Madam Chair.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Certainly. We've been trying to purchase the property for over ten years I believe.

And so since we've been unable to, I felt it was prudent to make some move that would help us proceed with future development. Although it's not all of the solution that we have, it would allow a large over four-acre parcel to become ready for future development.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Two things. As we've discussed, receiving some of the revenue as we spend ten thousand dollars a month in the parking, one of the things, you know, I would still like to see is the implementation of the parking study that was explaining when and where we can start charging for parking on that site, so that we can start -- stop supplementing and start making some revenue on that site, and so we can start paying back, and as well as putting money in our coffers as we move forward.

And also on the City's side, once we approve it here, we still have, you know, a time at that -- to make a decision to actually complete this transaction. So we still have time to kind of think about it as we approve this as it moves forward. Because it's not complete until it's done and ratified on the City's side so...

Because if something changes between now and the next time we bring this before us at the next -- at a city meeting, at that entity's meeting, then that allows us if anything was to change to make a decision different or keep it the same moving

forward, whatever that may be.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: So you're saying table this until the next time?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No. No, what I'm saying is supporting this tonight but as we move forward with discussions something may trigger to where if we need to change our mind that could be done once it's being brought for the City to accept it on the City's side. Or it could be brought back.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: I think we should bring it back. That's...

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So you want to make a motion?

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: I make a motion to bring this particular item back after discussing it on the City's side.

THE CLERK: Madam Chair. Excuse me. There's already -- there's a motion on the floor already.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: She asked did I want to make another one.

THE CLERK: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Did you finish it?

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: No, she said there was a motion already on the floor.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: But you were trying to amend it,

right? You wanted to vote it down and then amend it?

THE CLERK: Commissioner Pardo made the motion.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Okay.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Pardo made the motion.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

Get the mic before you talk.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Right. So my original motion was supporting the resolution to move forward with the swap, knowing that it still has to go to the City Council. So my motion still stands.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Question, Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Mmhmm.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Knowing that it has to go forward, would we not want to discuss it on the City's side, Madam Councilwoman, and then bring it back to the CRA, to the CRA after we have our discussion about it?

My only concern or question would be the -- to negotiate the eleven -- at least we know that we have to rent that space because we need the parking out there. We know we have to pay something. But to try to negotiate it down a little bit, since we are all benefitting from the swap, that's -- you know, so that we can get something out of it -- and so we can move forward with our deals, with our deal, that we -- our deals we have pending for development.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: So -- Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Mmhmm.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: So I think we can -- you know, if this did pass tonight, we can still do that. If it doesn't pass, or if we postpone it, then, you know, once again we're losing additional time.

This particular item we've been beating for, what, two years or more.

And, you know, at this point I'm really concerned about getting the lighting done along Broadway, you know, moving forward with doing the upgrades that we need to do with the easements.

So, you know, we can pass this tonight, then have staff on the City's side work on it, bring it back to us, and then at least we're -- you know, we're still moving forward. That's -- you know, that's why I made the motion. That's what I would like to see but -- thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: If we're going to bring it -- if we're going to discuss it on the -- if we're going to discuss it on the City's side and we can determine how we're going to negotiate to lower whatever we're paying for that rental, and that has to be done on the City's side, then if we vote on it tonight then we can move it forward, we can kick the ball down the road.

Again, if we don't get to anywhere in the negotiations on the City's side it still dies and we still don't move forward.

So -- okay -- and that was my question. I was just trying to get an understanding that how did we get to the negotiation, how can we get to the negotiation piece for the cost that we're paying for the rental. Okay. And I think that's what, that's what, that's where I want to get. Because we have to negotiate that, that somehow. And I guess it has to pass CRA before we can get it over on the Council's agenda. I understand.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Anyone else?

(Vote taken.)

(Motion passed unanimously.)

THE CLERK: Motion carries.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Item number 7.

THE CLERK: A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency authorizing the execution of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Riviera Beach and the City of Rivera Beach Utility Special District and the Agency, terminating those certain interlocal agreements which provided for the City and the Utility District to provide funding for the development of the City of Rivera Beach Marina Uplands; providing an effective date.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Mr. Evans.

THE CLERK: I didn't hear who made the second.

Excuse me, Madam Chair, who made the second? I didn't hear. I'm sorry.

(Commissioner Hubbard raised her hand.)

THE CLERK: Okay. Thank you.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: The Riviera Beach CRA has coordinated with the City towards -- during our budget process, towards eliminating a variety of unnecessary interlocal agreements that exist between the City and the CRA.

This agenda item proposes to terminate the unnecessary interlocal agreements. The agreements result in a variety of fees and costs going -- the CRA is paying the City for a variety of agreements, and the City is paying the CRA for a variety of agreements, and all of these agreements are really unnecessary now that Marina Village is constructed.

So tonight's agenda item has been included -- these changes have been included into the City's proposed budget, and into the CRA's budget. And that would terminate the uplands funding agreement, which was the original agreement put in place to build all of the Phase I Marina Village improvements. And it would terminate the public improvement reimbursement agreement between the City and the CRA and the Utility District. And the program sponsorship agreement, which was an agreement between the City and the CRA that allowed the City to support the CRA's programs.

In our current fiscal year going forward the CRA's annual income has gone up by more than ten percent. And so we no longer require additional funding assistance from the City, so we don't -- we no longer need the program sponsorship agreement either.

Under these changes the CRA would manage and continue to look after the marina uplands for the current fiscal year and then we would negotiate with the City and potentially with the future private development partner to take over some of the roles as we move forward and towards our second phase of the marina.

The City and CRA currently have an existing services agreement, which we would maintain. A lot of the city staff provides some direct services in support of the CRA. For example, we'd be expanding upon the finance department who assists the CRA with our finances. That role would be expanding and we would continue to utilize the City's Human Resources Department, Procurement Department, which prevents us from having to duplicate those services.

So those would remain in place.

The CRA would continue to take the lead on the Phase II Marina Village Development opportunity.

And we would work together to evaluate and select a new developer to build the next phases.

And so this agreement eliminates those interlocals that are

no longer needed, and it's been negotiated with the City's staff and included in our budgets.

And this eliminates all payments starting from October 2016 until today and in the future.

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Public comment?

THE CLERK: No public comment cards.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: None? Okay.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Evans, what is the financial impact of this decision? Is there any negative or positive financial impact for short term or long term?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: In the current existing year it results -- the CRA would receive less dollars. However, in the future we would pay out less dollars.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Anyone else? Anyone else?

Madam Chair -- Clerk.

(Vote taken.)

(Motion passed unanimously.)

THE CLERK: Motion carries.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Item number 9.

THE CLERK: A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Rivera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency approving the

first modification to professional service agreement between Constant Computing LLC and the Agency, and the Agency, to exercise an option to extend the term of the agreement by one two-year period; providing an effective date.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Second.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Second. I'm sorry.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Pardo.

She said it first.

THE CLERK: The CRA partnership with Constant Computing has helped improve the responsiveness to IT issues, developed network security and maintenance processes that protect the CRA agency, the Clean and Safe office, and the Event Center from external threats, improve reliability of network services and tackle all of the challenges associated with any users and growth.

Constant Computing has met the CRA's IT needs while we have experienced a doubling of personnel and nearly tripling of our IT footprint in a three-year span.

The CRA needs will continue to evolve along with its projects, community programs, and continuous changes in technology.

Further, Constant Computing has designed and structured the CRA's technology program for the future. The original agreement

was for a term of one year, and provided for a one two-year option. Thus the first modification to professional service agreement for a one two-year period is being requested for the overall maintenance of the agency and its affiliate information technology, infrastructure, including cell phones.

And our IT consultant is here if the Board has any questions.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

Mr. Evans, are you doing anything? Or are you just allowing him, for him to come up and speak? Mr. Evans, are you speaking now?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: I -- I would -- if the Board has any questions for Mike I'd ask him to come up and answer. But I think -- this just -- Mike -- Constant Computing, rather, has been providing great computer services to us and we'd like to continue for an additional two years. That option was included in the original agreement. At the end of that then we would be looking to go back out for additional services.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Do we have any public comment cards?

THE CLERK: No, ma'am.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Any questions, comments from the Board?

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: None.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: None.

Ms. Pardo.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: No, I'm good.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Go ahead.

(Vote taken.)

(Motion passed unanimously.)

THE CLERK: Motion carries.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Item number 10.

THE CLERK: Presentation item, Marina Village Events Programs.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: The CRA is very excited that moving into this current year we will -- would like to present an event program that we would host at Marina Village. Our Event Center manager, Gabrielle Monroe, working with our Event Center coordinator, KiAndra Knighten, would manage these events for the CRA.

And Gabrielle will provide an overview of what we've planned for the Board's consideration.

MS. MONROE: Gabrielle Monroe, Event Center Manager.

Good evening, Madam Chair. Good evening, Commissioners.

This presentation consists of the proposed monthly and annual signature CRA events that will take place at the Riviera Beach Marina Village Event Center and in Bicentennial Park.

Each proposed event has been carefully thought out to assist the Event Center in reaching its potential in gaining public interest, increasing profit margins, and creating

positive publicity.

Riviera Market at the Marina. The relaunch of Marina Village Green Market will take place at the Marina Village Promenade. Our grand opening, October 15th, 2017. This will take place every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Strolling the Promenade and Shopping the Freshness is the slogan for the relaunch of the Riviera Market at the marina, capturing the calmness of our promenade on the marina and incorporating the intimate market that will give a competitive and successful surrounding market.

Comparable events include West Palm Beach Green Market, Palm Beach Gardens Green Market, and the Wellington Green Market.

The CRA is excited to relaunch this Market at the Marina, promoting healthy lifestyles in the city and organic shopping, which is conquering the market as we speak. This heavily anticipated relaunch will provide a fresh look to the Marina Village every Sunday morning, along with children's activities, Mimosas and Bloody Marys, live entertainment, and morning yoga.

The marketing and advertising approach as follows: Dates of advertisement listed starting this past September with social media posts; letters of interest and applications to the Palm Beach Post announcements; October 6, TV18 broadcast; along with applications made available to the public. There will be ongoing reviews and evaluations of vendors and an ongoing

outreach to participate and add more service vendors as we go along.

