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[Silence]

ROLL CALL

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Tonya Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lynne Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Interim City Manager Troy Perry?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Andrew Degraffenreidt, III?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We have a quorum.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We'll have a moment of silence, followed by the pledge, led by Councilwoman Lynn Hubbard.

[Moment of silence]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I pledge allegiance…

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

[Inaudible comment]

AGENDA APPROVAL

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

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

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes, Ma'…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …Madam Ch'…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes, Madam…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Perry.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …Chair. We have, for removing, Item No. 6 on the Consent I'.., on the Consent Agenda to Regular Item No. 18A.

[Inaudible dais comment]

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: And adding an Item under 13A. But before I add it, the City Attorney's office would like to make some comments.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Go ahead.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: There is a request for a new process hearing on behalf of the former City Manager, Jonathan Evans to be proposed to be added to the Agenda tonight. In writing, I gave you my opinion on that matter, as well as the opinion of our outside counsel. We're prepared to address those to the extent that we are not

going to reveal any legal strag'.., strategies relating to our recommendations to you. We made it imminently clear, after reviewing it on behalf of the City and from its perspective, that the requested relief the former City Manager is not entitled to, one. Two, I call your attention to these just basic facts. Under Section 19 and 20 of the City Charter, the authority to appoint and remove the City Manager, is vested in the majority vote of this Council. That has transpired, there has been a termination. On the basis of that action, the only thing that remains is the entitlements for both the City, as well as the Manager under the current employment agreement that was between the parties. All those disputes and all those issues, are legal matters. Anything occurring in this room will be totally irrelevant and will only lead, in my opinion, to continuing mishaps and misinformation with respect what is essentially a legal matter. As your officers, we are charged to protect the City and, without equivocation, it is our position that this hearing should not go forward.

Glen, do you have any comments?

[Inaudible comment

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yeah.

MR. G. TORCIVIA: Good evening. Glen Torcivia.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MR. G. TORCIVIA: As you are aware, I represented the City for many years and we were brought on board to assist in this matter and I agree 100% with Mr. Degraffenreidt. This is not appropriate to have this type of a, a hearing this evening either in terms of entitlement or in terms of the timing of it. If…if there was ever determined that such a matter is appropriate, that would be some time well down the road in the future. It's certainly not at this time. So, I'd agree with Mr. Degraffenreidt that this is not the time or the place to have that kind of proceeding. We are in the middle of one liti'.., lawsuit and there's a potential second lawsuit happening and I would not want to jeopardize the City's legal position by engaging in this type of a proceeding at this time.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Pause]. Mr. Attorney, your understanding of the law, which you are an attorney and I'm sure you, you have your, your.., the understanding that you perceive but does that also preclude or prevent tonight, any elected official, from stating why they voted to fire Mr. Evans. It was stated that he was fired with cause and that cause was misfeasance. It was also stated that tonight that, that would be revealed and the people who are here, and who are witnessing this, I almost said ceremony, but this

proceeding via Facebook, social media, the media and around the world, many have come to hear and to be.., and to see the documentation that was stated that would be presented tonight to confirm the firing of Jonathan Evans based on.., God, the word has been used so much, misfeasance.

Now, my question, let me just summarize it quickly again, is, are you also objecting to any discussion, from any elected official tonight, on misfeasance, that was given as a cause for firing Mr. Evans?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: To concisely answer your question, unequivocally, yes. It would be my, my position to preclude any of that for these reasons. Again, I cited to you the sections of the Charter, 19 and 20, he's an at-will employee. His appointment and removal is a legislative prerogative. It is something that's secured to the people in that position. It cannot be [inaudible] by populace demand or by a court. That's the essential element of separation of powers. You guys go back to 6th grade when ya'll deal with that. The fe'.., the, the executive, legislative, judiciary…

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …cannot invade the province of the other. It's your shot to call, you called it by majority vote. It's what you call in Latin, a *fait accomlli*, done deal. Let me handle it now, it's a legal matter.

MAYOR MASTERS: Alright. I just want to.., I don't know whether there's an opposing counsel here tonight or any other lawyers have different opinion but, based upon other legal opinions, t hat's a different, different opinion so I wanna go on the record, in case…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Let me go…

MAYOR MASTERS: …we do…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …on record and say this, my job is to represent the City. I don't know who the other guy…

MAYOR MASTERS: And, and my…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …represents.

MAYOR MASTERS: And my job…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: But my job is…

MAYOR MASTERS: …is to speak as the Mayor…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …to represent the City.

MAYOR MASTERS: …as the Mayor of the City…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And without equivocation…

MAYOR MASTERS: …and I'm not objecting to you…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …I've been…

MAYOR MASTERS: …speaking...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …giving you…

MAYOR MASTERS: No. You cannot…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …what my legal opinion is on this matter.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Now, let me…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And as usual, you have the discretion to do something different. I want it to be unequivocal…

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …unambiguous…

MAYOR MASTERS: And I, I res'…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …about what my recommendation would be.

MAYOR MASTERS: I respect that…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Okay. [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: …Mr. Degraffenreidt.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Hear what…

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm not, I'm not…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …I'm saying to you…

MAYOR MASTERS: But I just need to finish without being interrupted. And I know you didn't intend to do that.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: That is true.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, this Council can reject your opinion tonight and, and overrule that if they choose to speak on what this misfeasance is, they can because that's what you just said, um, in essence. But let me just say this for record, as the Mayor of the City, I wanna put on record that I object to the legal opinion that was given to us tonight. I do believe that Mr. Evans has a right for a hearing to clear his name because

his name has been muddied through all kinds of, of media. And two weeks later, here we are and still don't know what this misfeasance is that that motion passed and we have a right know.

Thank you.

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam.., thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I just want to add that I was the one that put this on here as a addition and I knew that Mr. Degraffenreidt would probably object to it. However, there was a meeting, I guess he was trying to meet me.., meet with my on yesterday at a very late hour so we never had a conversation. But Mr. Evans did ask for it. I felt that it should be brought forward because of the s'.., the nature of it and no one has given any indication of what the situation is. And so, until we did that, I felt that it was okay to bring it forward and that's why I added it. So, if you all would like to have it removed and follow with your counsel, I'm not on board with that but if the majority wants that, then we can move forward. I'm still okay with it being on the Agenda.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: As regards to add-on policies, what is the requirement for add-ons? Is it seven days, is it Thursday prior or is the last minute allowed to [inaudible]?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That has been very flexible so that does…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …not apply…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm not…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …to this.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I was asking Staff.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: It doesn't apply to this.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm asking Staff.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We add all the time. There's…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm ask'…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …three or four things that's been added, that's not from me.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No. I'm ta'…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, that is not.., we…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Exc'…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …don't hold true to that…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Excuse me.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …so that doesn't apply.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Excuse me. I'm having a conversation with Staff, all due respect.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That doesn't apply.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Here's the question, the reason I asked it because I saw the email as an add-on. You usually wait 'til we get to the meeting and we discuss we're gonna add it or not but for this to go on the way it did, via email as an add-on, usually we do it the Thursday before. This happened, was it.., yesterday. Now typically, and there was another Item that was also an add-on which was backup information to something that was already placed on the Agenda. This was not something that was placed on the Agenda but that's not the situation. The attorneys that made the statement today, represents the City sea, which means everyone in this room, everyone in this City, every business in the City, every child, mother and father in the City. We must protect the taxpayers' dollars, the taxpayers' position.

[Audience exclamation]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So…

[Audience exclamation]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

[Audience exclamation.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Audience.

[Audience exclamation]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I just wa'…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: May I have your attention please, for a minute, everyone? One minute, let me just say t this.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I hope we do go ahead and move on so we can get…

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …started with the meeting…

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …but I.., I'm gonna ask that we kinda…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible background comment].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …keep it together so we can move through because I know we'll have plenty of public comment so let's just try to get through this but I do wanna go on record that that is the recommended amount of time, the seven days. However, people…

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …add and delete all the time and it does…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Its not fair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …not have to be done here in the meeting. So let's, let's make sure we clear that up.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Um…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. So, are we keeping it on, we're taking it…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …off? What do…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Taking it off.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …you all wanna do?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Taking it off. Taking it off. Legal has given us a re'.., a, a opinion. I'm following legal advice.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm not. Leave it on.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What do you wanna do?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I'll take.., I'm.., take it off like he said.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, the three wanna take it off so we'll go ahead and delete it, Mr. Perry. Okay. Do we have anything else for additions and deletions?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes, ma'am. Under board appointments, I'd like to delete Item No. 23, reappointment of a member to the Library Board, as requested by Mrs. Cobb. She was unable to be here tonight, had an…

[Inaudible dais comment]

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …emergency in the family.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I can't hear. Say that again, what you…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Item No.., board appointment. Delete Item No. 23, reappointment of a member to the Library Board. Ms. Cobb is requesting that we delete that for tonight. She had an emergency and can't be here, wanted to be here to explain it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Any other additions, deletions, substitutions?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: That's all I have, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. This…

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: …we just received a message from a resident, says we can't hear nothing being said on TV and microphone is very low.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. So, we need to pull our…

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …mics up then. Thank you.

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL

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

[Pause]

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yeah. [Inaudible]. On [pause], what's the Item number? [Pause]. Madam Chair, on Item 16, I'd like to disclose that Pamela Toussaint of the Ultimate Coach, is a certified SBE, with the office of Small Business Assistance and we do have a professional relationship.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Any other disclosures by Council?

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: 'Have a motion to adopt the Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: All matters listed under this Item are considered… Well, first of all, if anyone has a public comment card that they wanna submit for the Consent Agenda, you wanna go ahead and submit that at this time.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCILPERSON SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVE, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have an'.., anyone wanna pull?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do have a public comment card on Cou'…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …Consent Agenda.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair, I would like to pull Items 2, 5 and 7 from the Consent Agenda, please.

[Inaudible background discussions]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: 2, 5 and 7?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: 2, 5 and 7.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Anyone else will like to pull an Item? [Pause]. Alright.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tradrick McCoy.

MR. T. MCCOY: Members, Mayor, Interim City Manager, Staff, I am here on Consent and I wanna call your attention to Page 2 of the Agenda and it says, 'Please take note and be advised that if any interested party or person desire to appeal any decision made by City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such interested person, at own expense, will need a record of the proceeding and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence which the appeal is abased pursuant to Florida Statute 286.0105.

Thank you, Pro Tem Davis Johnson for pulling those Items, certainly No. 5. This shouldn't be a, a committee that's gonna be formed and it's placed on Consent,

specifically, because all of the problems that we've had with the Charter Review Committee from the bylaws to whether or not an alternate is supposed to vote and when the alternate votes, whether a alternate makes up a quorum. So certainly, this is one of the most important Items that I see on the Agenda because every single person in here that voted in the November election, either voted yes or no to decide whether or not the City and the county should accept that one cent sales, sales surtax. So certainly, this should not be a Consent Item and this needs to be properly vetted. And I would hate to see us go down this road again where we spend a whole entire month hashing out Items on a, on a committee that's all procedural and should be done at the Staff level. So, thank you so much for pulling that.

As for Item No. 9, the Resolution as ti relates to the elections. I would ask that Council considers and pulls this Item, specifically because we do have an upcoming election and I would certainly recommend that the training, the recruitment of poll workers be done by outside agencies. We had too many problems with the elections in 2016. And I think, just from a Staff perspective, I think that's an added duty that they don't have the capacity. And, nothing to your, your competency but certainly they don't have the manpower and capacity to take on this type of role. I think it's better suited that we find a outside agency to bring in and recruit those people and train 'em and they're impartial and not bias. So, I would appreciate that you would do that because I can remember distinctly, on Singer Island, during the presidential preference primary, in the runoff election, we had somebody show up with the, with one of those badges that didn't even belong to that election and they was in and out of the voting precincts and, you know, it often lends to the idea that there could be potentially some man'.., manipulation going on with thee elections. So, please do not pass that on Consent. Make sure that someone comes up here and gives you a thorough presentation and make sure that it's properly vetted.

Thank you, Members.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. Pull your mic up. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Ms. Robinson. [Inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That's, that's okay, I'll always be a Robinson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I, I understand. Do we still have the.., do the training in co'.., conjunction with Palm Beach County, Susan Booker's office as well?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The Office of the City Clerk is not responsible for recruiting poll worker. That.., nor training, that is totally done by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Do we have a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with Items 2, 5 and 7 being pulled?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

RESOLUTIONS

2. ITEM NO. 2

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 2.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 107-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA INCREASING THE SALARIES OF DEPARTMENT HEADS, ADMINISTRATIVE, SUPERVISORY AND CONFIDENTIAL AND UNCLASSIFIED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES BY 3% FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2017.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have a second? He second? Alright. Who's doing the presentation?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Good evening, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Mr. Bruce Davis is not available tonight. What you have before you is a request from Staff to implement a 3% unclass'.., unclassified, administrative and supervisor personnel as part of the two t hou'.., that was approved as part of the 2017-'18 budget. Currently, we have.., we're still in negotiation with several of the bargaining units. I believe the only bargaining unit that ha'.., that currently has a contract is, I believe it's the Police Department but Staff is requesting that you approve this recommendation as it was approved in the 2017-'18 budget.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair, I have two questions to that. We talk about we're still in negotiations with various bargaining units, where are we.., unions, where are we with those negotiations? And the second question that I have is, will there be.., will that 3% be retroactive since we're passing it now in October 1st for the employees that are stated in the Item but will we move forward with retroactive salary increase'.., increases for those unions, once those unions.., t hose contracts are finalized?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes, ma'am. I'm gonna as the Finance Director, Mr. Randy Sherman, to come to the microphone and address that first question as it relates to the bargaining. However, for the, for the raise itself, the increase itself, it will go back to two.., ten one as the, as the bargaining…

FD: Yes. Randy Sherman, Director of Finance and Administrative Services.

Yeah. Our, our fiscal year obviously started 10-1, which was Sunday and that is the start of a payroll period, so, it'll be.., it would be effective on, on 10-1.

As far as the union negotiations, as you know, last year, we signed off on the PBA. That is the only contract that is currently in, in its current status as approved. All of the other union agreements have expired. We have been meeting quite frequently with the, with the other unions. We did get put off a little bit by the hurricane. When it came along, we had to cancel several meeting but we had a, a good long, say, 10 hour meeting [chuckle] on Monday with the firefighter's union and we are trying to, you know, get other meetings scheduled with SEIU and PMSA but negotiations are ongoing. We haven't hit any significant roadblocks at this point. As a matter of fact, with the firefighters, I think we're down to maybe a half dozen articles that are, are remaining.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So, I understand when the fiscal year began, my question is, up and to the point that you negotiate these contracts with these other unions, are you going to take it back.., did I understand you to say that, yes, it will go back?