Marina Movie Daze. Similar to many redevelopment agencies the goal here is to provide a community -- provide the Riviera Beach community with a family event, free, once a month. This event will take place in Bicentennial Park, starting October 2017, ending in April 2018, every third Friday of each month, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Movie nights will encourage family bonding and promote the City that is the best place to live, work and play. Although attendance may vary due to many factors, us remaining -- the City and CRA remaining consistent on encouraging outdoor bonding time will create a sense of stability in the area. We also want to be able to offer a view concessions: Candy, popcorn, adult beverages, will be sold at a reasonable price.

Marina Movie Daze will encourage, again, family bonding. And comparable events include West Palm Beach Screen on the Green, Boca Raton Cinema in the Park, and Orlando Movieola.

Potential sponsorships and partnerships for this event. We would love to partner with the City of Riviera Beach, Parks and Recreation Department, as well as marketing and advertising on X102.3.

And, again, the marketing and advertising approach: September 29th, the first social media announcement. Going forward again with the Palm Beach Post announcements, TV18, and

making the dates available on the CRA website and the Event Center website.

Outdoor movies are common monthly events among many cities. Again, advertising heavily is very important since this is a new event to the area. And ongoing local advertisement will be necessary since this event is proposed to run year-round.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Could you please silence your phones? Anybody know whose phone it is?

MS. MONROE: Food Truck Fridays.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Sir. Mr. Mayor. He can't come up to the dais. He has to go off to the side, please.

Go ahead, Miss Gabrielle.

MS. MONROE: Okay. Food Truck Fridays will also be another monthly event to consider. It will take place on the full Bicentennial Park and Marina Village Event property every second Thursday of the month, from 6:00 to 9:00. This is another family friendly event with hopeful potential attendees, say three to five hundred. Every few days a food truck event takes place in one of the many cities in Palm Beach County. I'm sure you all have probably attended one. The City of Riviera Beach should be a part of the list of cities that offers this amazing cultural experience.

Every month a local artist or band will be featured as another opportunity for entertainment. Along with children's activities will be provided to give families options for

entertainment as well another energy outlet that will draw the crowd and help manage them as well.

So live entertainment, children's activities, taste challenges, chili cook-offs, will be some of the different events happening at the Food Truck Friday.

Again, comparable events are Boca, Wellington, West Palm, Jupiter, Delray, all in our surrounding areas.

Potential sponsorships and partnerships again. Discover the Palm Beaches I think will be a great outlet as far as marketing and advertising is concerned. And, again, we'll be marketing starting in October. As this is seen to be a year-round event with our standard Palm Beach Post announcements, TV18, and making the dates available on the calendar on the City and CRA and Marina Village Event Center websites.

Sunset Jazz at the Park. Hopefully an annual -- we're proposing an annual music concert event in Bicentennial Park, taking place February 24th, 2018, is the proposed date. This is an adult night out. And many music concerts and festivals have taken place in Riviera Beach and have been a success. This is a ticketed event targeting jazz and R&B lovers from the ages of 25 and up. Jazz and R&B music styles are attractive to a wide range demographically and bring a sense of togetherness in the city.

The goal here is to provide an unforgettable experience for

residents and surrounding communities with a well-known headliner and a few local R&B and jazz artists. Mimicking other successful comparable events is the base of the coordination. I'm sure you all are familiar with inspiring events, Miami Jazz in the Gardens and West Palm Beach SunFest. These events headline much larger artists, Joe Scott, Robin Thicke, Chante Moore, to name a few. And both of those events have grown tremendously over the years now, being able to offer hefty merchandise packages, vendor packages, and event informational booth packages. The success will be the success of Riviera Beach, hopefully. And with careful planning and a reasonable budget and a clear vision I believe this can potentially be an awesome event for years to come.

A few sub-experiences at the park. We'll have food truck vendors, bar trucks, a premier VIP, a few famous jazz impersonators to set the mood and give an awesome experience and a clear timeless event.

Our premier VIP will be comfortable seating with favors and a sponsored drink selection.

Potential sponsorships and partnerships. Advertising of course will be needed heavily, with 97.3, the jazz station; X102.3; Black Coral Rum, which is a brewery right here in Riviera Beach -- because we definitely want to incorporate and partner with our local businesses here -- and Lockheed Martin, a major corporation right next door to us.

Additional advertising, again, will be needed for this event to have an extra advantage in reaching the masses. And, again, the marketing and advertising approach here is listed, starting in November with broadcasts, posting letters of interest, and heavy social media posts.

Marina Village Wedding Expo. This event is a seasonal event which will bring a great amount of business and partnerships to the Event Center and CRA. The idea here, again, is to become extremely popular among hotels and promote positive exposure here at the Event Center to increase visibility and make sure that we are accessing and booking all the business that we can.

Proposed dates, a spring show in March, a fall show in September, with a full midday 3:30 to 7:30 to make sure we can attract as many vendors as possible. And the Wedding Expo, again, we will be able to host Event Center tours the day of, catering demonstrations in Bicentennial Park, a bridal fashion show, and live entertainment.

Comparable events. South Florida Fairgrounds Bridal Show Extravaganza and the Palm Beach Wedding Expo.

Potential sponsorships and partnerships. The Hilton right here in Riviera Beach, Bella's Bridal, Tailor's Touch, the Marriott, along with the Ritz Carlton. Again, all local businesses that we would love to bring on with the City.

And, again, another marketing and advertising approach with

those social media posts and letters of interest for vendors and event planners.

Not yet. I know. It's a workload for sure.

CRA Health Fair at Marina Village. This will be an annual outdoor health symposium. Family friendly. Bicentennial Park. Proposed for next year, March 31st. We again want to showcase a diverse choice of healthy living options for our community. The three Es: Educate, empower, and engage our attendees with various types of exercises, food choices, and healthy resources.

A few comparable events here in Palm Beach County, CBS 12; again, the Pompano Beach and South Florida Science Center.

A couple of sub-experiences: Fun activities, free health screenings, healthy cooking demonstrations.

And we definitely, I believe, can partner with the City of West Palm HR Department and the health presentations that they already host; along with Cheney Brothers.

Heavy marketing with X102.3 and possibly TrustBridge, who sponsors and is very engaged in the health community.

Last but not least, Family Day at the Park. A back to school annual event. The City of Riviera Beach hosts many of these. And I think if we can partner with our local churches, the City, as well as other community centers, I think this will be an awesome event to have here at Bicentennial Park. Fire Rescue demonstrations, fun activities, concession stands; late school registration opportunities, giving our local schools an

opportunity to participate would be awesome.

And then, of course, comparable events are many. A few sponsorships that have already reached -- well, one for sure, Florida Public Utilities has caught an interest in us and is willing to donate school supplies and book bags for the proposed next year's event. So I think that will be great.

And, again, marketing approach in partnerships with the City, churches, and X102.3 for heavy advertisement.

And this is just a brief overview of the calendar of events, kind of to sum everything up. Riviera Market at the Marina Village opening October 15th; that will be every Sunday until April. Movie Daze every third Friday. Food truck Fridays every second Thursday. Sunset Jazz in the Park taking place February 2018. Our March events will be the Health Fair and the Wedding Expo. In September will be our Fall Marina Village Wedding Expo.

And that concludes this presentation. Any questions or feedback?

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

THE CLERK: Yes. We have one. Bonnie Larson.

MS. LARSON: That's certainly a full schedule. I know Miss Gabrielle is a very talented person but I'm wondering how are all these things -- who's going to coordinate all this? It can't be just her alone doing all this, because some of the events you're talking 500 people attending, a thousand to three

thousand. Who's going to coordinate and be there to arrange all this?

I know when we had the green market before it was run by a man by the name of Harry's Market. And he's the one who does the event up in Palm Beach Gardens, which I often attend.

Now the thing was when we had it at Riviera Beach, when we had it at the marina before, we didn't get any income from that. And Harry's Market, of course he's the promoter, he would charge the vendors and then they would also have to pay to have a space at the green market. But Riviera Beach, we didn't get any income from that.

So are we going to be getting some income this time? Because there's always a lot of clean up, and this, that, and the other and, you know, it takes up space down there. So I want to make sure that this time we get some income from some of these things.

I'm wondering -- question. Who's doing our marketing now? That was very well put together. That must be a marketing agency or an advertising agency. I know it's not the one we had before so I'm wondering -- tell us the name of that one.

Oh. There's going to be a lot of vendor contracts. Who's going to take care of all that? And hiring of the jazz impersonators, et cetera. Who's going to be doing all that? Because that's a lot of heavy duty things to take care of. So who's going to be doing all that? It can't just be Gabrielle.

Don't put this all on her. Because one person can't do it.

So have we contacted like a lot of these places like the bridal expo and stuff? Have we contacted those people already? Or is this a wish list? Or where do we stand on all these events? I mean how far along are we? How much will they cost us to get these people here? Where are we in the process is my question? Who's our marketing advertising agency right now?

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

Mr. Evans, would you be able to provide a few of those answers? Or Gabrielle.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Certainly. The main organizing staff would be Gabrielle. And in addition she would have support from both the CRA staff and KiAndra Knighten, who is our event coordinator. So there's actually two staff.

As far as our marketing, thank you, all of the materials you've seen are in-house, put together by Gabrielle. She did that presentation so...

As to the status of all of the events. We've already been exploring them. We've had that list for about two months now. So we've already been developing the implementation in advance of presenting it to the Board. So we feel quite confident.

And, yes, it's a lot of activities. But once we set up like for example the food truck event, so that will have a variety of vendors; there will be advertisements to allow people

who want to participate to apply and send in a letter of interest. But that will be the same event that gets put up by the various vendors the same each month. So it's not like -- once you arrange the first month, the additional months will all happen on their own sort of, without as much management. So all the planning goes in up front so that the events can proceed.

And of course the large event, the jazz event, will take quite a bit of effort. And that will be her primary -- a lot of her primary efforts will be going into the larger one time events.

VICE-CHAIR DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm happy to see that we are proposing activities for the Marina Village. However, one of the things that I don't want to see is a duplication of efforts. And so with the Family Day at the Park, the City of Riviera Beach already hosts the very large Back to School event. So certainly I think that there should be some consideration given to possibly working with Mr. Blankenship to do a joint venture so that we can reach a greater number of students returning to school; and then you don't have the double dipping and you don't have the, you know, the duplication of dollars that are expended. So I think that that's something we certainly can look to do.

I think that there is -- somewhere there is a blueprint for

when we had Jazz on the Beach. And if you all will recall, you know, Jazz on the Beach started the Jazz Miami Gardens event; and they are still growing and thriving; and so we can certainly look to -- it was here.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: It started here?

VICE-CHAIR DAVIS JOHNSON: Yeah, it started here.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: 2006?

VICE-CHAIR DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

And so there are certainly blueprints for you so that you don't have to reinvent the wheel.

And I know that we had a private marina -- not marina but we had a private wedding expo and there's a blueprint for that as well, because there were two very successful events that were held here. And we were able to identify a lot of the local vendors that subsequently were contracted for events.

So I am very excited to see this. And however this commission can assist we certainly will do that.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Okay. So I have a question about the green market. Scott, is Harry whatever his name is from Palm Beach Shores, is he still going to manage the market?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: No. Harry's Market, which was our first foray into having a market at Marina

Village, it was on Wednesdays --

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Right.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: -- Harry notified us that he didn't think that that day was working any longer and that he wanted to discontinue his participation. So we said, okay, thank you, Harry. And now that we've started this great program, the CRA wants to continue it. And we think it will do much better on Sundays.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Okay. So the CRA and -- well, the CRA staff, now you'll take the lead on this?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Yes. One of the main vendors who was working at the original green market has agreed to step up and help us. So they'll be there and they'll be organizing the vendors on behalf of the CRA. So we'll bring in that additional help.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Okay. So, you know, I'm not sure what your marketing plan is. You know, I know you're going to go out on social media. But I think we had a failure the last time because Mr. Harry did not market it at all. There was nothing in the newspapers. You know, we relied on the CRA Facebook for information.

So I would just suggest if we're going to start this up again, maybe get a couple of newspaper articles out there, advertise on Channel 18 and, you know, in addition to social media. And, you know, hopefully we're going to start that soon,

because October is right around the corner. And it would be really nice if we can get a lot of vendors.

And just remember, on Sunday we're going to be competing with Palm Beach Gardens. They have a very big and successful green market on Sunday mornings.

So, you know, we have to find our niche. And I think, you know, we need to do that sooner than later. Because it would be, you know, really pathetic if we, you know, only have a couple of people at the market like we did the last time, you know, just several vendors.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: And other than that, I'm excited. We've been talking about this for a couple of years and now it's finally coming to fruition. So kudos to staff.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

I guess, Gabrielle, just a couple of questions.

First I want to commend and compliment you on such talent. You are so gifted.

MS. MONROE: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: And I take it that Scott Evans hired you. Right? So good for you. You recognized talent when you saw it.

Give Gabrielle another hand. And she's just wonderful.

MS. MONROE: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just a couple questions.

The wedding, the -- I don't need to see the slide, so that's okay. On the event that you're having for the wedding --

MS. MONROE: Expo.

MAYOR MASTERS: Expo.

MS. MONROE: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Kind of tell me a little something more. Is it that people who are interested in -- I mean how does that -- what is the purpose?

MS. MONROE: So the Wedding Expo will not only showcase the Event Center -- and we will do on-site tours of the Event Center to attract business. And with whatever remaining dates that we have. We want again to always remember the facility comes first and as far as bookings and maintaining profit gain here.

Two, we want to give vendors in the area exposure as well. Event planners, florists, caterers, you know, local bridal stores, local tuxedo companies --

MAYOR MASTERS: Right, people who are --

MS. MONROE: Everyone who's in the area in Palm Beach County is invited to showcase their work. As well as their interest in booking this facility for not only their own events, for their brides, for their bridal shower.

So it's, it's -- it will attract business for us. It will gain profit for us. And then it will also showcase local vendors in the area.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Thank you. I was thinking that maybe it was a date that folks could come and get married on; and maybe I can come and get married on that date. No, I'm just kidding.

I want to ask you about the Movie Daze. Is that what you call it?

MS. MONROE: Movie Daze.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Now, is that -- that's a free event?

MS. MONROE: That's a free event.

MAYOR MASTERS: Is it free to everybody, whether you're in Riviera Beach or not?

MS. MONROE: It is free to everyone, whether you live in Riviera Beach or not.

And we will have small concessions for sale: Popcorn, sodas, water, possibly beer and wine. To kind of just promote family gatherings here at the park once a month.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Well, this would be a good spot to announce -- and certainly I'm going to need to get a date from you. But the movie company that came to Riviera Beach is really I think the first that I can remember, and shot many movie scenes here at our city; they shot a scene at City Hall, they did some at Singer Island, did some on 34th Street, and another street over there, 32nd. But they are -- the movie is complete and they are going to come and have a premier. And some of the movie stars that were in the movie, and others that were in the

movie, will be there on hand and meet the public. And they called us, said they wanted to do that and give back to Riviera Beach. And it will be free. And they're just -- you can just get with them and give them a date. Because it's -- and the name of the movie is Chasing Titles. Is that right, Debbie, Chasing Titles? And they've already received a lot of awards already. So this should be big. So you can give them a date and --

MS. MONROE: Awesome. We would love to host them here.

MAYOR MASTERS: The other thing is, last but not least, you mentioned CBS 12 in one of these events. You mentioned something about CBS 12.

MS. MONROE: Yes, that is --

MAYOR MASTERS: CBS 12. CBS 12. Okay. Go ahead.

MS. MONROE: CBS 12 hosts a health fair event. So I mentioned them as a comparable health fair event. So we would, you know, of course be kind of mimicking some of the things that they do. And they have it annually.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good. And also former Councilman Cedrick Thomas had a one of a kind event and I would like to suggest that this may be something that you could look at, as well as partnering with the City, where he had an event for the seniors. And I don't remember what he called it but everybody dressed up in formals and it was a wonderful event. And that may be something that I would suggest that you look at.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Parks and Rec does that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Great job.

MS. MONROE: Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Parks and Rec has been doing a few of those. Parks and Rec has done a few of those.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah, they had like Senior Proms. But I'm talking more like what he did and how he did it. That would be great.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Hubbard, did you want to go?

Anyone else?

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Thank you, Gabrielle.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Item number 11.

Wait one minute.

Mr. Evans, the -- and Gabrielle, for that matter -- the Movie Daze, the time, I notice it was 8:00 to 10:00. And during that time frame, from October to April, I think that it gets dark a little earlier so maybe it being a family event make it 6:00, make it a little earlier than 8:00 to 10:00, for the kids?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Yep.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. So, I mean like 7:00, something like that, instead of 8:00.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Okay.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Item number 11.

THE CLERK: Discussion item. Update on Tony's Subs Blue Lagoon Plaza Redevelopment Project.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: If you just want to advance the slide.

This is just an update. The CRA did -- approved a future grant to Tony's Subs, who is an existing business owner, who's been in this community a long time. And this is our property, this is located on the corner of Avenue F and Blue Heron Boulevard. The CRA has owned this property for a number of years. And earlier this year this property was approved to be a Property of Distinction grant and development agreement for Tony's Subs to bring a new project.

And at that time we had received a proposal which was accepted from Tony's Subs. And if we could go to the next slide. At that time they just submitted a very basic drawing which included the site plan of the project with some preliminary sketches. And when the Board reviewed their proposal we really, we showed some pictures of some potential future projects which would really make the project look really great on Blue Heron Boulevard and really bring a signature type development.

So when the Board approved it they said make sure you bring us a project that is really going to look good and is going to be a sample of other projects we'd like. As a result Tony's Subs went back to work, Mr. George, and they have brought us

some new pictures and renderings of the proposed project. And as we're developing the development agreement for final approval by this Board I just wanted to show you these pictures. We're very excited about how this building is starting to look. They've done a lot -- they've included some architectural enhancements. Right now it's three bays, about -- one bay for the restaurant to relocate to, with about 2500 square feet.

And, actually, if you could just leave it on that rendering right there. The colors, of course, aren't set right now. So I've shown you a variety of colors. But you can see the project would really make that block look good. It would be a great new type development that we'd like to encourage and see other similar developments happen along Blue Heron. It is a small site but they've been able to maximize it and include a very nice type of project.

When the grant was originally approved we talked about what other types of businesses might be located in adjacent to the new restaurant; and he has given us some proposed feedback which I wanted to mention to the Board. They've been looking at potentially some personal hair care, a hair salon; potentially health care, perhaps a doctor, doctor's office; an insurance office; and perhaps a clothing, urban footwear type business. So those are the ones that I wanted to just mention to this Board that we're looking at. We would include in the development agreement a general list of what other types of

businesses might be included because we want to make sure that this project, which is a partnership between the CRA and Tony's Subs, includes the type of business that the Board approves. So we're working on this agreement and we're hoping to get it to you before the end of this year.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

THE CLERK: We have one public comment card.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

THE CLERK: Bonnie Larson.

MS. LARSON: You'd be disappointed if I didn't speak.

The colors, you're talking about the colors on that building there. I hope that we can get some beachy colors. This is a beach community, marine community. You know, we have so much, so many buildings that look like Arizona or Utah. We have the tan and the orange and the green. Let's get some beachy colors. Let's think about -- South Beach, look at all the nice colors they're putting down there. Let's get a beach community look rather than a Utah desert look.

The thing is -- okay. So it sounds like this is going to be two bays, two or three bays. Because it is a small property. What is the -- okay. You said you got a Property of Distinction grant. Could you please explain that to us? And what does it mean we'll be giving him, and what is he putting into it? Could you explain how all that goes with the grant process?

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: When she's finished, go ahead.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Okay. The -- we can certainly include a variety of different colors for the Board to consider when we bring it back.