FD: No. Typically, all those agreements have no retroactivity in them.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: And, is there a particular reason why? There may be something that I'm not aware of but can you share that with me, please?

FD: I don't know if that's a negotiating tactic [chuckle] that we should discuss in executive session but, typically, our union contracts, we do not pass or retroactivity.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So, perhaps we can meet and you can share that with me? Share specifics?

FD: I'm sorry?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I said, so perhaps we can meet and you can share specifics?

FD: Oh yes, absolutely.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Davis, the form Director of HR…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Pull your mic over, please.

MAYOR MASTERS: I had a question and the question was similar to Co-Chair, Pro Tem Tonya Davis Johnson, it's just unfortunate that Mr. Davis resigned on yesterday and he's not here for me to ask the question so I just won't worry about it.

Thank you.

[Audience chuckles and comments]

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

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?
COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

5. <u>ITEM NO. 5</u>

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 5.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 110-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX, INDEPENDENT CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Mr. Perry.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes, ma'am. As you'll recall, as a [stammer] speaker earlier said, in.., back in November 2016, the, the voters of Palm Beach County voted to implement a surtax. As part of that implementing that surtax, its' re'.., the City is required to have a independent oversight committee to monitor those funds and perform different duties. As part of that, we're bringing forth tonight a recommendation based on Staff's looking around at other municipalities and how they have the board set up. This is purely a recommendation. I'm gonna have the Finance Director, who's responsible for this Item, to give a, just a brief overview of the process.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Mr. Sherman? You said the Finance, right?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You still… Mr. Sherman?

FD: Okay.

[Chuckles]

FD: Yes. Randy Sherman again.

MAYOR MASTERS: He's, he's here. He had to resign, he's here. [Chuckle].

FD: I will tell you that, you know, I was asked to draft this Resolution and all I did is, I went out and I pulled the Palm Beach County Resolution and it's pretty much word for word. The only changes I made was to make it City of Riviera Beach specific. The composition of the committee, again, there's no hard set, fast rule that I found for how other communities are setting the committee so we put one pos'.., one appointment per member, for the Council and for the Mayor. And again, if, if there's any changes you wanna make, that's certainly up to you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So.., thank you Madam Chair. I didn't have specifics issues with the, with the Item, my concern was, we have six members proposed. Isn't it typical that there is an odd number of members associated with our boards and committees?

FD: There is but this really isn't a voting committee. Really what they do is, you're going to establish a list of projects...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

FD: …you're gonna establish a budget to go along with those projects and really, the role of the committee is to make sure that the what the City does, by its, by your budgets and, and your projects. So, if the Finance Department will really work with the committee, we'll present them all the financial records and verify that, you know, that what you have asked for is ho'.., what the City is spending those dollars on. So again, I, I really, when I did it and I know I did do six, I didn't see that was a voting committee, it was really just an oversight committee to, to ensure that, again, we were in compliance with the referendum.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So, in the determination of the 100% of proceeds being expended and providing a, a report, I see that it's just not limited to a simple statement. So you're not going to have.., I know as Council we'll, we'll get that information…

FD: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …but when we're talking about transparency sake with what they're doing and what they're reviewing, is there not going to be a little more than just a statement that we are in compliance?

FD: Oh no. They're, they're gonna get all the financial records to go along with that so that they can review the actual payments. And we'll give them reports based on each individual project, how we've got the money invested, where those are earnings are going

and, you know, we'll lay out [stammer], it's, it's gonna operate like 10, 10 little businesses that [chuckle] that will be providing, in essence, financial statements on each one of them.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: One other thing. They are serving a term of three year?

FD: It was three yes, I…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

FD: …believe, yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Sherman.

FD: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Anyone else? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Da'…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

7. ITEM NO. 7

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 7.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 112-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PIGGYBACK CONTRACT WITH ACCELA UNDER THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT AR2472 FOR THE PURCHASE OF LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF $27,972 FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 001-0203-519-0-3406 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Mr. Perry.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes, ma'am. As part of our overall IT Master Plan, in, in an effort to improve our ability to process agendas and, and interact with the public, Staff is recommending a piggyback on the Accela contract in the amount of $27,972 to make improvements to our Agenda processes. As part of that, it would allow us to interact with citizens and also almost convert us from a, a paper system to a paperless system, allow more interaction with our citizens.

If you need additional information, I have the IT department to give just a brief overview.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

IT MANAGER MELLA: Elvis Mella, IT Manager for the City of Rivera Beach. The Accela Legislative Management System is a complete agenda management system that allows us to do a multitude of things. First thing, it allows us to track our agendas and minutes. Second thing, one of the most important thing, is the [stammer], the digital boardroom. It allows us to actually capture votes, directly from our actual touchscreen devices, it allows us to do electronic counts for our actual citizens so they can go ahead and do a public comment so, instead of doing paper public comments, we would have an electronic public comment where they would go to, like, say a kiosk, type their name, select the agenda that they would want and they would ahead and put in the comment which would, for you guys, automatically on the touchscreens that you would be viewing, you would be able to see all the people listed for the public comments for each Agenda items as you're going down the Agenda. So, and, and then one of the most important features for Staff is, its integration with our Office Suite 16. It allows us to go ahead and take Word documents, transform 'em, convert 'em and upload them directly to the agenda management system without having to actually touch the agenda management system.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Any questions?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh [inaudible].

[Chuckle]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. I had a couple of questions. In the Resolution, it says that we are piggybacking with NASPO and then there is a award recommendation dated August 29th from Mr. Ricky Little, of the…, the Interim Director of Procurement, which supports a piggyback award with the State of, the State of Utah. So, can someone clear that up for me, please because he's saying, in his memorandum, award recommendation, SPJ No. 924-17-4, that he supports the piggyback agreement with the State of Utah. However, the language says with the State o'.., with the National Association of State Procurement. So, I wanted to.., I wanna, I want some clarification on that, please.

INTERIM PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR LITTLE: Good evening, Council. Ricky Little, Interim Director of Procurement.

That was the backup that I was given so that's why that's in the actual recommendation letter itself from the State of Utah and I think it may have changed and I was not aware of the change itself.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So, which is it?

INTERIM PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR LITTLE: It's the State of Utah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: It is the State of Utah, so then we, therefore, need to revise the Resolution?

INTERIM PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR LITTLE: Correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So then, we need to have this to come back?

INTERIM PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR LITTLE: We definitely need to bring it back.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: And when we bring it back, can, can we talk about the immediate need to change the system…

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

The [stammer], there is a statement in your memorandum that suggested that there was an immediate need to, to secure the services so I would like to know what that immediate need is. And then also, what is the annual cost of Novus? We're looking at the cost of…

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm looking at the cost of what this company is proposing, I'd like to know what the cost of Novus is annually and then will there be any additional costs associated with setup and training for this new system? So, when you bring the Item back, can you include that information?

INTERIM PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR LITTLE: I will definitely include that…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: If you contact Pasquale, Pasquale will make sure that you get those questions tomorrow.

INTERIM PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR LITTLE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have any other questions?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I have three questions here, Mr. Little. Well, two now, she asked one of them.

Did the Purchasing Department do a solicitation...

[Inaudible dais background comments]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …for this particular software?

INTERIM PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR LITTLE: Excuse me, Ms. Hubbard. I didn't hear you.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Was there a solicitation done for this particular software?

INTERIM PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR LITTLE: No, it was not. We piggybacked the State of Utah contract.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: As, as a.., so we didn't review any other particular softwares that we wanted to look at? How did we know that we wanted to use this particular one?

INTERIM PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR LITTLE: This was a recommendation from the IT Department.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. And again, I'd like to know, and I guess we don't have and maybe Finance knows how much we spend on Novus at this, at this particular time?

INTERIM PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR LITTLE: Thank information, I do not have but I'm sure we can probably get that.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Also, before you sit down, we.., have we tested this particular model out, have we put it into any of our departments to see how it works, have we had Staff try… Normally, when you transfer or change software, they will bring in modules or particular modules for you try and have your Staff work on them. Have our Staff worked on any of this at all?

[Inaudible background comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Staff that puts Agendas together, I mean.

IT MANAGER MELLA: Yeah. Currently, a proof of concept has not been run on the actual software. The IT [stammer], the IT Department made this suggestion based on the software that it loo'.., that the actual department ran through, not an actual solicitation. We looked for.., we do our normal, we look for the top three, Novus was one of 'em and then we go through the actual testing on our own just to see which one's the best before we bring it to other Staff departments and then have them view that software before we bring it to Purchasing to go through. If we have to do a solicitation, we'll go through a big solicitation and if not, we introduce the, the Resolution. So, it's, it's all depending on, on the case of the software and the immediate need.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Being that we are here to vote on it and we were going to vote on it and it had not been tested by any of the departments or the end, end users, that's a concern. So, I think before you bring it back also, we need to give it a dry run so that the persons that are putting Agendas together can have an opportunity to give you some ideas or some feedback about the, the product itself. And the timeliness of it is, is, it's a question. Is this something that we need to spend money on right now? I know it, it, it sounds very advanced and it sounds like it would be a good thing to have but in the space of…

IT MANAGER MELLA: When it comes…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …all the…

IT MANAGER MELLA: Sorry. I, I apologize for the interruption. When it comes to time, yeah, it actually is needed right now. And the reason for that being, is because of the accountability and workflow process and the security and permissions that it provides us to lock down our systems. At the same time, ti also integrates with the future, our document management system that we will have so that way we can actually pull records

from a document management system and actually secure it that way. It's pretty much in a.., it's a necessity, in, in my personal opinion.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible]…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: One thing that I would like to say is, that Staff has been working on this for, for, for a while but there is a need to change from Novus. It's very antiquated and any time Staff needs to make a change to the entire system, we have to call a company, that type of thing. This give them the, the ability to make our changes right in-house and…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …and really monitor the system. But, we'll go back and take a look at it, make some adjustments to it and bring it back and we'll have those an'.., questions answered.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Any other questions?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Actually, the department again. The, the company.., Elvis, could you come back?

IT MANAGER MELLA: Sure.

MAYOR MASTERS: You said there were three companies or something and you…

IT MANAGER MELLA: Yeah. Three was three. We tested Accela [sp] Management, we…

MAYOR MASTERS: Where.., excuse me. Where.., Accela Mana'… Where, where they located? Where's the headquarter?

IT MANAGER MELLA: I don't know their headquarters. I don't check on the headquarters, I look t the software first. I'm all about the, the platform, the amount of users that they're using. Currently, they have 300 plus government agencies that they work with. They have about 4,000 plus.., 40,000 plus users, they constantly are getting about 4,000 users a week.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And the second one?

IT MANAGER MELLA: Yeah. So, we look at that and then we look at the cost. We weight the cost with what we're using with the current management system. With the current management system, it's around $17,000 to $22,000 a year, with Novus. So, we're looking almost at identical costs, just a little bit higher but one of the features that this does provide as well that Novus doesn't, we use a subsidiary third party for civic streaming, which is our video streaming called Swagit.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right...

IT MANAGER MELLA: With this system, it comes with it so one of the things that we enjoyed about it was that, not only does it come with it, it actually transcribes and indexes into the system, the actual video recording.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I understand.

IT MANAGER MELLA: [Inaudible]…

MAYOR MASTERS: I, I don't.., I didn't wanna go through a whole thing about it but this company is from Utah, right?

UNK: No. [Inaudible comment].

IT MANAGER MELLA: No, no. The…

MAYOR MASTERS: what…

IT MANAGER MELLA: The contract is from Utah, the company's from Virginia.

MAYOR MASTERS: But the contract is from Utah? $27,000. Okay, thank you.

IT MANAGER MELLA: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Any other questions? Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, I believe it was asked that his comes back.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. Council…

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …do you…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …want it back for the next meeting or?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: So, we need to make a motion to…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair, I make a motion that...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You need…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …we table this…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …the microphone.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …to the next meeting.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second that motion to table to the next meeting.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Miller-Anderson dissenting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Petitions and communications for filing.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, I believe the Chair for the Charter Review Committee submitted correspondence to you and other Members of the Council regarding a request for a workshop. They proposed some dates in that communication.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: She sent it to me?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The Chairperson, Mr. Jackson, stated that…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …he sent it to you all via email. If you did not receive it, I will make sure that you get it on tomorrow.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …And…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …unless it came today...

MAYOR MASTERS: I didn't receive it either.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I don't…

[Inaudible background comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: And it was also stated that you all received correspondence regarding the request from the Board. Did you receive a second request from the Board? [Pause]. No request from the Board.

MAYOR MASTERS: I haven't received anything from anybody.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. So, I will make sure you all get both of these requests. [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The second request was regarding the heartburn that the Board was having regarding meeting the deadline for the March 2018 ballot. I.., at the September 6, 2017 Regular City Council meeting, you all agreed to possibly hold a special election regarding the Charter amendments. I did convey that to the Charter Review Board, I guess they did not remember. So, I will make sure that you all get the two correspondence that the Chairperson stated that was submitted to you all via email.

That completes communications.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Okay.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Awards and presentations.

13. ITEM NO. 13

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RECOGNITION OF THE RIVIERA BEACH BARRACUDA SWIM TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Mr. Blankenship will provide a presentation.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Good evening, Mayor, Council…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

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

We wanna take the opportunity tonight to recognize the Barracuda's Swim Team who, this season, won the South Florida Recreational Swim Championships and you know we like to always tout our kids that come out and do well and, and are dedicated. If any of you know anything about competitive swimming, it's quite a, a.., a bit of time and dedication on the kids parts, on the coaches parts but mostly on the parents parts. So, I'd like to ask the Barracudas and their parents and coaches to please stand, some of them in the, in the back of the room. If you'll indulge me, I'm gonna…

[Applause and cheers]

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: I'll take a second to read off the names of the 16 participants that went to the championships. Jacob Harris, Sarah Brabham, Dina Torri Hopkins, Jaqua Jones, Jordania Williams, Antoinette Laboski [sp], Kiera Mullins, Samantha Laboski, Roderick Underwood, Abigail Rickets, Insitrious [sp] Alvins, Briana Dean, Kimora Dacoco, Melvin Harrison, Cameron Jones, Autumn McCray. And then, I'd also like to recognize three coaches that were very, very dedicated through the season, head coach Robin Evans and assistants, Valerie Tatum and Derrick Ferguson.