The Property of Distinction Grant Program allows the CRA to select properties that are along our major corridors -- in this case it's our own property -- and then work with -- to bring a type of development that the Board would like. And the grant, the maximum for these grants currently is $250,000. And Tony's Subs has requested less than that. The final amount would be included in the development agreement which would be brought to you later this year. And so that program allows just individual properties that are very specific along our major corridors that the Board can consider applying grants.

In this particular one, this is in our property which we made available in early 2016 and Tony's Subs has submitted a proposal to develop the property which was accepted.

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: That's it? Anyone? Questions? Comments?

So that ends our items.

Do we have any items that are tabled?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: No, Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Receipt of public comments.

Non-agenda or consent item speakers, three minute

limitation.

Please be reminded that the CRA Board of Commissioners has adopted a set of rules of decorum governing public conduct during official meetings, which has been posted at the entrance of the council chambers.

In an effort to preserve order, if any of the rules are not adhered to the commission chair may have any disruptive speaker removed from the podium, from the meeting and/or the building if necessary.

Please govern yourselves accordingly.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Before we get started. I received a few phone calls today regarding this meeting. And I explained -- I received quite a few phone calls today about the CRA meeting versus the City meeting. And what I wanted to do just for the record, let Commissioner (sic) Haygood talk about the difference between the two entities before the -- as we read the rules up.

MR. HAYGOOD: Well, I don't know if there's really a rule. But by law this is a separate body from the City, and only can -- this body can only address CRA business as opposed to City business. So they are two distinct -- even though you serve on both boards, you certainly are serving in your capacity now as CRA commissioners and not as City commissioners.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I just wanted to ask that question because I have received quite a few phone calls pertaining to this. And I just wanted to make sure that folks understood at home, the ones that did not come tonight, the difference between the two entities.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So you're -- basically you're saying the business that we're doing for the items has to be only regarding CRA topics, but public comments is not doing business; we're not voting on anything during public comments, correct?

MR. HAYGOOD: Well, I don't -- you're not voting any items on public comments. And certainly it's up to the Board's discretion as to what level you're going to allow them.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: I think that if people are here tonight and if they're here to speak on anything that's relevant to the City of Riviera Beach, CRA, RCA, any kind of A, that to deny them the privilege, since in the past -- and the attorney knows that there is something in law called precedent. There's never been a precedent where people could not speak on anything.

As a matter of fact, the precedent has been just opposite. In the past people have always spoken as CRA; they've made announcements and et cetera.

So I hope that this Board would not deny First Amendment rights to speak tonight; and that we will allow anyone and everyone their three minutes.

Also, Madam Chair, in addition to that, I had a conversation with the attorney for the City, which I think should hold, period, for tonight as well. I wanted to make sure as our chief of staff -- or my chief of staff, Debie Isaacs, was granted the privilege to speak. At the last City meeting -- that that same privilege is also granted to any employee of this city, should have that same right to speak on any subject; and it's not just for any one particular person. And I was assured by the city attorney that there isn't any -- as he assured you publicly a week ago, that there isn't any prohibition or anything that we have in the charter or anything, any kind of rules or regulations that would prevent city employees from speaking their mind in a public meeting.

The only rules are they have to follow the same rules that the public follows in which you have stated the decorum that can't be disruptive, not use profanity, et cetera.

But as long as -- as he said, as long they are comments that they want to make and they follow the decorum rules and regulations, that they should not also -- they should not be denied the right to speak, like anyone else of the public.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms. Hatcher.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Really quick. At no, at no point did I suggest that we was going to deny anything.

Like I said in my comments, I was stating for the record, because some folks had called my office today and was asking the difference between the two entities. And at that time you can also see that Attorney Haygood said it's at our discretion. No one on this Board said that we was trying to stop anything.

As you know, Mayor, you're not a member of the CRA commission but we also support you as mayor to allow you to sit here with us.

MAYOR MASTERS: Appreciate your kindness, sir.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Well, no -- I'm not trying to be disrespectful. But the realty of it is we sit here on the Board and we do not fight one way or the other.

MAYOR MASTERS: If I'm given the right --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mayor --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- to speak, I can speak.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mayor, Mayor, with all due -- Madam Chair, I'd like you to --

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Point of order, guys. We're going to -- we need to get to the public comments. Let Mr. Davis finish up and then we'll go ahead and go --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, Madam Chair, I really appreciate that.

I was just stating for the fact as we set the tone for this meeting that no one on this Board has tried to show any kind of intentions of stopping anyone. I was just explaining that folks was making phone calls and wanted to know the difference between the two. So don't suggest to the public that we was trying to stop anything. I don't think that's fair to the tone of the meeting that as we come to this meeting as professionals that we're going to conduct ourselves in a certain way. And I was going to make sure that's stated on the record. So please do not set an aggressive tone. Because as you can see, the news is here to see us fight one another; and I don't want to see that perpetuate all across this country.

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Ms. Hatcher.

MAYOR MASTERS: Can we have order? Please. Please. Please.

THE CLERK: The first public comment is from John Miller, then Deborah Woods and Norm Adams.

First John Miller, followed by --

MAYOR MASTERS: He passed.

VICE-CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Pass.

THE CLERK: Deborah Woods.

MAYOR MASTERS: Ms. Woods is coming.

I stand by my comments 100%. Thank you.

MS. WOODS: Thank you so much. I appreciate this opportunity to speak.

What I want to first say is that I'm a 21-year retired veteran of the United States Army. And I certainly appreciate democracy.

I am so troubled in my spirit. I am so broken.

But let me just read my statements, because I want to just say what I want to say.

In my heart I believe that Riviera Beach appears to me to have no systematic, no transparent and strategic approach to governance. Consequently our city is constantly plagued with a negative publicity and reactionary management. Which is so very unacceptable.

I was sickened, as I said, to my stomach, and I was compelled to speak to you today after I read the transcript of your January 27, '17 meeting. And further, as I reviewed the segment of the 9/20 Board meeting in which a motion was made to fire the city manager, both were disgusting. It is grievous to think that there is a motion on the floor that shouts from the City Council there is no room for a young, highly motivated qualified resource who is honest, transparent and results driven, whose only flaw is their commitment as a city manager to help make this city great.

We are better than this. I grew up here. As a little

child at six and seven years old I grew up here.

We must make change here. We are better than this.

I say, I don't know Jonathan, but I've spent 30 years working in a governmental environment, I understand government. My background is accounting financing audit. Listen, when we say to a person that there is no room for you here, that's an indictment against this city. And this city is better than this.

I'm tired of waking up every morning hearing about the CRA director is fired, the purchasing director is gone, the city manager is gone, this is happening, that is happening. It to me reeks incompetence. We are better than this. We are better.

THE CLERK: Next is Norm Adams.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm going to ask if we -- so when you hear your name, to come on up; and then if you're next, to at least come stand over nearby the door so that we can get through. And then we want to try to hold the comments -- not the comments. I'm sorry -- the claps as much as possible so we can move through.

MR. ADAMS: You three people ought to be ashamed of yourselves.

I talked to TD today, and we were on two different wave lengths.

I have a bunch of questions. You knew before the meeting a week or so ago that you were going to raise the motion. You

didn't put it on the agenda. Thus nobody could come and speak in Jonathan's behalf.

He may be the worst city manager we ever had, but your process, you ought to be ashamed of yourselves.

Hear are my questions.

Give me time. I only got a minute here.

Here are my questions. TD said he had a reason, he made the motion, he has his reasons for misfeasance, whatever it was. The other two voted his way. Well, how did they know what he had in mind? What did Jonathan do? The only way they could know is if they had meetings that weren't sunshine. The two of them, there was a conspiracy. If they're not supposed to talk except in public -- I saw the two of them whispering through the whole meeting, or half and half in the meeting. That was one of my questions.

My other question is, from what I understand, from news I've heard, there's nothing in Jonathan's file of a negative nature. He didn't have a right to defend himself. What did TD say to me? Well, it says in state law the city council can fire someone at will, there's no due process. I don't know if that's true or not. Somebody should know and check with the lawyer.

My next call is going to be to the state attorney general, because this process was terrible, absolutely terrible.

And I never said whether Jonathan was good or bad. It's the process. These three people ought to be ashamed of

themselves. They have no right to sit up there.

As long as I have another minute, there was something else. What the heck was it? Julie, help me out. What was the other thing? I forgot about it.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: We have to make sure we're not speaking in the audience.

Go ahead.

MR. ADAMS: I know. I had it. There was something else and it's escaped me.

I mean I -- I've also asked -- you know, the last woman who spoke was an auditor. Well, I spent 35 years with the largest accounting firm in the world, as a partner, for 20 some of those years. I know how to audit. I've already asked under disclosure for the credit card statements of one of those three people. And I'm going to be looking at other things.

A question I have for the five of you. You each have a credit card. Who approves your expenditures? I saw things on there that as far as I'm concerned if I was still in business I'd refer to a city district attorney or somebody. Because they stunk. They looked like personal expenditures.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

Who's next?

THE CLERK: Okay. Lloyd Brown, followed --

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Pull the mic up, Ms. Hatcher. Pull it closer to you.

THE CLERK: Lloyd Brown, followed by Tommy Walker and Bonnie Larson.

MR. BROWN: Good evening. My name is Lloyd Brown.

And I know that I would have something to say but, you know, I'm just wondering where the -- how would I call it, the Caucasian guy that came up here and talked about Mr. Evans, apparently -- see, me, I look at Star Trek and I'm saying this is something logical. Right? For him to know what he known, apparently somebody talked to the guy before he got here. Because I mean this man knew more about Evans, and I never saw him in my life. And the only three people that he could have talked to is like you three people, you know.

I mean, Ms. Hubbard, you say I don't associate with you when you call me. Well, now you see why. And I mean it's like for you all to talk about the man -- you know that guy that came in here -- and don't get me wrong, I think that guy, he might as well just went on ahead and said the N word because for one thing he talked about the man so bad -- I heard that in the '60s when, you know, you get a black guy up there and you criticize him about things that he haven't done, that's how it is now. I mean seemed like he was just wrong for being born, you know, and it was wrong for the guy to come up here. But somebody had to conspire with this guy.

That's why I say I look at Star Trek and it's logical the thing that this man come up here and he goes straight to

Mr. Evans. I mean I hope I'm getting his name right, because me and him, we're close but I don't remember names. I'm like the other guy that was up here, I don't remember a lot of things. But what I'm saying, somebody out of the one or two of you all, or maybe all three of you all, somebody conspired with this guy who came up here and talked about Mr. Evans.

And let me tell you, if I was like one of my nephews, or one of them guys in the street, he mighta not got out of here. Because, see, he was in the wrong place, talking about the man, because it pissed me off, and I know it pissed a lot of other people off. And you lucky we're not back in the '60s where we throw bottles and rocks. We trying to be -- I mean, honestly, we trying to be, you know, we trying to be up-to-date and nice and good and all that, but somebody up here talked with that guy before he came up. And it's probably one of you three who wanted this man, Mr. Evans, to go. And you can't say it's not.

I mean because -- I mean look at your faces. Whenever something go on you can see it in the person's face, they know they're wrong. I mean look at them, look at them, look at their faces. You know they done wrong.

And I'm not, I'm not a popular guy anywhere. And I'm not trying to win no popularity contest over here.

But it's like this, you people were wrong for what you did and what you said. And it wasn't on the agenda. And I thought it was conflicting.

Now another thing before you let me -- I know you're gonna run me away from here. But all I got to say is this, we're gonna try to get a petition. But what I'm trying to say about the petition, is even a person that's a voter or registered voter -- see Mr. Jonathan worked for registered voters and people who are not registered. So like if we're gonna sign a petition I think we just want to get everybody in Riviera Beach who don't like what you did, I don't care registered voters, not registered. Everybody. Because it's not just the registered voters who care. It's everybody who cares.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Brown.

THE CLERK: Next, Tommy Walker. And then Bonnie Larson.

MR. WALKER: Got a little bit too close.

Tommy Walker, 1582 West 9th Street.

If Viking isn't willing to do no deal on the Yachtsman I think we're just spinning our wheels.

I'm just trying to go with the format because I'm gonna get to the real deal in a minute.

You know, we need to work out some kinda deal with Viking for the Yachtsman because that's what's going to start our whole movement. We got a half a billion dollar project going down there at the marina and we sitting here fighting about crazy stuff.

The CRA -- I'm glad to see that the CRA still functions, you know, without the city manager. And I'm very glad about

that.

And for the young lady that was doing the project for the marina, I would wish that you would come and have some kind of input, let the public have some kind of input, because I think, I think we'll be a lot more successful if you contact some of the people out in the public, because we have some great ideas; and there will be some people to help you out that you won't have to work so hard.

I just want to say I love this city. I've been here a very, very long time. And I tell people all the time, I remember when I couldn't even come over here and stand in this very, very spot right now.

And you got to understand, I want everybody to understand, now that the wool has been pulled off our eyes, you got to get involved. That's the only way you're going to -- we're going to change things. It takes a village to do what we do. There are some of us that come up here all the time. We don't like it but we gotta fend for you all that doesn't come.

So I'm glad that -- I know a neighbor of mine, she say she wasn't gonna never come up in here, but I see you back there. I'm glad to see you. I'm glad.

Look, here's the deal. Here's the deal real quick. As a taxpayer, as a resident, as a friend, as somebody that campaigned and worked to help get you guys up there, I felt very saddened, because I've asked several times that you not fire the

city manager, that you not do it. So as I sit back and I'm looking, I'm like, well -- and even as a former candidate that ran for District 3, that you did not take my feelings at heart.

So here is what we gonna do. We gonna cut the snake off by his head. You know what I'm saying?

There's a lot of things in motion but I believe -- you know what, I quit school because they had recess. I don't have time to play no more. You all messing with my city.

My friend used to reach out to me when I was up there. Stand up, Mr. Miller. I want to introduce you all, my partner, my friend, the next candidate for District 4, that run against Ms. Pardo.

You all have a good night.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Who's next?

THE CLERK: Bonnie Larson, followed by Heather Corpin. Heather -- Bonnie Larson, followed by Heather Corpin --

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Pull it up some to you, Ms. --

THE CLERK: -- and then Madeline Irving.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: You got to pull it up some to you, Ms. Hatcher.

We have to be able to get through the different comment cards, so if we can kind of keep it so she can hear, I mean so she's able to hear as well.

And we don't have the buzzer for some reason on here, so please be sure to pay attention to the clock. And she's going

to hold up the red folder when the time is up.

MS. LARSON: We'll watch.

I just want to give you a little history on that Viking where we're paying $11,000 a month for it.

Ms. Hubbard, it sounded like you wanted to continue with that? That's just the impression I got. Just lowering the amount.

No, we've got to own that property. We have absolutely got to own that property.

And I just want to tell you that Mr. Healey bought that property -- maybe he paid four million. I think he did. But he bought it from John Sprague, his partner. It was a paper deal. It was a paper deal. So we shouldn't have to pay four million dollars for a paper deal Mr. Healey did with his partner. No. We need to get that before we do anything else at that marina. Nothing is going to happen down there unless we have that property.

I wasn't going to talk about this tonight but a lot of people are here. And I want to tell you that we've gotten so much bad press in the last two and a half weeks. Unbelievable bad press.

We need to know that everyone on our council is making good decisions, sound decisions, they've done their homework. And when people ask why are you doing this, we need an answer. We need to know that you're working for us. We want to know. To

say I'm not gonna know -- I have a reason but I'm not gonna tell you, that does not fly with Riviera Beach residents.

The state says if it's a controversial issue it must be on the agenda. I know it was said, Ms. Pardo, that you fired Jones, Brown, and Mr. Johnson (sic) without it being on the agenda. You did. But three wrongs don't make a right. It said -- only in Riviera Beach has it made a right.

Because the state says you can't do that; you have to have it on the agenda, you have to let people speak. We are the public. You work for us. We hired you. We voted for you.

And I want to tell you that there are a lot of community meetings going on. And there was one the other night at J.A.Y.'s Ministry. The news said there was a hundred people. No, there was like four hundred people there I think.

You should have seen the reception Mr. Evans -- he walked in at the very end. It was like a rock star had arrived. It was. The people want this man. They want him. And he said he couldn't process it, he was doing all the right things.

I want to hurry up here. I have a -- I came up with a little thing here. Somebody can tell me the name of the song. Remember that song that, it said, I like it, I love it, I want more of it? Well, think about it. Mr. Evans brought to the city accountability, transparency. He said he wanted to be not a City Riviera Beach manager, he wanted to be the best City of Riviera Beach manager. He wanted to be the best ever city

manager.

So as far as accountability, transparency, it's what we all want. So we like it, we loved him, and we want some more of him. Please.

He has in six short months -- look at all he's done. And he inherited mold in our buildings. He inherited all kinds of problems. We just threw a -- the hurricane in there for a little -- if he wasn't busy enough.

But we want this man. And let's think about who's keeping the city down and who will bring us up. He'll bring us into the 21st century.

Please tell us why you voted as you did, because we want to know that you're making the right decisions on all the decisions you make for Riviera Beach.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms. Larson.

MS. LARSON: We want to know that. So give us that chance, tell us why.

THE CLERK: Heather Corpin. Heather Corpin.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Corpin?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's investigating them, that's what happened.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Excuse me. No talking out there. Corpin, you said? Corpin?

MS. CORPIN: Can I do my comments at the end, please?

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: We're here -- you have to come on

up now if you're to come.

MS. CORPIN: Okay. Then I pass.

THE CLERK: Madeline Irving, followed by Emma Brown.

MAYOR MASTERS: Ms. Irving is coming.

Ms. Bonnie, I don't never remember that -- I don't remember that song. That's a new one. No, I don't remember that one.

MS. IRVING: Madeline Irving. I'm here to piggyback off of everyone here. I am a taxpayer. I live in a home that we pay a mortgage for. And I can't believe that my right as a voter was infringed upon by three people who made a decision that I did not agree with.

And the sad part about it is the excuse is misfeasance. But the actual malfeasance was committed by the three that did the vote.

But this is the thing. I promise you, I'm a young voter and God ain't finished with me. But I promise you I'm going to work my tail off to be done with you all.

Thank you.

THE CLERK: Emma Brown, followed by Kimberly Jackson.

MS. EMMA BROWN: Emma Brown, 1647 West 9th Street.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Guys, you have to keep it --

MS. EMMA BROWN: I piggyback on them. I am appalled that you would fire this man. For what reason? I mean I still don't understand why. What is the reason, legal reason why he was fired?

I just feel that since he's not a part of the clique, okay, he's not a part of the clique, he's not a part of the corruption, and he is not gonna -- you know, he wouldn't -- he just wouldn't fit, because he's not gonna be a part of the clique and the corruption that goes on in this city.

And then the other thing too is, the last time I spoke I spoke about the drugs on my street, on 9th and 10th Street, and I'd like to know if anything has been done to remedy that problem that's going on, because it still exists.

And, also, what is the criteria to get speed bumps on that street? Because, like I said before, I got signatures from all of the neighbors, I brought them to Mrs. McKinney at the time, and I was told that, like I said before, the city manager at that time said that she had a marked police car sitting on the corner and of course nobody is going to come speeding when they see the police sitting there. So what is the criteria that we have to get to get speed bumps on our street? Because we got vehicles going through at 70 to 90 miles an a hour, running stop signs.

I mean I remember when one officer's vehicle was broken into, you had these two vehicles called the eye, one on each end of the street.

Then you had monitoring, speed monitoring devices there, which were never hooked up. They were just there, they were just on the street. They didn't monitor the speed. Somebody

said they just had cameras in them.

But ever since that, you know, situation with that officer's car -- I think it was Cedrick Thomas's vehicle that was broken into. He lives down the street from me.

But it's like nobody else cares about this end, 9th and 10th Street. And we need help. We need help.

I just need to know what the criteria is. What else do we have to do to get some speed bumps on our street?

VICE-CHAIR DAVIS JOHNSON: I will assist you.

MS. EMMA BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Next, please.