[Applause]

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We have the trophies in the back of the room with the aquatics Staff. But again, we'd ask for a round of applause for the Barracuda Swim Team State Champions.

[Applause and cheers]

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Congratulations, Team. Alright.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Now, ordinances on first reading.

14. ITEM NO. 14

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 14.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ORDINANCE NO. 4103. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS", ARTICLE VIII ENTITLED "MOBILE VENDORS" TO AMEND EXISTING REGULATIONS AND TO CREATE NEW REGULATIONS FOR MOBILE VENDOR USES WITHIN THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do have one public comment card.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Do we have a motion? [Pause]. Do we have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Mr. Perry.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes. Yes, Madam Chair, we have a presentation by the Community Development Department, Mr. Jeff Gagnon.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Gagnon.

[Inaudible dais exchange]

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Good afternoon, Mayor, Council and Staff. Jeff Gagnon, Acting Director of Community Development.

So, as the Clerk read before, everyone present, this is a first reading of an Ordinance which will amend the existing mobile vendor regulations. This amendment is required… [Pause]. [To another: Can you go to the next slide for me?]. This amendment is required in order to allow for, I guess, a variety of mobile vending activities within, what we hope to see in the Marina District, Upland area. So, the current building we're in now, the Marina Event Center, is in the area that we have designated as the Marina Upland area. Everyone present can see that the infrastructure's here and we're still trying to attract more businesses, more economic activity and this Ordinance amendment will help do just that. So, the mobile vending Ordinance was last approved and amended in 2009,

through Ordinance No. 3059. Since that time, obviously, food trucks have increased drastically in popularity. You know, Food Network has specific food truck shows, things of that nature. Other economic events are now centered around just food trucks. So, we're hoping to pull from that momentum and encourage food truct activity here, within the Marina District, Upland's as well. And because of some of the restrictions in our existing Ordinance, this amendment is required in order to facilitate that.

So, I am available for any questions at this point. The Planning & Zoning Board reviewed the language and recommended approval at the end of July, I believe it was July 27th and Staff also recommends approval of this Ordinance on first reading.

[Inaudible background discussion]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. We have one public comment card and then we'll come to the Board.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. [Pause]. Mary Brabham.

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

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. M. BRABHAM: Apparently, when this was workshopped in the Planning & Zoning Board it had came back and then I guess it came onto you all but we were concerned about the lighting and then how, how that.., the mobility setup would impact the other mobilities that would like to come into the City too because I know that you all did for Willis Willis. But, is other vendors, will other vendors be allowed to also come into the area where you're gonna set it up at because, see, previous, last year sometime, I think when Tony Brown was here from the derelict discussions, it was stated in the Planning & Zoning Board that Tony Brown had designated a spot for Willis Willis. It, it, it, it has always been the entirety of each and every one to utilize whatever spaces or either provide whatever spaces, that there may be for not just one particular person but every person which.., that wishes to come in and set up shop in the City here. Because I'm for one, I was in the Planning & Zoning Board and, and I know that this was being discussed. So, it was hastily rushed to the Council so that you all could ahead on and get it approved. So, from a standpoint of view, is this setup.., is, is it just for one vendor, what about the parking, what about l the lighting? Have you, have you all went in a [inaudible], you know, the situation about the lighting components there? What about security? What about.., It is things here that I think, as a Board, if you all do set this up and do this, then you need to look at the criterias. We know that we are on Broadway here, what about the police? Will police be able to maintain it? What about the time, is it set on.., is it set on a time? A timetable? These are things that, even if you all did do this, but you all also have to look at the things that also will, will impact this and what we, as a City, would also look for, the parking, the lighting, security. And will other vendors be able to also participate in that park area to also express their desire to come in and serve in this community?

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Davis Johnson, Mr. Davis and then Ms. Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. On Page 4 of 11, we talk about the Business Tax Receipt and how it needs to be.., how they need to possess it and then we also talk about the required State, County Food & Safety Licensure. Will we have Staff that will monitor and verify that these mobile vendors, in fact, have those licenses?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: So, the enforcement procedure that we're current envisioning is utilizing… [Pause]. Is that better?

UNK: Yes..

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Okay. The enforcement procedure that we're envisioning currently, is utilizing Code Enforcement as we would currently. If it had to be an issue so large that we had to involve the Police Department we could but what I'm really hoping to see happen, is we'll get a core group of vendors that will be regulars. So, so once we vet the few vendors, it'll just be known that they have what they need. You know, once you have the license, typically they're good for a year unless there's an issue that comes up. So, we're hoping that once we establish that report with known vendors, that initial hurdle will, will get jumped over. But if there is enforcement activities that need to occur, we have Code Enforcement available. And again, worse case scenario, is contacting the Police Department.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Alrighty. On Page 5, Item G, you talk ab'.., again about Business Tax Receipts but we're now to under Exemptions and Restrictions, I'd like to see the language also include.., to include State, County and Food &Safety Licensure there. I think that's important to have it there.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: So, to be clear, so, that is letter G adding additional language after the sentence that states, 'The current Business Tax Receipt must be posted in a visible location on the mobile vending unit?'

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: No. It truck out K and it says G. Right?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yes. It, it…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: …it will be known as…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: G.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: …letter G.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Right. Okay. So, the current Business tax Receipt, State, County and Food & Safety Licensure must be posted in a visible location.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Is how I envision that. And then, I wanted to have a discussion to see what the Council felt about the ice cream trucks and the 7:00 p.m. time, whether or not we wanted to reduce that to 5:00 but that's a discussion for the Board, of course. And then you have answered my question as it relates to Staff. So we're going to use Code. Under Enforcement, you should also make the change because I do recall that with, with the new budget, it is no longer Code Enforcement, it is Code Compliance so we need to reflect that properly in this language.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: That's very true. Noted.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: And then, I believe, that was, that was all that I had.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: She answered my ques'.., he…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …answered my question.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Pardo. She…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …needs the mic.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The microphone.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We're gonna see if we can get each one of us…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …a mic the next time, Mr. Perry. See if we can afford that, please.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Alright. Jeff?

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

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, all of the questions that Ms. Brabham asked…

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …are in here. Right? So, you know, I think we sh'.., need to give her a copy of the Ordinance so she can see it. The only thing I don't see, there's no language about lighting.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: What are we gonna do about the lighting?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: We do have Code sections that describe light trespass.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: So, from one property to an adjacent property, [pause]. So, we, we do have enforcement mechanisms but it may be valid to put a specific line in here that does deal with lighting and just restate that section of the Code within the mobile vending Ordinance itself. So that way it's very clear.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, why don't we do that?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: The other thing is…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh, I'm sorry. I.., on that, to your point…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Wait. Can I just finish?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. The other thing is regarding the ice cream trucks. So, if you wanna stop it at 5:00 o'clock in the winter, I have no problem but perhaps we should think about extending it in the summer. You know, 7:00 o'clock is fairly early in the…

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …summer.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: The…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So…

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: I'm sorry. The…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: But.., go ahead.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: …the section that does describe the ice cream trucks…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: …and I didn't note this at the beginning of the presentation but all of the proposed language is shown with underline and proposed deletions are shown as strikethrough.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: So, the existing mobile vending regulations that pertain to ice cream trucks were not really modified with this language. This was really more to create that specific overlay area within the Marina District, Uplands. Not to say that we couldn't modify existing language associated with ice cream trucks but that wasn't the main scope of, of this Ordinance.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. But if you'll look on Page 5 [pause], you know, you have restricted mobile vendors, you know, permitted sales locations, blah, blah, blah, only on public roadways, you know, 25 miles an hour. And then you clearly state, 'Ice cream trucks may stop for the purpose of making sales only between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.'

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yes, ma'am. That, that's existing language so…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: …that's, that's…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So I'm just saying…

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: …as it is stated.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …if [pause], you know if we're gonna pass this Ordinance, maybe we should have a discussion on allowing the vendors to go to maybe

8:00 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. in the summer. You know, I can see stopping at 7:00 p.m., I could see…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible] how about when

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …stopping at 5:00…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …it gets dark.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …during,…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: That's my concern.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …you know, the school.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Right.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: But once it…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: But when the time changes…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …gets light out again…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …it gets…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …you know, the kids are gonna be out.

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

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So…

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: I understand.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …you know, that's, that's…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …in the fall…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …that's gonna have to be a policy decision for us.

And, at this point, that's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair? There is some discussion about the provision of portable lighting. It does say that it's prohibited, however, there is [stammer] an exception when it's required to, to illuminate the serving area of the mobile vending unit. So, that is where we allow them to bring in lighting but it has to be a uniform lighting, it is not just a…

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: I, I think we can strengthen that section and make sure that there is no light trespass from…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: correct.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: …the mobile vending site to an adjacent property.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So, let me just clarify my point [stammer] as it related to the time frame for considering pushing back. When, when we spring forward, I believe it stays lighter… Is it…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

[Inaudible background comments

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: When it's.., I'm just wanting to make sure that we, we think in terms of when I t gets darker earlier so that the kids are not out running towards the, the trucks. So, that was my thought process with making some amendment and perhaps we can shore that language up to discuss the time changes and how that will affect the vendors.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right. So… Madam Chair? Yeah. And, that's why I had suggested when we…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Pull…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …when we set the clocks back, in the fall, then maybe we say…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …at 5:00 o'clock, you know, no more ice cream trucks after 5:00 p.m. But once we move forward again in the spring and it stays lighter out, then we can go, perhaps, to 8:00 o'clock or 8:30. Remember, in the summer, it starts getting dark around 9:00. Right?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: It, it could be a potential amendment that…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No. Not 9:00 o'clock.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: 8:00 o'clock.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: It, it could be...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So…

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: …a potential amendment that has a set time or…

[Inaudible audience chatter]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ho'…Hold on, everyone. Okay. Go ahead.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: The, the potential amendment that would, I think, achieve what Council is looking to, would be to have a set time or if there was more restrictive language for sunset or dusk, something along those lines that could be implemented if there is a daylight savings time or, you know, solstice issue that comes into play.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Alright. Any other questions? [Pause]. Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

15. <u>ITEM NO. 15</u>

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 15.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ORDINANCE NO. 4104. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 5 ENTITLED "ELECTIONS" OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, AUTHORIZING RENUMBERATION OF SAID CHAPTER, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION AND CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Have a se'... Go ahead. Do we have a public comment card for this? Any public comment card?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No public comment cards at this time.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Mr. Perry.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes, ma'am. [Stammer]. You have an Item before you presented by the City Clerk. Over the last couple of years, the City Clerk has identified various areas within in the…

[Inaudible dais comment]

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …Election Code that she believes that can be improved. So she's gone out and polled other communities and brought back some, some very specific issues that she would like to propose to Council and make a recommendation.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That was the.., was this email? That was the email that came? Ms. Anthony, the memo that you sent for October 3rd, that was sent through email?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Good evening. Claudene Anthony, City Clerk. Madam Chair, the email that was sent…

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …to you all, basically, tried to outline each of the additions and deletions that was included in the Ordinance. We have a brief presentation if you want it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. As you know, Chapter 5 is our Elections Code of Ordinances and Simon Sinek says that leadership is not about the next election, it's about the next generation. The purpose of the proposed Ordinance is to address inquiries, like what is listed up on scr.., screen here. And, another inquiry that I've got was why now? And the answer to that particular inquiry is, 'no time is a good time so you just take your chances. Okay? And the next question was, 'Did I reinvent the wheel?' And the answer is a resounding, 'No.'

This is a list of the municipalities, some of the municipalities, that was researched. In your memo that received on yesterday, you see some of these municipalities listed, along with their sections of their Code of Ordinances as to where I got some of the language from. Currently, the Code of Ordinances in second 8-30 deals with the posting of notices that's prohibited and Section 28-5 also deals with the prohibit'.., prohibited uses of signs or placement of signs. Under political signs, as stated in the memo, political signs is totally new, we do not have anything in our Code of Ord'.., Ordinances addressing political signs. As stated in the memorandum, when it deals with the erection of political signs, it's recommended 45 days prior to the election day and removal 15 days after said election date. As stated in the memorandum, in the municipalities that was researched, there is no consistency, everyone has different times. I've seen.., saw in somewhere, they could not erect political signs more than 14 days prior to the election. Some municipalities required that political signs be taken down two days afterwards.

So, I just tried to.., I looked at our community and just tried to get something that I felt like would be conducive, wherein we have received complaints in the past as it relate political signs being erected during the holiday season. The section that deals with political signs being erected in the right-of-way of 100 and 200 feet for polling locations, I actually got that from the City of Boca Raton. I think if we're gonna take away something, then we gotta give something so I thought that would be a good median.

As it relate' to the permission from the private property owner, that's a standard that comes from the state statute. As it relate to the cash bond requirement, in talking with Interim City Manager, there was some suggestions to kind of make some changes if this is approved. As indicated in the memorandum that was provided to you all, you saw that the City of North Miami has a $250 cash bond, City of Boca Raton has a $500 cash bond but that's if you want to erect more than 10 political signs. The recommended changes, I would put in for this.., I would let it be a process rather than just a $500, um, if you re'.., we have to remove one sign, immediate revocation. What.., if approved, what I want to include is that it be like a three step process, wherein the first time the City has to remove signs, that a warning would be issued. The second time the City has to remove that, $100 is taken away from the $500 cash bond and if there is a third time, then the rest of it is the City's.

As it relate to our current canvassing language, as indicated in our current Code of Ordinances, you have what is the title of Section 5-11, 'Canvassing; Certification of Election'. Some individuals says that that is confusing so what I was proposing si that the two sections be separated. Currently, this is what your.., the Section 5-11(a) reads.., and I wanted to add, because the question came up that if someone needed to be added due to the absence of a canvassing board member, what would happen and so this is the add'.., added language.

As it relate to our certification process, currently in our Code of Ordinances in (b) of Section 5-11, we kinda put the cart before the horse, wherein it states that the oath of office is administered before the City Clerk presents a certification to the City Council. [Pause]. So, what I am doing, what I tried to do was, I put in bold the language that is being proposed, the new language and switched it around, I decided to put the horse

before the cart, wherein the City Council will have to accept a Resolution regarding the certified result of the election as presented by the Palm Beach County SOE and then come around and administer the oath of office.

That ends my presentation. I just wanna remind each.., everyone, March 13, 2018 is election day, cast your vote. Vote your choice, no vote equals no choice.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. Okay. So, my first question is…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Can't… Talk…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …you know, it's gonna be easy to get the funds for, you know the $4500 funds for the Council, Riviera Beach Council but what are you gonna do with the outside people, people running for county, state, for U.S. congress. We had a sign up on Blue Heron for…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Forever and a day.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …six, seven months.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right. So, how are you going after them to make sure that they pay $500…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. If…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …[Inaudible]?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …you remember in the correspondence that I included with the attachments for the memorandum that I sent to you, FDOT states at the bottom of their.., I don't have a copy of it with me, but in it, at the bottom, it tells candidates to check with the local municipal clerks regarding regulations. One of the situations that we had when, um, the question was asked, 'Why do you all put your signs where you put your signs within the City of Riviera Beach?' And they said because our Code was so lax regarding it. So, what will end up happening is, if I get a call regarding a sign that is up prior to, if the 45 days going to, you know, is approved or after the time then which they are to take it down, I then would have to contact the SOE office to let them know they need to contact that office. So, it would be between the SOE office and myself.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, they can put the sign up without giving us money and they [inaudible]…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No. They can't…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …go through…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No, no, no, no, no.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: But I'm telling you… So, alright. Let's.., the reality is, people will put signs up without going to you and giving you the $500 and they will wait until you notify the Supervisor of Elections office and then they have to notify the candidate and tell the candidate either take your sign…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …down, or…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Alright. So we have to think about that, that needs to be…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: What I did…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …tighter.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …receive was the process that the City of Boca Raton, they actually have applications that you need to complete. I can add that language in there, that an application needs to be completed by all, to include the county, state and national candidates, that language can be added into the Ordinance to ensure that when they do read our Election Code, that particular section, they will see that they need to do it also. Now…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah, absolutely…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …whether or not…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …they do because you can't just, you know, tell the elected candidates here in Riviera Beach that you have to follow this policy and then you have people running for county commissioners, state, littering this City for months with their signs.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I totally…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right? So…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …understand.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …if we're going to do it for one political class, it needs to be for all political classes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yeah. The intent was for everyone but I will make sure that I put that language in there so that…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: It has to be…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …there will be no misunderstanding.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No. It has to be fair.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: My other question is, so the $500 is.., are you expecting that money to come from a campaign account?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: In talking to the municipalities that I have listed, they said that they've seen individuals pay it from their campaign account, as well as their personal account. So, I look at it as a campaign cost. The.., this is something that you would list on your campaign treasury report.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: If you.., it needs to be no questions asked about it, the language can be added that it's paid from the campaign fund.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: If it's legal…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …when…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …for me to require that.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: That's fine. So when will you be giving back the $500? Because, as you know, there's a, you know, there's a timeframe that you have to get your final report in and then also, when you're running a campaign, $500 is a lot of money, especially when you get down to a day or two prior to the election.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. As indicated in the Ordinance, it stated that it's five.., 15 days. Which is well before the last report is due.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Sure. But it's after the election. So, you'll have some candidates lending their campaign money because, you know, they reach that point. And like I said, $500 is a lot of money.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. And the only thing that I could suggest, Ms. Pardo, is this, is that once the election is over with…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mhmm.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …and a candidate has pulled up all of their signs, they can contact my office, someone will be sent out to verify and immediately start the refunding process.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right. So then it goes through the Finance Department, right?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I would do a check request…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …and submit it to the… [Pause]. Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Exactly.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: But, as soon as it's…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right, right.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …as soon as…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So, I'm just saying…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …I can get…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right. But all of this needs to be vetted. There's.., you know, before we just jump into this, we really need to… And I, I agree with this because we know there are some, you know, they'll be running for office 2019 and right after this election in 2018, signs'll start going up. Right? So, the City will be littered for 11 months. So, appreciate this but I just think we need to, we need to think about the ramifications.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. What…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: And just work…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …what I can do, if…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …everything out.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …it is approved on first reading, I will look to see.., try to get some responses on what they have to alleviate those situations…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mhmm.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …and include it in the Ordinance. If they do not, just try to see what we can come up with.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, besides Boca, what other cities…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: North Miami has it also.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. What about Palm Beach County? So…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I did not check the…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …what about Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Like I said…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Do you know what they do?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …those are some of the cities that I researched. Not all cities have a cash bond. Not…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …all of them require it. However, the amount of time that they give the candidates to put up and take down is.., the window was way shorter than what is proposed in this Ordinance. And I'm gonna take it they don't have that problem, I'm not for certain.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. My last question is, so, say it's a.., so, you order your signs on, you know, a Tuesday, your signs come Saturday morning and you want them up over the weekend? Can we put the signs up and then go pay the fif'.., the $500 on Monday?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I believe…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: What are you doing about that?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …that's stated in the pro'.., proposed Ordinance, it ask that the cash bond be paid at the time when you qualify. I don't have the Ordinance in front of me right now, I'm not for certain.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That's what it.., yeah.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That's what it states? So, at the time when you qualify, you have to pay the $500.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. What.., alright. Well, I'd like to hear from everyone else. I think at this point, I think this whole Ordinance needs a little more tweaking and a little more time for us to go through it but…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: That's all I have…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …to say. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I would actually agree with Ms. Pardo because it applies to two seats that will be coming up very shortly and I believe that this is probably not a good time to be bringing this before us because I need a little more information. So, you're s'.., you're only talking about the signs that are in the right-of-way, this does not apply to any signs in the yards.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. As it rela'… No. It does not deal with…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, you're just…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …any signs in the…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …talking about the right-of-way with this?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: But you still have…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …to pay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: But if you're talking about the 45 days, in speaking with legal, um, [pause], it was not for certain whether or not we can tell a proper'.., private property owner not to put a political sign up before the 45 days. But like the example that Ms. Pardo stated, right after this election, you'll have folks putting up signs for the 2019.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We can…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, I know, you know…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …Take it out. I, I, I don't know of any, you know.., that's…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. I know you typically don't bring a whole lot to the Agenda to…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What brought this Item?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: As previously stated, the.., you know, I tried to answer the question, 'Why now?'. These are inquiries, as you know, that come throughout.., you know, you get 'em during your campaign, when you're campaigning…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But is this the first time…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …and whether or not…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …you've gotten those inquiries or has this been something that's…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No. This is…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …been going on for years?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Being that this only my second year as the City Clerk [chuckle], I was trying to ge'.., I'm trying to get it done, just so that we don't have those inquires for this upcoming election season.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I think this probably needs to be pulled and…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I'm just trying to…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …we need to…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …be proactive in the manner I'm, you know…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And I appreciate that…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …but I, I don't want some people being the guinea pigs for this.

[Inaudible background comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No. I was not trying to make you... [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No. But this is thing, we just had March, right? Okay. Obviously, this is affecting some people up here, right? So, that's why it's very important that we clear this up.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: As it relate' to the.., like, when you can put up your signs or…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Like, there's District 2 and 4 that has an election coming up and…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …some people up here currently sit in those seats, so.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We're more impacted by those than others right now. So…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. I would…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …because, so because there was no election in March, that probably would've been a wonderful time to put that out three.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We had enough time to get it together, figure it out but right now, I don't think that, that's gonna work.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. Well…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That's just my point.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. Well, what I can.., I will suggest to the City Council is that, if you want to remove as, as far as the timeframe is concerned, you know, we can re'.., redact that out of the Ord'.., proposed Ordinance, however, when it comes down to where you can place your signs, that is already a part of your Code of Ordinances.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: So…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Microphone.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The for'.., the 45 days, I think that signs are too expensive and people spend way too much money on 'em to only be allowed to have them out for forty'.., for the, for the 45 days.

Sec'.., my second question is the prat where you showed the [pause] the two, the canvassing and the certification of, of the election.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: In separating those two, can you go back to those slides to show that those two are actually separated?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Jeff, can you go back for me, please?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Which one?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The canvassing…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

[Pause]

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: [Inaudible].

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I believe it's slide four.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: 'Cause it doesn't seem so.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Maybe.., either four or six. Nope. Look at six. Nope.

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: There you go.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. Right there. Go back one. Okay. It does not actually show it here but if you look at the.., when you look at the document itself, you will see that that title is stricken and that a new title is being proposed. Okay, go back one more, Jeff, please. [Pause]. 'Canvassing and Certif', uh, semi colon, Certification of Election is stricken. If you look in the document, that's where it's indicated and in there, you will see the proposed new title for canvassing is the composition of the canvassing board. Okay? It's actually in the document itself, where you will see where they're separating it out. And if you go to the next slide, Jeff. [Pause]. And, as for cer'.., Certification of Election, that title will remain. So, if you look at the document itself, that was provided, it shows where the two are separated. Or, if you look at the memorandum, it shows where it was separated.

[Pause]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Anyone else?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible]…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …that too.

MAYOR MASTERS: You know, sometimes people wonder why the Mayor doesn't vote and but they don't understand the veto is more significant than the vote. The president doesn't vote but he has the authority to veto legislation by the Congress and it takes two-thirds, super majority, of the Congress, the Senate to override the, the, the veto. First of all, I'm, I'm glad this is an Ordinance because I will.., I am going to exercise the authority and the power of the Mayor, on the second reading… There's a whole lot of things I don't like about all of these changes. And, if there are two people that vote against it, maybe if not two but certainly if two…

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: …it will not… Excuse me. Is somebody chattering?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Certainly, I will use the veto here. All respect to our present City Clerk, Mrs. Perry, City Clerk for many years, did a great job also…

UNK: Carrie Ward.

MAYOR MASTERS: Ms. Carrie Ward, I mean, I'm sorry. Carrie Ward. Was the City Clerk for many years, did a great job and, you know, when you start changing a lot of stuff, you just kinda mess up things. If it worked for 10 years, it worked for 20, it worked for 30, it's still good. And I think what we have is good and I will veto the whole, the whole thing if.., particularly, if we get two votes, which I he'.., certainly will.

Now, the 45 days, I'm certainly not gonna support anything that's gonna restrict KaShamaba Miller from putting signs out for 45 days. She's done a great job, her signs shoulda been out, if she [stammer], will announce and so, I support that. I'm not gonna restrict this young lady, we're too close to election and for this to come up three or four months before KaShamba Miller-Anderson runs, I would never do that. I'll veto on that premise alone. That's number one.

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Number two…

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: Number two, what I don't understand is this, if a candidate can file in November, that's when we will start campaigning because it's been moved back to November. Is that right, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Qualification period begins the fourth Tuesday in November and it ends the second Tuesday in December.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Now, the problem I have with that, how do file in November and can't put your signs until 45 days before the election. That means you really can't fully campaign. When you put your signs out.., I preached a sermon one time, when you move out business, take down your sign. But when you're in business, put your sign up. This would say you can file, be a candidate, buy radio ads, by TV ad', put flyers out but you can't put a sign out until a month and a half. That, to me, is inconsistent with the principal of, of filing.

And then third, it was.., I didn't see the City of West Palm Beach up there, Madam Clerk. Is the City of West Palm Beach on your list?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I did not list all of the municipalities because that would have been three or four slides.

MAYOR MASTERS: I understand.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Did I look at the City of West Palm Beach? Yes, I did.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, let me just say, I.., whenever there's something that's important to me, I always look at the largest city in the county, which is West Palm Beach. West Palm Beach has absolutely no restrictions as far as putting signs out before an election and I'm going follow the model of the largest city in Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach. And, and, and that's it for me. So, if there's two votes, you can count on the Mayor to veto.

And then last but not, but not least, we.., that $500, it, it's hard to raise money in the first place for a candidate. Just pick up the phone, I don't wanna get into a money situation. So, I'm, I'm, I don't support that. And, and then, you know, someone made a remark that you may see signs out right after the election. Well, everybody knows I put my signs out for six months, somewhere around there, six months before the election. I'm running all the time.

Thank you very much.

[Applause and chuckles]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I do agree... I, I [inaudible]. I do agree that this Item needs to be reworked, however, I also agree that we need to have some provisions put in place because there is no reason that candidates sign should remain thro'.., you know, well after a election has taken place. So, I believe that we need maybe revisit how we set this language out. Someone's going to be the guinea pig other way because, if

you don't do it for this election, 2019 is coming up and then you ha'.., you know, 2019… 2019.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yeah but we're talking, we're talking waiting until 020 to put consequences in place for those who are not necessarily City of Riviera Beach candidates but candidates in other classes. So, we need to revisit this and perhaps we may not introduce this until 2020 as it relates to the signage, the political signage for us and that fee, having an opportunity to maybe workshop this. But I do believe that as a Board, we need to have a conversation as to what the consequences will be for those other individuals running for office who leaves their signs because we've had signs along Blue Heron, along Australian, and, and we are talking about the conditions of our City, we have enough gong on without having those added issues. So, I would ask my colleagues to consider addressing the consequences for others, outside of the City and, and how we may implement that process and then look to roll out what we're planning to do as it relates to qualifying for us and signage, and the like.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: So, am I understanding that you want that totally stricken until 2020?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Well..

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Or…

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. Don't bring it back until 2020.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I would like a mo'.., I would like to make a motion that we pull this Item in it's current state, workshop it, have further discussion as to how we'd like to see consequences implemented and then we can also discuss when we'll roll out the City of Riviera Beach sign.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Uh, bond.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MASTERS: And a point of clarification, on the signs. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just to.., a point of clarification so I can understand exactly what you're talking about with these signs. If a sign is on private property, you don't.., that's little signs. Btu what about the campaign signs that are in private property such as a service station? Would, would that.., is that not considered private property also?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: As of right now, Mayor, we're, we're status quo.

MAYOR MASTERS: What does that.., I don't know what that means.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: What we [stammer], what we've been.., what we have been doing, we will continue to do.

[Inaudible audible comments and chuckles]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A request has been made to, to workshop it.

MAYOR MASTERS: I support the workshop.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, we have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's second already.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Council'…

UNK: Wait.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …person Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hold on.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You wanted to comment?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Oh…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Pull your mic up, please.

MAYOR MASTERS: Keep it as is [inaudible]…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Claudene, one.., Ms.., Ms. Robinson.

[Chuckle]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The, the problem that I.., the pro'.., the current problem and I think one of the things that we need to pull out if we…

UNK. AUDIENCE: We can't hear you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Pull your mic up.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …if we…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Just pull it up some.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. There's… These are the mobile mics. Ms. Anthony, again, what I was about to say is this, this particular paragraph is the only section that I think that we have to pull out and, and bring back sooner than later because the, the way that it's curr'.., not.., even, even there, the way that's it's written, it's, it's quite ambiguous. The first two things that I found problem with was the fact that they had canvassing and certification of election. And a lot of time here, we thought that we could not certify an election without co'.., convening a canvassing board when, in fact, we were.., it, it was being read wrong. So still, with the correction, still with the correction, the last sentence in there, 'The City Council shall present a certification of election results to the City Council at the first regular meeting.' Thata's an action that's got to be taken clear…

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …and first and period. Then, after that, the Clerk would be able to give each person an office.., a certificate for his or her office and administer the oath but we.., so, that's why I was asking you, if you could go back, because what I really wanted to see was this the original state or this is the corrected state?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That's the.., what, what your Code currently states.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Now, can…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That's why it sa' it says...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …I see the corrected state?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: If you go to the next side'.., slide for me, Jeff?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Go, go, go up, Jeff. [Pause]. Nope. Well, the other way. [Chuckle].