THE CLERK: Kimberly Jackson, followed by Doretta Polk.

MS. JACKSON: Kimberly Jackson, 1270 Rosegate.

A decision was made at the last council meeting to terminate the city manager, Mr. Evans. Despite the overwhelming outcry and the pleading from the public not to move forward.

My reason for being here tonight is the continuation of that outcry and to ask you to call a special meeting and rescind your vote. I just believe that it is the right thing to do.

I also believe that our city was moving in the right direction. I don't personally know Mr. Evans, but I have heard him speak on several occasions; and Mr. Evans has presented himself to be a professional person with integrity. There was no reason given to terminate his employment with the city.

And me as a taxpayer, I am tired of wasting taxpayer

dollars. I'm tired of spinning our wheels. I'm tired of negative publicity about my city. And which I love. I grew up in this city.

So I'm, I'm pleading with you all to please listen to the outcry of the people, put your egos behind you and think about what is best for the residents of Riviera Beach and rescind your vote.

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

THE CLERK: Doretta Polk, followed by Reverend Burrs.

MS. POLK: Good evening. My name is Doretta Polk. I live in the City of Riviera Beach.

And I'm very concerned, just like all these other young people, and older people as I, concerning the firing of our city manager. And maybe next council meeting you all three can state what is your reason for this. What is the reason? You know. And hopefully that we will get response from all three of you all, who did this.

And like I said -- I spoke before. And I said to you all, and everybody else, that Mr. Evans comes to all of Miss Sister Dawson's activities that she has on 5th Street at the old fire house. She has it for all the children in the neighborhood, and also she has a senior citizens group also. He is always there. He is always there. Our city manager was always there.

And he told us as senior citizens, if you have any

problems, any concerns, if you're not even able to go to come to see him at city hall, he will come see us at our home. And I told you all that that spoke volumes. And it did. And it rests on three ears that did not even hear.

But one thing about the power of voting, it's very powerful. And the City of Riviera Beach citizens will let you know how powerful it is.

I thank you very much.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

THE CLERK: Reverend Burrs. Followed by Kenneth Wilson.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Reverend Burrs. Reverend Burrs. What's the name after that?

THE CLERK: Kenneth Wilson.

REVEREND BURRS: Madam Chair, Council.

My concern is different from most of the peoples here. And I understand their concern about what's taking place here.

My concern is somewhat different. I hope I can set the tone to a different atmosphere. And I understand the feeling of the peoples here.

But as I go drove through the city and I looked at the trash, it's ridiculous. We paid -- we hired a company to come in and saying they were going to come and pick up this trash immediately after the storm. Not a limb has been moved in our neighborhood.

I heard the lady, young lady said just a while ago about

our tax dollar. We -- look at your tax bill, on your tax bill saying trash services, that goes to Waste Management. Waste Management haven't picked up a limb in three weeks, and still getting paid. They're still getting paid for nothing.

They need to do like you do the cable company when your service go off, you have to fight 'em but they do give you a discount.

Waste Management is going to give us a discount on our services that we're not getting? They owe us some money. Look at -- we -- they are ripping -- Waste Management is smiling all the way to the bank.

We had peoples in this neighborhood gonna be picking up this trash right now. Somebody said that a gentleman out the west got trucks coulda been picking up trash.

I got a good friend of mine, I talked with him yesterday, Sylvester McKinnon, he got trucks ready to move.

These people you all get as contracts have forfeited the contract. You all said they would start immediately after the storm. They broke the contract.

Why don't you all find these peoples and now give them that same contract and let them clean up this city?

From the ocean to the city limits out west, trash everywhere. And we are still paying Waste Management.

Now I understand they said that, well, when this company pick up your trash FEMA will give you the money for what you're

paying them. But they're still paying Waste Management and they are not doing nothing.

When we gonna wake up and tell Waste Management, get on the job and start cleaning up this city. Pick up something.

They haven't been in our neighborhood in over three weeks. What are you all saying about that?

Please, ma'am, and please, sir, clean our city up and tell the peoples if you ain't gonna do it, get someone else.

I understand the people's feeling about the city manager. But I'm talking about my money. Taxpayers' money. Get it done. Or get your department heads. Well, maybe they don't care because most of them don't live here anyway.

And drive through the city and you can see trash on every street in this city. Even on Singer Island. That's another -- they just as worse as we are. Everywhere.

Please tell these peoples to get the trash up or get somebody else to get it up.

And tell Waste Management they owe us a refund. Right on your tax bill. They owe us a refund.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

REVEREND BURRS: Give me my money back.

THE CLERK: Kenneth Wilson. Followed by Mary Brabham.

MR. WILSON: Good evening.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MR. WILSON: My name is Kenneth Wilson. I'm at 300 22nd

Street, Riviera Beach, Florida.

And I'm coming to you today to ask that we place on the next agenda the reinstatement of Jonathan Evans based on the situation of not being able to vote. We need to give the people the opportunity to vote. This is not how we're gonna do things. We've watched things go way too far with emotions and feelings. And take your feelings out of it. Take your emotions out of it.

You see this young man siting here at this front desk? That's next. He's watching us. And he acts better than some of us at this table, at this desk. Some of the people in the audience.

Citizens, we need to mobilize. This needs to stop. Okay? The injustice that has occurred, and the situations that have occurred, has been too much.

Every day I'm fighting with someone about this city, loving this city, okay, and now I have to stand here and tell you that you're doing wrong. You know you're doing wrong.

Second thing, I've been to the CRA a couple of times. I've tried to get some information. Only the young lady at the front desk -- I can't remember her name at this present time -- she's helped me. But I've wanted to open up my own business here. I'm tired of going through Riviera Beach to go eat somewhere else. I'm tired of going to the movies down at West Palm Beach and have to deal with that mess.

I'm tired of our kids being treated a certain type of way.

I want the playgrounds to be better.

I want the city council to sit and think about it. Give us what we need. We paying you. And if I'm giving you my money, then guess what, I want something in return.

Jonathan Evans gave me what was in return. He was doing his job at one period, point in time. At this time he's not. Why? We don't know. We don't have an answer for that.

So I ask that you go ahead and think about what you've done. This is not a situation of where we don't want to work with you. This is a situation where if we can't work with you we'll remove you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

THE CLERK: Mary Brabham, followed by Margaret Shepherd.

MS. BRABHAM: Good evening. Miss Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

All of us are concerned about the process and the procedures.

Trash. When Hurricane Irma came through not just Riviera Beach, all over the county, this is a trash problem with the limbs and the debris all over the cities and all over the county. So if the City of Riviera Beach wished to parlay with other outsiders to pick up all of our limbs and stuff, and not be reimbursed by FEMA, you all need to think about it. So you all need to get with FEMA, because FEMA will pay the city. And this is what a lot of the other cities are encountering. That's

why they are not making the move. Because they wants to make sure that that money from FEMA will be reimbursed back to their cities. So if you go out and get somebody else to do this, then the city will pay for it and FEMA would not reimburse the city.

The police. I gave you all some criteria last week, or week before last, about the police department. I would like to give you all a little bit more. Furthermore, this individual must understand the importance of management, and that the leadership must be the catalyst to energize the community as well. Of the employees of the Riviera Beach Police Department, exceptional oral and written skills are required, as this position will be required to address elected officials, schools, communities, communities everywhere, in and out of our city.

Another thing. Last week Ruth Jones, our previous city manager, she was fired too. She was hired in April 2017. She was interim city manager in South Fulton County. So someone on that Board stated how great she was. So that's okay. We have no degradation of who she is.

But you want to do this to Mr. Evans here. And you gave her nine years. And you couldn't even give him a year.

The sheriff, you could pay any filing fee, a dog with a suit with a name or anybody else can file as long as you pay that filing fee. But an experienced police chief with the capabilities, they have to go through an extensive background check. And that's not all. So something is obviously in those

jackets there.

I have no qualm with these people here. They state their opposition. And so do I. As well as we.

Reverend Parker. We go back with a long extended history. His grandfather, Reverend T. R. Griffin, was the mastor at my church. His dad's name is on monuments, as well as my dad. His grandfather stood because he would not put an unskilled and uncapable man in a position for a leadership role. And his granddaddy didn't do it. And right today that man still does not possess that skill set and that capability.

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

MS. BRABHAM: And his dad died -- his grandfather died because he stood for what was right.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

THE CLERK: Margaret Shepherd.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Madam Chair. Can I just -- can I address the FEMA issue?

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Can we at the end?

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Okay. Because I've been in communication with them.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Yeah, and I got an email about the debris removal as well so...

Go ahead.

MS. SHEPHERD: My name is Margaret Shepherd, and I do live in the great City of Riviera Beach.

I am a little short of breath this morning, this afternoon, due to a family crisis. But I just feel remiss of saying a couple of things. I wasn't going to mention it, but I will, I will.

But to Mr. Evans and to Mrs. Jenkins and to the entire CRA, thank you for coming over to Lindsey Davis. Thank you for allowing us to come over to the Riviera Beach Heights garden. It's been a great joy. And I thank Gwen for taking on that job of making sure that the seniors get out.

And I thank Ms. Jenkins for making sure that we will have our garden over at Lindsey Davis as soon as the budget is moving forward. So with that I thank you.

Because, you know, I stood here and I criticized and criticized so bad until I think Mr. Scott said I better get her off my back quick.

So we are enjoying it.

I wasn't going to say anything, but I hear everyone talking about Mr. Evans. I don't know too much about him. He was just here six months. I did have a couple conversations.

But I'm at ill will to hear you talk about a young man that was born and raised here in the City of Riviera Beach. You sent him off to the schools here in Riviera Beach. You went on to the academy. He gained the title as major. I don't think you get a position like that in a box. I think you have to earn it.

And for us to tell our children to go off to school and

come back and then we insult them, I'm very insulted.

Someone was here and as I said good-by to her, and I said Summer, let me tell you something, don't ever come back here and think you're going to get a job. Go off to school, get your education, and go to a city that will appreciate you. Because our young children are not appreciated in the City of Riviera Beach.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They love outsiders.

MS. SHEPHERD: I will not stand here and hear you talk about Major Alex Freeman like he's a whore out in the street. He is a young man. He is a husband and a father. And I don't care if he had a chair at the table, I don't care how it is, but you don't come here and know he has a mother, he has a wife, he has children, and he went off to college to the academy. He has an FBI accreditation. He has something. And I will not stand for it, because I have children.

You need to start building something, that's what you need to do. Instead of criticizing one another.

I don't know Mr. Jonathan Evans. He came here. I didn't get a chance to know who he was or who he was.

But one thing I know, I know that Alex Freeman is here, some of the young children is here, and we need to be about our father's business.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms. Shepherd.

MS. SHEPHERD: This is horrible, that we stand here in this

room -- and, Mayor, I don't know too much about what you said about little Griffin Davis, Jr., but I tell you something, I hope that you know that I was there when that particular conversation went on. I want you to know I was there when Griffin was talking about it.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms. Shepherd.

MS. SHEPHERD: Please don't talk about my pastor.

THE CLERK: Bessie Brown. Followed by Bruce Guyton.

MS. BESSIE BROWN: Good evening. Bessie Brown, Riviera Beach.

I just -- I'm here to say that we're getting all these different stories tonight. What's up? Alex Freeman. You know, Alex Freeman and -- everybody is going on about -- I -- the problem -- the main thing we need to know is why was Mr. Evans terminated? That's the thing. You know. And we need to know that because we deserve that. We voted for these people up here to work together. We thought we had a group of people to work together and make this city better. I am not -- you have not seen me at these council meetings because we hired a city manager that's getting paid to do a job. And let him do the job.

My thing is, is that whoever got a problem with him, they must have a problem anyway. Because six months, this man, this man actually came off of a hurricane. That means you don't have no respect for your city manager. We're all alive. Everybody

is alive. And he was out there in the storm moving our people to make sure they had space. But none of that matters.

You're so silly. That's it. I'm not gonna say stupid. You're so silly that you're so one track mind, we got to terminate them. But you better think about some of the things that you have done, that you think these people don't know about. People know -- and the worst part of it is that you all sit here and think that people don't know what's going on. Just think about -- and you think that you're gonna just kill him off like that. It won't work this time. Because you kill him off, we're gonna kill you off.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Who's next?

THE CLERK: Bruce Guyton. Followed by Craig McPherson.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: What was the name again?

THE CLERK: Bruce Guyton. Followed by Craig McPherson.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: And as they -- as the next person's time is up, could you please come up a little closer so that we can kind of move through.

MR. GUYTON: Good evening. Madam Chair, Commissioners.

As most know, my name is Bruce Guyton. Lifelong resident. From the cradle to the grave, this is my home. And I've been fighting since I've been an adult for my city to move forward.

One thing that I grew to understand is that in a democracy there are going to be decisions that people don't like. Every decision that's made, there's going to be somebody that supports

it and someone that doesn't. And that's part of the process.

But the reason I'm here tonight is to defend the right of elected officials to make the decisions that they are charged with. Right or wrong, they have the right to make them.

You know, I've been, I've been known to say what's on my mind. And I've heard people say -- talk about Ruth Jones. Some of you talked about Tony Brown. This wave of firing didn't just start right now. Some of the people sitting up there now was part of that wave of firing those other people, but not have a problem with it.

We are going to bounce back from this.

I didn't know Mr. Evans well. I've heard a lot of people say good things about him. I've heard others have complaints.

My question is, I would like to know what has been done under Mr. Evans that positively impacts my life. I'm a person about data, documents, and evidence. The emotions, the emotions get out of control. And when you try to drill down on some specificity, then people get rude and they don't want to hear it. That's your choice.

But I want to know what's been done that impact my life positively.

Some say, well, maybe he hasn't been here long enough. I said, well, how is he so great then, if he hasn't been here long enough to do anything.

So I would just like for this commission to know that

everyone out there is not opposed to you, and you had the right to do what you did. But I think you also need to give the people a reason of why you did it though.

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

Next.

THE CLERK: Craig McPherson, followed by Alex Freeman, and then Ezekiel Edmonds.

MR. McPHERSON: Good evening, Council.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MR. McPHERSON: My name is Craig McPherson. I'm a City of Riviera Beach resident since 1996. I'm a product of Broward County; Dania, Florida. But I moved here and I married my wife.

I did the election thing. I actually volunteered during the election. But I -- here in Riviera Beach we have elections also; and I did not know all of the people that were running for office. My wife knew them, she grew up with a bunch of you all. And I went on her word to vote for you all. Some of my -- the way I feel now, that some of my votes were wasted.

I am not throwing blame on anybody. All I'm gonna say is we got to do better. We have to do better for the simple fact that my great grandson is sitting out there in the audience. He's our future leader. He's one of our future leaders.

Some of you all got grandkids. Some of you all got kids. They're our future leaders.

The way the council members were acting the other night at each other, and with the attorney and with the mayor, I was ashamed to tell anybody I was from Riviera Beach. That's -- I went to work today. I'm at my job. The people are talking, talking about Riviera Beach. I got upset. I almost lost my job because I wanted to get in a fight. This, this is my city. This is where I live.

You all are our elected officials. You all have to conduct yourselves above and beyond any type of reproach. You have to. And if you can't do it, I know someone that will make you -- will draw your feet to the carpet. His name is Jesus Christ. He will bring what is done in the darkness to light.

African-Americans, we are always at each other; we are ready to tear each other apart. We don't stick together.

I grew up in a neighborhood where Hispanics lived, four or five families lived in one house, worked together to get something. That one guy got that first car, he moved out, brought another family in. The next guy got a car, he moved out, brought another family in. Everybody worked together.

We, we don't like to work together because we're scared that you're gonna get more than me. If we work together we can get there together.

Thank you all.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

Who -- is that the last one, Ms. Hatcher?

THE CLERK: After Alex Freeman is Ezekiel Edmonds.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Pull the mic up to you. You can't really hear.

THE CLERK: Next is -- after Alex Freeman is Ezekiel Edmonds.

MR. FREEMAN: Madam Chair, members of the Council.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MR. FREEMAN: Retired police Major Alex Freeman, 1251 Rosegate, the City of Riviera Beach.

I've lived in this city 48 years, and gave 22 years of my life to this community. And now I'm serving this community as a reserve police officer, where I'm not getting paid at all.

Now I went to school, got my education. And I went to one of the finest management schools in the country to be a police chief. Because that's always been my dream, to be a police chief.

And for Mary Brabham to point me out as is I'm the reason that Jonathan Evans got fired, that is a disappointment to me, Ms. Brabham, because you're married to my cousin. That is a disappointment to me.

I've never done anything to you. I've always been a humble guy. When you talked about me last week, I didn't say anything. I didn't say anything. Because I always been a humble guy.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Freeman, turn, face this way.

MR. FREEMAN: I became officer of the year in 2003,

representing this city, by victims of Palm Beach County, because I was dedicated to the people of this city.

I deserve an opportunity to sit at the table for an interview. Even if I don't get the job, Ms. Brabham, I deserve it; I earned it. This is my community. This is my community.

So if you want to come up here and throw rocks at me and wake me up -- now you've done that.

Now I respect you, Ms. Brabham, because you're older than me, and you're part of my family, but you're not going to disrespect me no more.

You know, I deserve an opportunity to sit at the table for an interview. I deserve that, if I don't get anything else.

Now, I ran for sheriff because I was willing and capable and able to run this sheriff's office. 2600 square miles, that's how big this county is. And I can't run an eight square miles city? I live here. This is my community.

I don't have anything to do with Jonathan Evans getting fired.

My concern is that he promised me -- what you all don't know is that he promised me that I'll sit at the table. He promised me that. And I have a right to be disappointed by that.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Freeman.

MR. EDMONDS: You don't have a right to rile up the whole community like this though, Brother. You got to determine

what --

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Hold on. Mr. Edmonds, hold on.

MR. EDMONDS: Oh, I want to take his last 52 seconds. Okay. I just thought the mic was still open for the -- I could still talk.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Time's running as you're speaking.

MR. EDMONDS: I'm sorry. Oh. I'm speaking now?

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

MR. EDMONDS: Okay. Well, that's fine. I don't really have a whole lot to say. But I'll say it to my brother there, you know I love you, but the written finger has wrote. And you cannot put yourself --

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Up here, Mr. Edmonds.

MR. EDMONDS: -- above -- and I'm still talking to him, he know I'm talking to him. You can't put yourself above the collective whole.

Now I'm with you, I love you, but this is a community and we can never put ourselves above the community.

We've given somebody the opportunity to lead this city and we should allow them to do that without this leave of chicanery. This is chicanery. Right?

Now, you know, we're in this city because we are concerned about the youth. And I'm telling you all, if you don't pay attention to anything, just pay attention to how this is playing out for the children. I mean like, do we have no shame?

And I'm not talking about your decision. I care nothing about your decision. You know what I mean? Because I never had faith that you would make the right decision anyway, because I know you all are cowards. I know you're cowards.

And I have respect for you, Ms. Hubbard, but I can't respect what you did.

I don't really know you, Terence Davis Johnson. But you know what I -- I mean I would be willing to talk to you. You know what I mean?

Ms. Pardo, you know, we have mutual constituents in the county, and I know you have aspirations of being in the county, but how can you conduct yourself like that?

You can shake your head all you want. You know what the deal is. You need to stop just egging these people on like this. You know better. You're a professional.

You conduct yourself differently when you're outside of Riviera Beach, and you know that.

Miss KaShamba, we appreciate you as the warrior that you have been. Right?

And I'm going to tell you all something. Wednesday you need to come back out here, because we're saying to you all, rescind your vote, have some shame, or recall him. Right?

I'm asking you to step down because you know you're not competent to run this city the way the people deserve. Right?

But at the same time, Brother, just because they have the

right -- who was that? Bruce Guyton. And I've read your history, but I'm not gonna do anything; I'm not into that. Just because they have the right, doesn't make it right. Right?

And you know what -- and that's, that's echoed from your community. That's echoed from your community.