UNK: Go down.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The other up.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: This is…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The other up.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …the proposed…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible]. Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: And the only thing that I can suggest, Councilperson Hubbard, if the Council wants to go ahead and have that language approved, is that we.., I bring the Ordinance back, just including the language dealing the canvassing board and the certification process.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And I.., because it think it's important that that come.., that that be done before the, before the, uh, before the next election because there is nothing… We won't go into that but I think that that's more of the appropriate… Not that he language has changed, it's just the order in which it was put up there. You can't issue a certificate before you have a certification of the election itself. So, I think we do need to correct that on more of an immediate side. So, if we could bring that back, Madam Clerk, on the Agenda at the next meeting…

MAYOR MASTERS: Just…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …at, at the next.., or either I'll put it, I'll put that section on myself or you can bring it back.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: What I'll do is…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Just this piece.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, what I would like to suggest that I do is, I'll bring the Ordinance back but I need to leave the political signs in there as it state regarding Section 8-30 and Section 28-5.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, why can't we just workshop that along with the other part…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: If you'll hear me out?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 8-30 and 28-5 is already in your Code of Ordinances.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That's not something new that I'm introducing.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I'm just bringing it to the forefront, pretty much. As it relate to the cash bond and the.., when the signs can put up, take it out. Okay?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, where's the workshop part come in at?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We can do a workshop whenever ya'll want to schedule one…

MAYOR MASTERS: On the canvassing.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …to deal with the cash bond and to put the, the erecting of the political signs but I, I feel because we have a gubernatorial next year that we ne'.., really need to put.., bring that to the forefront so that when individuals look at our Election Code, they will see that they can'.., cannot put signs in our right-of-way's.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I wasn't thinking of having a workshop, you know, next year, I thought we would try to do that very soon and, if we did it very soon, we would still have time to correct it altogether, you know, in one.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: If that's the pleasure of the Board, this…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, that… My thinking was, we were gonna do the workshop soon not…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We can schedule…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …seven…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …one soon.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …eight months down the line. So that would be taken care of.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Whatever the pleasure…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …of the Board is.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Madam Ch'…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Madam Chair, we'll look at the calendar and we'll schedule a workshop and that way we can go all items.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You gotta pull…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: We'll schedule a workshop to review all the items as they're presented.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. That's good with you, Ms. Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes. That'll be fine.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Ma'…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So… Yes?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair? Madam Clerk, with the.., this reads, 'The City Clerk shall give to each person who shall be elected, a certificate and, and also administer oath of office.' Now, Judge Rogers has administered the oath of office to one or two of before and others, would that prevent anyone…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: …other than the City Clerk? We would…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: …still have that right to choose?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, can you restate the motion that's on the floor 'cause we actually kinda interrupted to have that conversation about that?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I believe the motion is to [pause] [stammer]…

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …to postpone the Ordinance until the workshop is scheduled.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I believe that's what the maker of the motion stated.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That's good? Alright. Go ahead.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. [Pause]. Alright.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO ISSUES, MATTERS OR TOPICS PERTINENT TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH. PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED RULES OF DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE DOORS, THE MARINA DOORS. IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO, THE COUNCIL CHAIR MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER OR ATTENDEE REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING AND/OR THE BUILDING, IF NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. So, we're gonna go ahead and get started with public comments. If we have anyone that would like to submit a comment card, this is the last time you can submit one for open public comment. I will.., I really wanna stress to you that we gotta stick with the three minute mark. I know I've been a little lax over the last few meetings but we.., when it stops, it's not going to beep so just keep your eyes up there and Ms. Anthony will wave a pink card to me and then, when that happens, please stop and, and wrap it up. You gotta be able to stop at three so we can move on. Okay? I don't wanna cut anyone off but I, I have to because I know we

have quite a few comment cards so we're gonna have to do that so we can get through them. Alright?

MAYOR MASTERS: And I would…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we have Reverend Griffin Davis, Sr., Norm Adams and Michael Slosser.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And if you could, for the sake of speeding up, if you can go ahead and kinda get close to the podium so that we're able to keep moving pretty rapidly? You coming?

MAYOR MASTERS: And while they're coming, Madam Chair, I think this would be the only time the public would have the right to speak on the unjust firing of Jonathan Evans, this would be the only time so you need to get your card in.

[Inaudible comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, I need to ask at what time are we cutting off the receipt of public comment cards?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Say that again?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I need to when are we cutting off…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We're, we're, we're done now.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We're done now?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. We're starting with public comment. This is the last time for you to put 'em in so go ahead and put it in if you wanna put in a public comment card.

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: To the Honorable Chair Lady and other officials, I first wanna say that we need to pray, the whole City need' to pray. We're in a uproar for politics and this not need, need to happen. I wanna say to you that I, I saw it happening three months ago. Three months ago, I, I called the City Manager to my office, at the church up there, and I talked to him and I said to him, the City Council was elected by the people to conduct the City affairs. And, uh, they chose you to help them, not to dictate to them. I wanna say, we are, we are, we are.., what we're, what we are not doing now is, is helping one another. We need, I said to him, we need to take time to work together and try to.., and, and I said, our city, what, what could we do? You're trynna lease out all the jobs, including Code Enforcement. I said to him, you're trying to run the City Police Department, the Fire Department. They have a Chief to do that, you're trying to change the Civil Service

Charter, you're trynna change the, the Code Enforce'.., um, the, the Ch'.., Charter of the City, civil service, you're trying to put more taxes on Singer Island and, and west side. This shouldn't be. And I said to him, 'We need to work together, you got hit it your, your people hide you. You, you're work under, under the leadership of the City Council. You can't do what you wanna do, that's what we hired the City Council to do, they'll tell you what they want and what hey don't want. You cannot dictate to them and tell them what they ca'.., what they can do, what you can do.'

I don't hate nobody but I think right is right and God is with right and everybody should work together. As the City Council came to him and then let him go, they have that right. And I'm.., I, I, I have, I have the right to say to you all, 'We need to work together and stop fighting among ourselves,' and I say.., and somebody said that, uh, we need to let the City Manager run the City the way he wanna run it but, if you do that, the City'll go bankrupt.

[Inaudible audience exclamation]

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: Yes, yes, yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hold it, everyone.

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: Yes, I said…

[Inaudible audience exclamation]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hold it, hold it.

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: Yes, yes I said that. You cannot, you cannot, you cannot run the City by yourself, you need the Council to work along with you. If the City go bankrupt, the, the government will be it in receivership and, and you have no power over your City, any more than the government put in there. So, I'm saying to you all, [inaudible]we fightin' the Council, who did this, Donald Trump…

[Audience exclamation]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No, ah, ah.

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: Yeah, go ahead.

[Audience exclamation]

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: That's alright, go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Audience, audience, please don't…

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: Go, go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …do that, please don't do that.

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: It's alright.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Reverend Davis, your time is up though.

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: All, all I'm saying to you all, that we need to pray, okay?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: Stop fighting one another, okay?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

REV. G. DAVIS, SR.: Thank you very much.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Norm Adams, Michael Slosser.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We're gonna.., remember, we have the pink card we're going to wave so, we got it.

MR. N. ADAMS: Thank you very much. The Reverend is correct that the City could go bankrupt, that's because of how much it has to pay lawyers for all the dumb decisions that the City Council makes.

[Audience cheers and applause]

MR. N. ADAMS: That's why.

[Audience applause]

MR. N. ADAMS: That, that's why the City'll go bankrupt. Let me say something to the Council too, I heard your legal opinion that you had no.., you didn't have to put.., I had a problem hearing it but you didn't have to put 13A on the Agenda tonight. However, it's my understanding that, by unanimous consent, you coulda put it on and that woulda given all of the people here the, uh, the reason that he was fired. I'm not saying he's good, I'm not saying he's bad. I don't know how good he is.

[Inaudible audience comment]

MR. N. ADAMS: My.., as I said to you guys the other night, my complaint is the process. There was no Sunshine. Everything was behind closed doors. I'm sure you broke Sunshine laws from what I've heard and what I've read but…'

[Inaudible audience comments]

MR. N. ADAMS: …ho'.., again, if "TD" made a motion and if he didn't talk to the two of you, why would you vote for it?

[Inaudible audience comment]

MR. N. ADAMS: Why would you vote it? It makes no sense. It wasn't on the Agenda, there's nothing in his personnel file. I've spoken with several City employees and, and they've told me, I can't confirm it, that you've have had several meetings with no Sunshine, among one'.., two or three of you plus a couple other people who, on your Agenda, they're gonna be the new City Manager and the new Police Chief.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MR. N. ADAMS: Well, that's ridiculous.

[Audience exclamation]

MR. N. ADAMS: There's no Sunshine. They're already, from what I, from what I've heard, there are already two lawsuits against you. You guys don't care, it's not your money.

UNK AUDIENCE: That's right.

MR. N. ADAMS: I live on Singer Island, we pay more than our share of taxes and when I see money being wasted, 'cause you don't have Sunshine, you're not open with the people. Look at how many people are here today and you're sitting there, you know, dumb, dumb and dumber without talking.

[Audience cheers and laughter]

MR. N. ADAMS: I'm also tal'.., let, let me tell you something else.

[Inaudible audience exclamations]

MR. N. ADAMS: Let me.., let me tell you something else where you may be in trouble. I've looked at some of your credit card charges, and I haven't looked at the backup, I don't know what's behind it but I'll tell you one thing, to the extent you have personal charges on that.., and I'll, I'll use the driveway that I've heard about, I don't know how true it is, if you use City money for personal purposes, you can be sought after by the IRS for not declaring income. You're gonna be in trouble for that. You guys gotta wake up. Look at the community that's here and you're sitting there not opening your mouths. You really oughta be ashamed of yourselves, every one of you.

[Applause.

MR. N. ADAMS: Let me ask you a question, I'll ask Mrs.., Ms. Hubbard, I see you sitting there. When you charge things to your credit card, who approves your, your expenses?

[Audience chuckle]

MR. N. ADAMS: Who approves it? I don't approve it, they don't approve it. Does anyone approve it or you just put it on your credit card and we pay for it.

[Audience exclamation]

MR. N. ADAMS: I'll yield my next two second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause]

MR. M. SLOSSER: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening. Please…

MR. M. SLOSSER: My name is Michel Slosser and I live at 4100 North Ocean Drive, Riviera Beach.

Over the years, I've had the honor and the pleasure of serving on a number of volunteer boards in our City. I even, somehow, find myself senior citizen of the year. I did not think I was old enough for that but tonight I speak to you as a citizen of our City and the issue involving the dismissal of the City Manager. It seems to me we need to lower the rhetoric and look at the facts. For me, there are three issues. Number one, should Jonathan Evans have been dismissed by this Council? Number two, did the Council have the legal right to dismiss him? Number three, was the procedure in the best interest of the City? Since I only have three minutes, let me suggest the following: Should the Manager be fired? I have no idea. I've heard a number of disturbing allegations about him and saw at least one or two of his ideas not in the best interest of myself and my neighbors but you're the ones, up here, who make that decision. My Councilwoman has my support and she made a decision. That's how the government works. For that matter, that's how the condominium and HOA's, that some of us live in, work. It's called representative democracy and it's our system of government. Did the Council have the legal right to dismiss him? Apparently so. We've done it before and it was legal then and I'm told it's st'.., it is legal.

So, what about the procedure? That's the popular subject. I've heard a number of people and it's something that we need to talk about in a civil manner. If we accept the premise that there was a problem with the former City Manager and that his dismissal was done in a lawful manner, then the issue is how could it have been handled better and how do we do a better job going forward? First, we need to find a better way to bring up problems, like a City Manager's performance. How el'.. other cities…

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

MR. M. SLOSSER: …do it. It may turn out that that's the way it's done but we do need to do some research. Now, with all due respect to everyone here in the community, we

need to let these people do their jobs. I may not always like what they do but I do know what it's like when you're attacked for making a decision by people with a political agenda.

[Clapping]

MR. M. SLOSSER: We all have the right to disagree with the Council but I don't think we have to be disagreeable to do so.

And finally, we need to get beyond the politics of everything we do and come together to do what's right for the City. Until we do, the only winners will be the best politicians amongst us, not the best solutions to our problems. As a form President of the United States once said, 'Come let us reason together.'

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Lloyd Brown…

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Slosser?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …Doretta Polk…

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Slosser, you don't even know…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …Dr. Phillip…

MAYOR MASTERS: …Mr. Evans.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …Dukes.

MAYOR MASTERS: You oughta be ashamed of yourself.

MR. L. BROWN: Hello. My name is Lloyd Brown and I really don't have anything to say about the City Manager. I think it was wrong and you know you people know what you did was wrong and how conniving you did it, that was wrong too.

MAYOR MASTERS: Absolutely.

MR. L. BROWN: We might accept your apology but this still.., this will, surely, affect your chances, and those others with your mindset chances, to get into another seat on this City Council.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MR. L. BROWN: And you know, if it was me, you know, in your position, I'm talking about all ya'll now, what I would do, or what you should do, is put your feet on the ground

and go out and see things for yourself. You know, over here and making these big decisions, they aren't helping where I live at and I see it every day. I mean, you need to clear your mind in these high task visions you got and open your eyes and ears to see…

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MR. L. BROWN: …what we need locally in these districts that you have.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MR. L. BROWN: I mean, look at Ms. Pardo, look at her District. Okay? You go to these corner stores, I know you hang out, go there and hang out with these locals, ask questions. You know? And give them alternatives besides.., you know, a solution to these monopolies of foreign stores and businesses that we, that we spend money that only benefit their own. And you know, we act as, as if we enjoy being ripped off. And you black Council Members, you go through these districts and you see.., you seem like you have a blind eye to what's going on. If I was in your position, my eyes would be like an eagle, you know? We need new minds. We need new.., someone like me but not me.

[Audience laughter]

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MR. L. BROWN: Wait, hold it. There'.., there's a lotta things that need to be changed, you know, and, and I'm not gonna go to the City Manager 'cause, like the man said, that was your decision but first, we need to start with this Council, most of all, getting rid of the people who don't wanna get together. Get people who will put their feet to the ground and find out what the people want and give the people what they want.

I mean, like, these rental homes that we have in here, and apartments, maybe that's what the preacher, you know, he was talking about the Manager. Maybe he was talking.., but he own' apartments and stuff, make these people follow strict guidelines, forget the citizens who own their own properties. I mean, and these businesses that are up.., that aren't up to codes, make 'em get up to codes. And especially, you know, these facilities that follow, that follow, you know, like, health guidelines, especially when they're selling foods that are cooked and served to our citizens. I mean, stop lettin' the, stoop lettin' these businesses come into our community and, you know, and bringing th'.., their own workers. Give breaks to those companies that hire locals. Let.., I mean, let's not give our City away to those with ties somewhere else, and that seems like what we're doing.

And that's all I gotta say.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Next.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr…

MS. D. POLK: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: …Brown.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. D. POLK: My name is Doretta Polk.

MAYOR MASTERS: Pull the mic down, please. Thank you. You look kinda shorter than me. [Chuckle].

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: There ya go.

MS. D. POLK: Good evening. My name is Doretta Polk and I'm h ere to express my opinion about the firing of our…

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MS. D. POLK: …City [inaudible]. I think it was very devastating.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MS. D. POLK: I think even some of the Councilwomen, they were blindsided, just as we were blindsided about this. The trouble that I have with this whole situation is, Terence Davis, you said that you all, you three, would state the reason firing…

[Inaudible audience comments]

MS. D. POLK: …our, uh, and you haven't. You all stated that. And this is where the conflict come' in as trust without [stammer] the citizens and people that live in Riviera Beach. And also with myself, the trust of you all and we voted you all in.

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

MS. D. POLK: And we voted you all in. So, it just needs.., if you say that you're gonna do something, I think that you all should do what you state that you're gonna do. And as far as on the television…

[Applause]

MS. D. POLK: …And as far as the television, I applaud Ms. Wanda Moore for trying to interview you, Mr. Davis, and, and you still said, 'Oh, I, I told why, what, what's the reason of his firing.' And she said, 'No. It hasn't been stated,' and it still hasn't been stated. Transparency, transparency, and you wouldn't have all this division among the City. Just let us know what he did wrong. Like I always told you all before, in a couple meetings, this, this young man, he is for the little ones, the teenagers…

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MS. D. POLK: …the adults and the senior citizens like me.

[Audience applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MS. D. POLK: Let us know what the reasons are. And also, uh, interviewing a young lady who stated that she didn't even ask for the driveway to be put in. You know?

[Inaudible audience comment]

MS. D. POLK: That was on TV, the la'.., young lady who owns this property. So let's get transparency. Who approved this? Who approved this? Did the whole Council approve this money to be allocated for this? Let's have transparency and honesty because it's not given between you three, it's not. There's something very wrong here. Transparency, please. And I think Mr. Davis was just starting to peel off [stammer] as you peel a banana and then you see some rotten core…

[Audience exclamation]

MS. D. POLK: …and when he pulled that off, that's why you probably, probably wanted to fire him. Transparency, let us know what he did wrong. That's all we ask.

[Audience applause]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MS. D. POLK: All we ask.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

DR. P. DUKES: Dr. Phillip Dukes, 1217 Avenue U, Riviera Beach, FL.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening, Bishop.

DR. P. DUKES: To Chairperson Miller, Councilpersons, Mayor.

On November the 18th, we will our Change our Community Rally at 5:30 at 1217 Avenue U. We can change our community atmosphere. From 1982 'til this very day, we have never had a, a City Council with a zero tolerance against drug retail marketing in our City. It still flourishes, it still breeds death, murder and community decay and this negative concept about our City. We, Rivera Beach is the last black, African American city on the east coast with these type of demographics, that we have. We're the last one. For some reason, things have gone down and, and the other ones have disappeared or they've been removed through different political arrangements. So, I'm asking people to

come out November the 18th. If you wanna see our communities change, we have all kind of new drug markets come up in our City, right on 12th, 13th and Avenue U. We cleaned that up, now they're coming back. So, we're asking you to support the vision. I'm asking the City Council, each one of you, to give a $1,000 to Operation Restore. The Mayor has already gave his pledge.

[Inaudible audience comments]

DR. P. DUKES: So, help us change our communities.

Now, one other thing, one other thing. One other thing, one other thing. When they're talking about transparency, that's been a problem in this City. You have the authority and the right to do.., make decisions 'cause I don't believe in micromanaging, I never have. But however, when a little kid walks up to me in our program, he goes, 'Pastor, what's, what, what's a malfeasance?' I said, 'Well..,' 'misfeasance, what's that?' I said, 'Well, it's something they did wrong or something they shouldn't do.' One kid said, 'You mean, it's like getting a whoopin' and your mama don't tell you what you did?'

[Chuckles]

DR. P. DUKES: I said, 'Yeah.' [Chuckle]. I said, 'Something like that.' I said, 'Something like that.' And, and then what happens is this, what happens is this, now you get all these rumors and innuendos. So, I, I would advise you to, you know, give the exact reason.

And remember, support us to change our sys'.., uh, community atmosphere against the drug retail market in our City. I know we got a lotta good things going in our City but the drug retail market in our City has gone on long enough, creating death and murder. Now, I submitted the vision to you guys and any of you can get the vision if you come by 1217 Avenue U. We're gonna have a website up pretty soon. We also have Christmas music out there. We're gonna be taking 25% of every download we get off of Spotify and iTunes under Bishop Phillip Dukes, 'Don't you know it's Christmas?' So, I'm asking you to join me and help us to change our community atmosphere.

Thank you very much.

[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Dr. Elvin Parker, Jr., III.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What was the name again?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Dr. Elvin J. Parker, III.

[Inaudible comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Leontyne Brown…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You can come on over. He's next, right?

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh, he yield. Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: He's yielding?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who's next?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Leontyne Brown, Bonnie Larson, Anne Marie Davis.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Brown here?

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Come on…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Leontyne Brown, Bonnie Larson, Marie Davis.

[Inaudible audience chatter]

MAYOR MASTERS: Like the whippin' ya momma don't tell ya what you're getting the whippin' for. Ain't that something?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Brown is right, right?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Ms. Brown, Ms. Larson and then Ms. Davis.

MS. L. BROWN: So, I just wanna start off by saying…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: State your name for the record, please. I'm sorry.

MS. L. BROWN: Leontyne Brown.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead, go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, ma'am.

MS. L. BROWN: So, I just wanna start off by saying that I came up during the meeting a couple weeks ago and I looked each one of you guys in the eye and I said how proud I was of you. And so, I thought that it was important for me to come back to make these comments. And I'm gonna start off by saying that my mom always told me, if you have

said it, if you haven't done it, if you haven't thought it, just keep on livin'. We've all made mistakes and none of us are perfect. We all wish that we could do the right thing, the right way all the time but a lot of times we do the right thing the wrong way. And so, I kinda live my life by that and so I don't come up here to pass judgment on any of you guys. I think that, for the most part, everybody up there can say that I supported you, with the exception of Dawn Pardo 'cause I don't really know you like that but [chuckle]…

[Inaudible audience comments]

MS. L. BROWN: …everybody else, you all know I have ridden for you, I have gone out of my way for you in some form or fashion, financially, by action, anything that you all have asked me to do I've done it because I not only support you, I support you and I support people that look like me. And so, that's been very important to me. Lynne Hubbard knows I love you 'cause I know you love Riviera Beach. And I don't have a problem with say that. My issue, some.., my issue is not your why because I trust that you all love Riviera Beach, just like I love Riviera Beach, just like these people love Riviera Beach. My issue is gonna always be the how. There is always a way of doing everything. And, I, I just want you all to understand that.., I believe that that is the reason why everybody is here. It's not your why, it's simply how things are done. And the transparency as the, um, the lady said earlier, is just so important. Your how affects everybody in this room. Your how affects the residents, it affects the small business owners, it affects the small business owners who potentially wanna do business with you all.

I was in a room the other day, and this is the reason why actually even am making my comments. I was in a room the other day with a group of bankers and investors and the meeting had nothing to do with Riviera Beach, it was about something totally different but because of what was going on here and the chaos, those investors stated, 'This is.., that's one of the reasons I don't give to small businesses in Riviera Beach because of, not these people 'cause these people have businesses, they have…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We gotta wrap…

MS. L. BROWN: …Strength.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …it up, Ms. Brown

MS. L. BROWN: I'm sorry. They're saying they're not, they're not giving because of the way in which a b'.., the City is being run and the instability here and that is a problem. So you ha'.., you all in a position to fix this. You have to because it's not just about your personal views, it's about the people that are out there.

[Applause]

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

MS. L. BROWN: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bonnie Larson, Marie Davis…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Let's make sure…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …Charlotte Darville.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …we watch the time. We have to stick to that time. I don't wanna be a stickler but we do have a lot of comment cards.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. We're hearing things on the news every single day. Have you ever seen the news media follow a city as much as they're following us?

MAYOR MASTERS: I have not.

MS. B. LARSON: And that's because terrible things are happening here, every single day.

MAYOR MASTERS: Every single day.

MS. B. LARSON: There was a lawsuit filed, Mr. McCoy filed a lawsuit and I understand that now the City is obliging us to pay for attorneys to try and do away, make that go away, make that lawsuit go away. When was that decided? Is that a la'.., is that a Sunshine issue we're talking about here? How can we have confidence, it was on the news, a lad was at the Hurst Chapel, she saw our Police Chief arrived, she saw him leave. He said, 'I wasn't there. You didn't see me.'

[Audience laughter]

MS. B. LARSON: He said that. A couple days go by and then he says, 'Yes. I was there,' ya know, um, and Ms. Hubbard and Mr. Davis were not in the same room at the same time. I don't know, every church I've gone to, there's one room, one big room where you're in. So, why we go to a meeting and sit in two separate rooms? There aren't two separate rooms.

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

MS. B. LARSON: So, how can, how can we have confidence when our Police Chief gets up there and lies, changes his story?

[Inaudible audience comments]

MS. B. LARSON: How can we know…

[Applause]

MS. B. LARSON: …that the police are protecting us? How can we know.., when you made the, made, made the motion to fire Mr. Evans, Mr. Davis, you said you had documents. If you have documents, you have documents before you make a vote, show them to us. Now it's gotten to the point where…

[Audience clapping]

MS. B. LARSON: …even the.., we can't make a public records request. We can't get it even that way. Two of your Coun'.., two of your other Councilpeople asked what was wrong? What, what are you talking about? And there was a refusal to tell those two Councilpeople what he had done wrong. What had he done wrong? He asked for evaluations, he provided you with very professional evaluation forms, several times. Several times. We've never had stuff like that before and the Council said, 'Oh, we're too busy, we're working on the budge.' Yeah. You just wanted him to come here, work his tail off, do the budget for ya, do all the hard work, do all the.., he slept at the City Hall…

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

MS. B. LARSON: …during a storm for goodness sake.

MAYOR MASTERS: He did…

MS. B. LARSON: But…

MAYOR MASTERS: …[inaudible] he did.

MS. B. LARSON: …we're told that there are people who try and keep the City down. Who is trying to keep the City down? Why can't we know your thoughts? You're voting for us, this makes us wonder, are you making decisions with all the other decisions that you're making…

[Audience inaudible comments]

MS. B. LARSON: …if you won't even tell us why you're making a decision? And Ms. Pardo, you said you talked to some pastors. Okay, there's a separation of church and state. There are 33,000 people…

[Audience applause]

MS. B. LARSON: …in this City that you should be listening to. Look at the rallies, look at the meetings they're having and what are those people saying? Don't listen to four or five people or don't say, 'Well, I'm voting that way because my constituents voted that way.' No, you be your own person and you make good decisions for us, for yourself and… We're just going downhill every moment and you can fix it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MS. B. LARSON: Please, let's not…

[Inaudible audience comment]

MS. B. LARSON: …when, when…

[Applause]

MS. B. LARSON: When was it voted on to try and dismiss the lawsuit? That sounds like Sunshine to me.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MS. B. LARSON: Why can't we know? You promised you'd tell this week and you haven't told yet.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Marie Davis, Charlotte Darville and Deborah Woods.

MS. M. DAVIS: Hi. Good evening. My name…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. M. DAVIS: …is Marie Davis of.., I live on Lake Drive. I'm…

MAYOR MASTERS: Good, good evening.

MS. M. DAVIS: …speaking strictly… Pardon me?

MAYOR MASTERS: I said good evening to you.

MS. M. DAVIS: Good ev'… Thank you. I'm stick'.., I'm speaking strictly on my behalf regarding the termination of the City Manager who actually didn't now, at all. For me, it's all about the process. Many of us, myself included, were up in arms when he was fired. Again, it was about the process. I attended three meetings to find out about the misfeasance committed. The first meeting at J.A.Y. Ministries, I stayed for a short time but as I watched the clips on the Ci'.., [stammer], of the City Council on the big screen, I learned nothing. I was stunned at the outpouring of support by both the mainland and Singer Island opposing this instant termination with cause. The second was a CRA meeting, I learned nothing new. It was obvious the frustration from We the People continued but fell on deaf ears as Council scra'.., Members scrambled to justify their decisions and their positions. And the more you talked, the worse it sounded to us.

[Audience exclamation]

MS. M. DAVIS: And, to hear both sides of the story, I attended what I thought was another public meeting at Hurst Chapel.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hmm.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MS. M. DAVIS: I was invited to be with other community leaders, I thought, to listen. I learned nothing from Mr. Davis nor Ms. Hubbard to support the allegations made. After

arriving home and listening to the 11:00 o'clock news, I felt like I'm involved in some criminal activity.

[Audience cheers and exclamation]

MS. M. DAVIS: Guilt by association. I assumed.., I assure you, I was not the only person in attendance who felt that way. Unfortunately, what is done is done. All of us want our City to be the best it can be, a shining example of success. Just because you had the right to do something doesn't mean it's right. Perhaps you didn't…

[Audience applause]

MS. M. DAVIS: …violate the letter of the law, you had the right, but you violated the spirit of the law. Many of us believe that you terminated an employee with intentional malice and retaliation…

[Applause]

MS. M. DAVIS: …when you could have just terminated him without cause, which was also your right. It reflects a continuing pattern of behavior, intentionally leaving controversial matters off the Agenda or moving them to the [stammer] end of the Agenda. Because of your careless actions, you have placed us, the residents of Riviera Beach, once again, in the eye of the storm, reflecting back that our Council has no regard for its employees or its residents.