So I just came from the School District. I'm a delegate for the School District of Palm Beach County. And I put you all out there. And I let them know exactly who you are and to turn their attention to this place, because it's because of you that the children don't have the opportunity to create the life they deserve and they fully expect.

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

THE CLERK: That's it. No more public comment cards.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So that's the end of public comment.

We have -- if you all want to make any comments afterwards you can add it in your discussion for the Board.

Report of the executive director.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: I have no further comments.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Report of general counsel.

Discussion of the Board. And we'll start on Ms. Pardo's side and go down the line.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: Thank you. The first thing I want to

say, you know, the comment that the last speaker made about me being the one egging everyone on --

MAYOR MASTERS: The meeting is not over, you all.

COMMISSIONER PARDO: -- well, obviously, you know, he doesn't come here and watch the meetings. And I think you're doing a disservice to every council member up here, trying to say that I'm the person pulling the strings. You know, shame on you, sir.

The other thing I'd like to mention is FEMA. So I've been on numerous calls with the state and with FEMA. And what I've been trying to do is get a letter from FEMA which would state that if the city hires contractors to come in, subcontractors to come in and start picking up the waste debris, that we would get paid by FEMA. Well, we haven't been able to get that letter.

As most of you know, the people that do come to the meetings, we did approve a contract a couple of months ago for these subcontractors to come in if there was a hurricane. And FEMA, what they were saying was, well, if you have a contract that is, you know, 14 dollars per square yard, you need to -- if you hire someone else, they have to pay that 14 dollars per square yard. But now, you know, the entire state is a mess. So no one is paying that $14 a square yard.

And, again, we're still -- and it's not just me, it's every municipality around the state is on FEMA, and we're trying to get that letter.

But in the meantime, today was the first day we had trucks out. So there was a truck -- I saw a truck over on the island. There were two trucks here. I'm sorry. There were two trucks here on the mainland. And what we heard, it's going to take at least five days or so for the entire community to be cleaned up.

So, you know, I just want everyone to know that we are working on it. Because, you know, the debris is in front of your house, it's in front of all of our homes.

So I just wanted to put that out there.

That's all I have. Thank you, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'm going to be very brief. I just want to let the residents know, I heard you and I'm listening. We make decisions every day with the intent not to be malicious and harming the city. Sometimes we may or may not make a mistake. But understand, no matter what people say outside of this city, I know I love this city.

But I did hear you today. And I want you to understand that.

And the next meeting I will be prepared to make a statement. And I will listen to you then. And the only thing I ask that you do is please listen to us.

Thank you.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

Okay. I just have a couple things. Or a few things.

The -- I did -- to add on to what Ms. Pardo was saying

about the debris removal, I did get an e-mail -- I inquired about it as well. And it appears that they are trying to clear out the main roadways first, which is like Blue Heron, Broadway, and North Ocean. And then they're moving to the main avenues, like Avenue O, H, and E. And then they'll get into the streets.

So what I've noticed in some other municipalities, what they're doing, why it appears that their trash has been picked up and they're on the ball, and it seems like we're not doing anything, is because a lot of them are picking up the trash or the debris and taking it to like an open field, maybe like a Wells or something like that, at a park of some sort, or open field, and they're dumping it all over there so they're getting it off of the streets. So it's not at your homes or it's not on the main streets anymore but it's over there until they are able to go through and process it as they need to do for FEMA. So maybe that's -- you know, if what we're doing is not going to move it as quick as we would like it, maybe that's something we can talk about later on and maybe discuss doing it that way.

I just wanted to comment briefly to Mr. Guyton's comment about the firing of the other individuals. Yes, I was a part of -- I actually made the motion, I believe, to fire Ruth Jones; and I did second the motion to fire Tony Brown. However, those were with cause. And I made it very clear what those causes were. And that was at the time in which I second or made the motion, so it wasn't a surprise -- or no one -- it wasn't -- you

were very clear as to why I made that motion or why I second it. And it was totally different from this situation.

The other thing I would like to mention is the September 16th education event that I had to cancel because of the hurricane has been rescheduled to October 7th. If it rains we will do like an abbreviated version of it, because it's scheduled to be at the Barracuda Bay. And if it does rain, we'll have it at Wells Gym. However, we won't have -- you'll be able to get a rain check to be able to take the kids back to Barracuda Bay on another day on your own.

And that's it for me.

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: Okay. My comments first and foremost is that I too will present my reasons for voting to fire Mr. Evans. That's not something I'm running from, nor am I hiding from.

Oftentimes I bring things to the council, I don't have as much support or as much backup for it.

Just because I vote the same way someone else voted doesn't mean that I needed to have a heads up from them.

Everybody knew that I -- how I felt about some of the things that he was doing towards some of the programs that I was putting forth.

So I don't have a problem -- I might vote the same way somebody vote, doesn't mean I'm voting with them. I'm voting my conscience. I'm standing on my ground. I'm telling you what I

disagree with. And I don't have a problem with that.

And I will definitely be prepared at our next meeting to state that fact. I have facts. I have reasons.

I have never been petty. I'm not looking at his eyes, his education, whatever. That doesn't matter to me.

Things that are going to be detrimental to the City of Riviera Beach are the things that I'm talking about as well.

The other thing, the other thing about the trash. Before the hurricane -- the last time that we had a slight hurricane, we had several people that were interested in signing up, getting on a list to pick up the trash, but yet we voted to give that contract out. Because one thing that was said was that people from the outside would have a better chance of getting inside if there was a storm, to come and move the debris. Now that was -- that's not necessarily the case.

What I'm talking about is creating jobs, business and opportunities for the residents of Riviera Beach. That was work that could have been done by ourselves right here in the City of Riviera Beach. But now we're stuck with that.

And that suggestion came from our illustrious city -- our city manager. But we're not talking about that, we're not talking about that tonight.

So I just want to make sure that all of you know that I'm well prepared to tell you what my individual reasons are. A lot of you know me. You know what I've done before. You've known

me longer than six months. And you know that if I'm against something, chances are it's not for the betterment of our city.

So thank you. And I appreciate the opportunity to tell you that tonight.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

We can disagree as elected officials and not be disagreeable.

Yes, Miss Shepherd, Pastor Griffin Davis, Sr., is an honorable man; his son as well.

Mr. Guyton mentioned tonight about democracy, which means that I guess we have a right to whatever. But what he didn't mention is that a democracy is at its best when Abraham Lincoln said as the government of the people, by the people, for the people. And when we as elected officials do anything and we leave the people out, it's no longer of the people, it's no longer by the people, it's no longer for the people.

Some have stated that the firing of Ms. Jones was at the end of the meeting. Ms. Jones, our former city manager. That it wasn't on the agenda. Well, I did my own little research, and I found out that the contract of Mrs. Jones was on the agenda. And any time you have a contract and discussion on the person's contract, you either discuss whether you want to renew it or let her go.

So if you check -- don't take my word. Just go to the city clerk's office and you'll see that the last city manager we fired, her contract was on that agenda.

I just want everybody in this room to know as the mayor of the city I want Jonathan Evans reinstated as the city manager of the City of Riviera Beach.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Don't do it.

MAYOR MASTERS: For several reasons. I've only been here since 1987. I've only been the mayor a few years. But take what I said out of the equation. The employees, in case you don't know, it's not a day that's gone by that the employees come up to me, and more than one, more than two, more than three, all throughout the day, they say to me, we want our manager back.

Police officers have come up to me, from the lowest on up to various ranks, they've said we want our manager back. As a matter of fact, this one police officer, I pulled in the parking lot, and this particular police officer I didn't think was even speaking to me. It kind of frightened me because I thought I was going to get another ticket when she pulled up. But she said, Mr. Mayor, do you have the petitions? I said no, I don't have any petitions. She said, I want petitions, because I want to support Jonathan Evans as the city manager. I want my city manager back.

Everywhere I've gone on the streets, I haven't spoken to

anyone in those circles who have said to me as an employee, I don't want him back. I have not had one police officer, I have not had one fireman, I have not had one employee. It is clear to me -- and I try to stay connected to the people. And by the grace of God I believe that's the only reason I've been reelected this many times, because I listen to the people, I hear their voices. And I realize as an elected official that I'm not here to do what I want to do. I'm not here for my opinion. I'm here to execute and to carry out the will of the people, period. Whatever it is.

Now, as an elected official -- let me give you an example and I'll wrap it up, Madam Chair. The past two referendums, and there were people that were opposed to pull up their pants, they said that we were taking away the rights of the parents. They said this and they said that. But what I did, I went out and talked to the parents, and I talked to the community; and we were able to convince them, 76 or 78 percent of the people voted for that.

So if the council or the mayor feels differently from the people, then go out and educate the people and tell them why you feel the way you feel. And then at the end of the day or the night then you will hear what the people want.

The same thing with the curfew. When the curfew was up for vote, many people opposed it. They said the police was going to beat our kids up and we were taking away parental rights. I

went out and I convinced the people that this is good for our community.

I am convinced tonight that Jonathan Evans has been if not the best manager certainly one of the best. I think he's been the best manager that this city has ever had.

I'm sitting next to a flag. I'm in a good position. A flag that we pledge allegiance to. A flag that represents liberty and justice for all. A flag that represents one nation under God. I know injustice when I see it. And I'm proud of DeSean Jackson and others, football players who have taken a knee.

Tonight -- I hope the cameras are not rolling. Because this is not for the media, it's for you. I take a knee for Jonathan Evans. I want justice for Jonathan Evans. I take a knee for that young man because I feel America you have the right -- here's the deal, you're innocent until proven guilty. That's injustice. It's injustice. It's injustice when you wake up in the morning and you don't have a job. I take a knee for Jonathan Evans because I feel that injustice was done.

Thank you very much.

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

(Proceedings ended at 8:46 p.m.)

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I, Claudia Price Witters, Registered Professional Reporter, certify that I was authorized to and did report the foregoing proceedings at the time and place herein stated, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcription of my stenotype notes taken during said proceedings.

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ADJOURNMENT

The CRA Regular Meeting on September 27, 2017, was adjourned at 8:46 P.M. The minutes were approved by the Board of Commissioners on _____.

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