For myself and others, we want our Council to show leadership and be policymakers. I hope all of us want the same things for our City, responsible growth, opportunity and prosperity for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren. We wanna live in a City we can be proud of and not one that appears to operate in the darkness and not in the Sunshine.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause and cheers]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Charlotte Darville, Deborah Woods, Debbie Isaacs.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who's after Ms. Wood?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Charlotte Darville, Deborah Woods, Debbie Isaacs.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Good evening.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Charlotte Darville.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. C. DARVILLE: How are you all tonight?

Okay. The people of Riviera Beach wants to move forward for the better. I've lived here since 1973, it was a good City back then. We didn't have all the drugs, the crime. I used to go for long walks, never have to worry about getting shot or mugged.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MS. C. DARVILLE: But now, I can't do any of that anymore. [Pause]. This City has gradually gone down instead of for the better. We need people that are gonna lead this City in the right direction and that's what Mr. Evans was trying to do.

[Inaudible audience comments and applause]

MS. C. DARVILLE: I know that a lot of people, within the City, did not like the fact that some of the information he was finding out about the City and bringing forward, was hurting them.

[Audience exclamation]

MS. C. DARVILLE: Well, We the People need to know these things.

[Audience exclamation]

MS. C. DARVILLE: We pay our taxes, we want people up here of integrity and honesty, someone who cares about the City and the people, not people who only care about the betterment.., about themselves and what they can get out of it and put into their pockets.

[Audience applause]

MS. C. DARVILLE: And we don't need hotheads on our Council.

[Audience cheers and applause]

MS. C. DARVILLE: We were heading in the right direction with Mr. Evans.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yes, we were.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Now we're starting to go backwards. The citizens have a right to know where our taxpayer money is going and all we get are a lot of lies. [Pause]. It troubles me, as person that had a private driveway done with taxpayer's money…

[Inaudible audience comments]

MS. C. DARVILLE: …when I have been trying to get our street repaved for 44 years, it has never been repaved since I've lived there. But this o'.., and that is public property, not private property like some other properties that have been done over on Singer Island.

[Audience comments]

MS. C. DARVILLE: All we want is honesty and I know a couple of the people up there on the Board gives us that.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you so…

MS. C. DARVILLE: That's all we ask.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you so much.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Deborah Woods, Debbie Isaacs, Ezekiel Edmonds.

MS. D. WOODS: Deborah Woods.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. D. WOODS: I've stated before that I served 21 in the United States Army.

[Inaudible audience comments]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Just pull the mic up a little bit. Thank you.

MS. D. WOODS: I stated earlier that I spent 21 years fighting in the United States Army. I put on my BDU's and was willing to go to Iraq and Afghanistan and wherever else the citizens were demanding democracy. We were deployed for democracy.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

MS. D. WOODS: And I come back to the United States of America, the City of Riviera Beach, Florida and I find that democracy exists in secrecy.

[Audience exclamation]

MS. D. WOODS: The same thing that we put on the war uniform to go and fight in Iran and Afghanistan, I come back and find out that here, in the City of Riviera Beach, all these people were denied an opportunity to be a part of democracy.

[Audience applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MS. D. WOODS: You wanna know why we're angry? That's why we're angry. Instead of us coming here after the milk is out of the bottle, we wanted to come here before the milk was out of the bottle so you can hear what we had to say before you made your decision.

[Inaudible audience comment]

MS. D. WOODS: Regarding Sunshine, the AGO said, 'Listen, when there is a controversial issue that you have, don't put it on the, on the Agenda, postpone it. Give the citizens an opportunity to have meaningful participation in that issue.'

[Audience applause]

MS. D. WOODS: That's our problem. It's called the spirit of the Sunshine Law. Yes, you may have had the right to fire him, that's your prerogative but you don't have the right to deny the public an opportunity to be a part of the process.

[Audience applause]

MS. D. WOODS: Furthermore, the City of Riviera Beach has used this process, as I look back in the caselaw, as far back as 1984, you've done this over and over and over again.

[Audience exclamation]

MS. D. WOODS: This is not the first time. And we don't expect you to continue doing this in our City.

Yes, I'm angry. I wanna be out on the sidewalk somewhere eating dinner and drinking some kind of nice fruit juice or something. I don't know.

[Chuckles]

MS. D. WOODS: But I don't wanna be in here all emotionally charged because of your bad management.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience cheers and applause]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle]. Fruit juice. [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS: Good evening. Debbie Isaacs. I work in the Mayor's office but tonight I am speaking for Debbie Isaacs. I hope that is understood clearly. I do not represent any other employees. I'm talking about myself.

Now, I was very disappointed to understand.., to learn that there was no explanation given regarding misfeasance but, as the explanation that was given by the City Attorney, it was for something that he was asked to do, Mr. Evans was asked to do and did not do. Well, I find that very hard to believe that two other Councilpeople on that

dais did not understand what that was that he did not do. So, if that is the case, if he did not do something that either one, two or three of you asked him to do and did not complete, then he had no obligation to do anything that the whole Board did not ask him to do. And, if he done.., not done something that the entire Board had asked him to.., not to do or to do, then it would like everybody would've known about it and you would have brought it to his attention in a public meeting. So, I find it very distressing that this has still occurred and there has been o repercussion to anybody else who has not done something that they were asked to do. For instance, you had the, the Chief of Police, the job opportunity put out for the Chief of Police and by my investigation, there were 59 people that applied for that job and for it to be narrowed down to 11, they gave that.., instead of the Human Resources Department doing that evaluation, then this is from what I heard directly from the horse's mouth, they gave that job and responsibility to Mr. Evans, to do that part of their job. And then only when it got 11, the other people participate in evaluating down to five. Now, I don't know what the score is because that process is still ongoing, as far as I understand, it's still ongoing. So, I wanna understand what number did Mr. Freeman fall that he would have to be given extra points for having been born here, gone to school here, came back here.

[Audience applause and cheers]

CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS: Also, to have been a form policer officer, uh, however many points he would need to jump over number seven, eight, or six or whichever number he would've had to jump over to get to. But there is one other thing, there are two other police officers currently on the Riviera Beach police force that people are leaving out of this equation. We do haves local representation.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Ezekiel Edmonds, Horace Towns, Reverend Dr. Tinolian [sp] Bell.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MR. E. EDMONDS: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. E. EDMONDS: Wow, Ms. Pardo, I never expected your people to come out against you.

[Chuckles]

MR. E. EDMONDS: But I, I, I did now that when you started talking about why you went with the vote and you were talking about the respectable preachers that you talked to, why aren't they here to support you? [Pause]. And also, none of the neighborhood groups wanted Jonathan gone, so who are you supporting? [Pause]. Well, you know,

well, I mean, here's the thing, Ms. Hubbard, I'm gonna appeal to you like I did earlier. Rescind your vote, bring Jonathan back, we will champion you as somebody that at least is being sensible and we can have a discussion about this. Right? Because this is wrong. This is absolutely insanely wrong. And for the gentleman that stood up and was saying, you know, 'Do they have the right,' and I know the lady said, you know, 'Just because they have the right, doesn't make it right.' These people aren't right. [Chuckle]. Where 'you get right from? There's nothing right about this and, matter of fact, they have all of us duped because we're here debating an imaginary allegation that no one has ever talked about.

[Audience applause]

MR. E. EDMONDS: No one's ever talked about. Like, this is pure insanity. And Terence, you know, I've really been trynna give you the benefit of the doubt, you say you graduated from FAMU. I've been trying to find somebody…

[Audience exclamation]

MR. E. EDMONDS: …who you graduated with to, to, to, to qualify your temperament because I know Rattlers are not this shameful. They're not.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MR. E. EDMONDS: They're not. So, I mean, what year did you graduate? I mean, you can yell it out if you'd like but I'd like to know that.

Also, also, Reverend Davis, you know, we talked about it in the hallway and you said to me that this young man is trynna run the City. Well, isn't that what he's supposed to do?

[Audience cheers and applause]

MR. E. EDMONDS: You said he's not listening, he's not listening to the Council. Who would listen to this foolishness?

UNK. AUDIENCE: That's right.

MR. E. EDMONDS: You know? One thing that is wrong here, you all have not understood that your citizens, the citizens are here and they're saying to you, 'This is not gonna happen.' Ms. Hubbard, you seem to be the one that's gonna take the brunt, you're gonna get recalled first. And then we're gonna bring Jonathan back. And then we're coming after you, Ms. Pardo and you Terence Davis and you all will not no longer be here.

[Audience cheers and applause]

MR. E. EDMONDS: It's really.., that's what it is.

So now, I'll talk to the people. What we need to do, those of you who are committed to helping get the petition signatures, please contact the Great Community of, of Riviera Beach so that we can start this process and get these clowns up outta here.

[Audience exclamation and applause]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms. Anthony. Good evening.

DR. REV. T. BELL: Reverend Dr. Tinolian Bell.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

DR. REV. T. BELL: Chairperson and Council, let me say that. I don't any of you, I don't know the Mayor. I just met the Mayor tonight. I don't think I know anybody in this room. My, my mother-in-law drugged me here…

[Chuckles]

DR. REV. T. BELL: …and then she left.

[Chuckles]

DR. REV. T. BELL: So I'm here by myself. I've only been living in Riviera Beach for a year. You know? But, coming here tonight and listening to what I've listened to, you know, uh, and being a preacher.., plus, I've, I, I used to teach at FAMU, I was a professor at FAMU.

[Audience exclamation and applause]

DR. REV. T. BELL: I decided that I couldn't sit down. And I'm no stranger to politics. And I've been involved in politics before and so I just had to say something. Now, I don't know who the City Manager, Mr. Evans, is. Never met him, don't know who he is, don't know if he was.., did something or if he was right or wrong but I do know that process is important.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yes, yes.

DR. REV. T. BELL: You know? And, anybody who's a pastor in here know'.., should know that process is a sport'.., is important, especially when you're pastoring Baptist folks.

[Audience exclamation]

DR. REV. T. BELL: The thing for me is this, now, I hear tonight, I think it was the City Attorney, you know, to say that, that there was three branches of government. You know? And, I'm sittin' here saying to myself, now is he saying this thinking that we're ignorant?

[Audience exclamation]

DR. REV. T. BELL: Because there are three branches of government. But, us taxpayers, we're not one of those branches.

[Audience exclamation]

DR. REV. T. BELL: We have a right to know why this man was fired. You know, now I understand the separation of.., separation of powers but the power is out here when it comes to the vote.

[Audience applause]

DR. REV. T. BELL: And it seems to me that you would want your voters to know why you did what you did. [Inaudible audience comments]. You know, and I'm so p'.., now, let me s'.., let me say one other thing since I got a few seconds left, I've lived in seven different states, I have never seen a City Council or a Board of alderpersons being majority black. Never in my life.

[Inaudible audience comments]

DR. REV. T. BELL: So, there's a certain amount of pride in this. But I've also learned over the years that, when you give us some power, sometimes we go crazy.

[Audience applause and cheers]

DR. REV. T. BELL: And I think that, I think that, that a lot of this would be.., would not be the case if people knew what was going on.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Horace Towns, Elder Gary Dinard [sp], Nora Mahoney.

MR. H. TOWNS: Good morning to the Board. Horace Towns…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MR. H. TOWNS: …Riviera Beach, speaking solely…

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. H. TOWNS: …for myself. I'm not here to maul the Council about your decision, however, I want you to open yourself up to criticism. During a time in Riviera Beach where leadership is most needed, the Riviera Beach City Council who, in my opinion, operates very irresponsible and has become quite the liability to taxpayers.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yes.

MR. H. TOWNS: There are multiple high level positions in our munc'.., municipality that are intentionally left vacant. We're in need of a water plant. The issues with the water quality have been redundant for decades and these issues have placed the health of thousands in jeopardy. We also have issues with City Hall. City workers are subjected to mold and hazardous elements on a daily basis, those are horrific stories. The Public Works building has been deemed hazardous for decades with a great need for a new building. The Riviera Beach City Council, past and present, who lack the ability to proactively resolve any of those major issues found it to be in their best interest to remove the solution that voters wanted and City Manager Jonathan Evans. Showing voters that their votes don't matter can only be a short term trending topic because I truly believe that voters will respond through petitions and elections in regards to elected officials who have ignored voters and showed themselves to be insubordinate, how, who and what kind of elected body would move to fire a productive City Manager in the midst of such turmoil? The City of Rivera Beach has no Public Works Director, Utilities Director, City Manager, Assistant City Manager..

[Inaudible audience comments]

MR. H. TOWNS: …Human Resources Director, soon, no Police Chief.

[Audience chuckles]

MR. H. TOWNS: I truly wish that we gained the vision to move our City forward ethically and positively instead of unethically and manipulatively, like our City has operated for decades. It is disgraceful to watch out City and elected officials displayed morning, noon and night on our local TV.

Now, to the Council, buckle up. There have been two alleged meetings with elected officials meeting to discuss City business and even if you were not in the same room, your attempts to avoid violating Sunshine Law, made you guilty by continually circumventing the law. I say to Riviera Beach, to the people out here, next time we will do a better job at investigating our candidates.

[Audience applause]

MR. H. TOWNS: We will vote for the best choice and not who the pastor' tells us to vote for.

[Audience applause]

MR. H. TOWNS: No more of the same faces keeping us in the same place.

UNK. AUDIENCE: That's right.

MR. H. TOWNS: Last election, I voted for Horace Towns. [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause and laughter]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Gary Dinard, Nora Mahoney, J.B. Dixon.

MR. G. DINARD: Good evening, everybody. This is Gary Dinard speaking. I'm gonna give my part to Willie Lewis and let him speak. It wasn't enough cards but, Ms. Miller, I got your back. If they charge you $500, I'll pay the $500.

[Audience applause]

MR. W. LEWIS: Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Willie Lewis. I retired from the City of Riviera Beach, I worked there 20 years.

[Inaudible dais comments]

MR. W. LEWIS: I'm not on no one's side. I'm about right. Listen up, listen up. Ya'll wondering about why he got fired? I can tell ya'll why he got fired. Let's quit playing with the elephant in the room. Mr. TD Davis, Ms. Pardo, you, Ms. Hubbard, Ms. Chair Lady, you only know part of the severity of the sexual harassment charges and I notice how ya'll been coverin' it up. Listen to me, I don't think neither one of ya'll know about the third sexual harassment. I don't think you know, Ms. Chair Lady, but you do Ms. Hubbard 'cause I told you. How ya doing, Mr., uh… Sir? How ya doin'?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Fine.

MR. W. LEWIS: I talked to you in 2008. You was on the phone. The first sexual harassment was in 2008 and ya'll covered it up, under Allen Williams supervision, under Ms. Gloria Shuttleworth and Ms. Doretha Perry. I was there. This thing has never got this far before. It was always smothered out when it get' to the City Manager office. So, what the City Manager did, what the City Manager did…

[Inaudible background comment]

MR. W. LEWIS: …what the City Manager did, he put it out. He didn't wanna get involved because he thought it was just that simple. Guess what? When he kicked that can over, it wa'n't one roach, it wa'n't two, it was three.

[Audience laughter]

MR. W. LEWIS: Listen, listen, listen. This criminal stuff go all the way back in the years when this officer right here was told don't go further than 45th Street and Silver Beach Road.

Ms. Hubbard, just before the hurricane, I helped boarded up your house. I love you but 'only was these two could know about the severity, is you had to talk to 'em. They did not know anything about the third sexual harassment. And my problem with this, I hate to stand up here and I watch women do this to other women, this ain't.., ya'll think this 'isolated? Hello there playboy. Listen…

[Audience exclamation]

MR. W. LEWIS: This is not isolated. We need to put some credible people up here. We got people down there at the, at, at the Public Works Department, under Mr. Terrence Dailey, on ya'll stormwater, don't have a 12th grade education. Listen to me, ya'll been hoodwinked, you've been used up and you've dogged out. I'm not here for the east side or the west side, I'm here for Riviera Beach. Get rid of these bums. They doin' the job. The City Manager.., hey there, bruh. I only seen you for about, what, 40 minutes. You didn't think I'd be here, did ya? But I won't let you sit here and be quiet and let 'em dog you out.

[Audience cheers and applause]

MR. W. LEWIS: I respect you, young man. You know why I respect you, young man?...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

MR. W. LEWIS: 'Cause I'm a three time ex-convict.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MR. W. LEWIS: That was blessed to retire on the government payroll. Ain't God good?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. All the…

MR. W. LEWIS: I [inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS: …time.

MR. W. LEWIS: …[Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MR. W. LEWIS: I won't sit back and be quiet.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you so much.

MAYOR MASTERS: Stand up for…

UNK. AUDIENCE: That's right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Stand up for…

MR. W. LEWIS: And another thing.

MAYOR MASTERS: …your Manager. That's...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you so much.

MR. W. LEWIS: Three minutes won't do it. Three minutes won't do you no justice. We have…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Three minutes are up.

MR. W. LEWIS: …Interim Director around here taking pictures of the workers.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Three mu'.., three…

MR. W. LEWIS: Listen, please.

]**CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Three minutes.

MR. W. LEWIS: I'mma do it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. W. LEWIS: While he' taking…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who's next?

MR. W. LEWIS: …pictures, ya'll got three [inaudible]e…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Nora Mahoney…

MR. W. LEWIS: [Inaudible]…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …J.B. Dixon, Bruce Guyton.

MAYOR MASTERS: Wow. Stand up for justice…

MS. N. MAHONEY: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right. Stand up.

MS. N. MAHONEY: My name is Nora Mahoney, 2120 Broadway.

Guys, rescind your vote. What's going on with you? I thought you were all, like, going for.., going ahead with development and the future generation of Riviera Beach. You probably have bad, hard.., I mean hard day or a bad day. You prolly, I don't know, you came with a bad situation of listening to too may people at the same time but nobody knew why the young City Manager, out of the box because he's not from Riviera but he came from another cities and tried to have a challenge with Riviera and tried to sup'.., I, I mean, manage the place, like it' supposed to be. What happened to all of you? I thought you were doing the right thing and, before.., but, after when I heard that the City Manager was fired, I was saying, 'What?' And the other thing, you did it at the last minute. You know that? That's no good. It wasn't even in the Agenda for, um, discussion. Somebody

brought it [pause], 'I want to fire the City Manager.' That's it? And, I don't know why. The Attorney here said, 'Wait a minute, it wasn't in the Agenda. You cannot take that position right now.' I don't think it wasn't fair or everybody here in the community. Hopefully, you will rescind your vote.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MS. N. MAHONEY: Lynne, I'm talking to you.

[Audience chuckles]

MS. N. MAHONEY: You're a good person, please change your vote.

MAYOR MASTERS: She is a good person.

MS. N. MAHONEY: Please.

[Applause]

MS. N. MAHONEY: The other thing that I would like to discuss is two things. I'm talking about the vendors of the trucks. Vendors are gonna be in the Marina? Hopefully, they have license' for healthy reasons, I don't wanna be sick. Somebody who's gonna be coming and eat something and all of sudden he's gonna have problems and we'll have liability issues.

Now, the other thing is, I go back and forth from West to my place, in the nighttime sometimes, and when I saw the lights, no lights in the poles. I don't who is supposed to call somebody and say, 'Hey, we're in the dark.' And I saw sides of Dixie Highway with light poles so, hopefully, you had to go back to FPL and say we need more illumination.

Now, Ms.., Ms. Pardo, a long time ago, in first term as a City Council, you said that you were very, you were feeling so bad because, on the benches that they have on the buses stops, now that it's raining so hard, people are over there with umbrella or they're sometimes wet, waiting for the bus. I thought that you were gonna to do something about it. I see it every day. So, hopefully, you can do something. Go to FPL and say, 'Hey, we need money for that.' They can do that.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: J.B. Dixon, Bruce Guyton, James Howard.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. J.B. DIXON: My name is J.B. Dixon. I live at 3000 North Ocean Drive in Riviera Beach. I have paid taxes here since 1979 and I have seen legal fees and settlements

come out of those taxes that have been because of wrong actions taken by the City. Now I am seeing another one.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mhmm.

MS. J.B. DIXON: I have hired and fired a number of people during my career and there is a right way and a wrong way. You have done it the wrong way with a capital 'w' wrong.

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. That's right.

MS. J.B. DIXON: And one of the things that you do when you're going to fire somebody, is you protect yourself from lawsuits for, for, for illegal firing. You have not done that. You have.., I could not believe until I came here tonight, that elected officials.., elected, public servants would have the unmitigated gall, the gall and the arrogance to say that they can do what they want to do and not be responsible to the people who have elected them.

[Applause]

MS. J.B. DIXON: That's totally unacceptable. Totally, totally unacceptable. You need to bring this man back, if he will comeback. And if, in fact, there is reason to fire him, then you need to do it the right way. There is no one in this room who is working, or has every worked, who would ever put up with being on a job, being an employee, never being told they were doing anything wrong, never having a, a letter, a warning letter in their personnel file, never having any.., and then just be fired.

MAYOR MASTERS: No, no probation.

MS. J.B. DIXON: Even in right to work states, you cannot do that.

MAYOR MASTERS: No. [Inaudible].

MS. J.B. DIXON: You did not cover your butts or our butts, I should say, because financially it's who will pay a settlement to this man…

[Inaudible audience comment]

MS. J.B. DIXON: …and legal fees if he decides to sue. So, you need to bring him back if he will come back and the fire him, if you must and if you do have reason, and do it in the proper way because you are responsible to the people sitting out here and I cannot believe you're arrogant enough to say that you're just gonna go ahead and do what you want. I will see you and I have donated to you, especially Dawn Pardo, I will never vote for you people again nor will I give you a dime.

[Audience applause and cheers]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bruce Guyton, James Howard, Mary Brabham.

[Inaudible audience chatter]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MR. B. GUYTON: Good evening, Madam Chair. My name is Bruce Guyton.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Let's keep it down a little bit. Go ahead.

MR. B. GUYTON: My name is Bruce Guyton and, as most know, born and raised here. I'm proud to be a Riviera Beach citizen. I live here by choice not by force because I love my City. I've had the benefit of working in government, working on.., I'm working on a County level, been there over 20 years, worked on a municipal level close to five years, I served seven years as an elected official. That's about 32 plus years in the game. One of the things that I've learned in my time is that there is no monolithic people, we have our own reasons for making our decisions. The decision may be one that we support or not…

UNK. AUDIENCE: Or not.

MR. B. GUYTON: …but it's about what is important to us. Let me tell you what was important to me is that, when we hire somebody, I wanna make sure that the programs and decisions they make impact the quality of my life. I'm still waiting to hear the programs of what Mr. Evans has done to impact the quality of my life. I hear a lot of, 'I like him,' and all that good stuff. I'm about substance, data, documents and evidence. One of the things that, that really bothered me is that.., and let me say this off the rip, I support the decision to terminate his contract. I support all three of you.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MR. B. GUYTON: And the reason I do is that, Mr. Evans come to a low income community, with si'.., senior citizens on a fixed income, one of the first things he does is propose additional taxes. Who does that? He proposed a fire assessment tax and he proposed a Special Districts tax on the Island. To me, that is not good governance. He had been here two or three months.

MAYOR MASTERS: Proposed.

MR. B. GUYTON: That is not good governance.

[Audience exclamation]

MR. B. GUYTON: The, the, the other thing that, um, the other thing that bothered me was that…

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

MR. B. GUYTON: …uh…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Let's keep it down a little bit.

MR. B. GUYTON: He wrote out a 150 day Plan. No discussion about what he's accomplished on it. All I'm saying is show me the data, documents and evidence of what's he done to generate all of this excitement. I haven't seen it.

And last thing, Mr. Evans came in and destroyed some people lives. You heard one guy say that he went back to 2008, who does that? That's over nine years. It wasn't even under his watch.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MR. B. GUYTON: So, I support the decision.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience cheers]

MR. B. GUYTON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Let's keep order, everyone.

MAYOR MASTERS: Wow.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MR. J. HOWARD: Good evening. I am…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Let's keep order…

MR. J. HOWARD: …James Howard.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …everyone, please.

MR. J. HOWARD: I live at 3721 Avenue H East, in Riviera Beach.

To this Council.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MR. J. HOWARD: …this is the first time I have watched you all for years, that I come out of my house tonight.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MR. J. HOWARD: I didn't come here to waste time, I didn't come here to make friends, we came to talk about justice.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MR. J. HOWARD: We got pastors in the audience, we got citizens in the audience. These citizens voted for this Council…

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

MR. J. HOWARD: …therefore, they should be heard and they should be understood. We got Griffin Davis, a good pastor, been around for years. But Pastor Davis, in Isiah, the 59th Chapter, in the 14th verse…

[Audience exclamation]

MR. J. HOWARD: …it talks about what we're dealing now, injustice. Therefore, equity cannot enter because truth has fallen in the street.

[Audience exclamation]

MR. J. HOWARD: When truth falls in the street, then there can't be no equity and there can't be no justice. So, I want you to tell me, since Riviera Beach get all this negative things on 'em, why can't you supply equity, to the people…

MAYOR MASTERS: Hmm.

MR. J. HOWARD: Who you know serves you? Don't keep coming to us every year in elections, telling us what we wanna hear instead of doing what you promised.

[Audience applause]

MR. J. HOWARD: Because right now, if you took a vote…

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MR. J. HOWARD: …the people is not satisfied with none of you.

[Inaudible audience comment]

MR. J. HOWARD: If you took a vote tonight, half of the people would vote for those who they can trust but now your trust level is on an all-time low.

[Audience cheer]

MR. J. HOWARD: And it's time now that people like myself and others...

MAYOR MASTERS: Hmm.

MR. J. HOWARD: …we all sat back for a long time but tonight, we're serving notice to this Council and further Councils to come, we as a people are not gonna take it no more.

[Audience cheers and applause]

MR. J. HOWARD: Either you stand with us or you stand against us and if you stand against us, I can assure you, you won't have a seat next time.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayr Braham, Amon Yisrael, Anita Lewis.

MAYOR MASTERS: To the previous speaker, two of the elected officials voted to support Mr. Evans. Two of us did so it wasn't all of us. Thank you.

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

I stand here tonight to, to put some clarifications where they need to be.

UNK. AUDIENCE: That's right.

MS. M. BRABHAM: Last week, I read the criteria here for the Police Chief. I received a call prior to the hire'.., to the firing of Mr. Evans for me to buy into that parlay of getting Mr. Evans to give Alex Freeman an interview. I told Reverend Burrs, I would not compromise the integrity. I do have principals. I am a preacher's daughter and I'm glad to be a preacher's daughter. I stand on principalities and I stand on what is right. I will not deviate with the process that was at hand. I do not care whether we are family or whether we're friends, you have to separate that.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

MS. M. BRABHAM: You have to separate those principalities that makes us who we are. And does not deviate to say that we don't love each other but we love each other when we're wrong and we.., supposed to them when we're wrong. And Ms. Brabham stood here and she read it out. And I told them, 'Reverend Burrs, you par'.., you pacin' the floor. Let the Manager rule. Don't micromanage him.' But that was all a ploy because see, these preachers… I talked with preachers, I talked with the police, I talked with the sheriff, they are appalled at this behavior and they intend to do something about it too. It was also stated that, talking about Mr. Evans, yes, TD Davis, you have slandered him. He has a family too and this is his loving family, this is his loving family. It was also stated here, yes, this is my secret service family. I have, I have law enforcement down at the Sheriff Department, on the Police Department, all the way around. My husband here is a master mason. These mens' are of caliber and character.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Here, here.

MS. M. BRABHAM:…and they are appalled at this, this behavior here. It was stated here something about my father was a, a map maker. No, no, no. No, no, no. No, no, no. My father was a map reader. A map reader and he was good at ammunition and he drove the trucks in the dark and he received all kinds of medals. African-Eastern Service medal, with four bronze starts, good conduct and also a Purple Heart. That's who my father is, so don't slander him. And the veterans are upset too…

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

MS. M. BRABHAM:…because you don't do this here. We can be agreeable, as well as disagreeable but when we stand here, everyone has an opinion to their own opposition. When I said that about Reverend Parker' father, here the papers are. He stood because he would not put a man that was unskilled, that did have the credentials, not the capability to serve.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you so much.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Amon Yisrael, Anita Lewis, Kimberly Jackson.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I can't hear you. Say that again, I can't hear you. You're [inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Amon Yisrael, Anita Lewis, Kimberly Jackson.

MR. A. YISRAEL: I'm next? Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MR. A. YISRAEL: Council. My name is Amon Yisrael, Riviera Beach, Florida…

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. A. YISRAEL: …Monroe Heights.

Terence, just kinda piggybacking on a statement that you said earlier the meeting and how you, the Council, responsibility is to take care of the taxpayers. The decision that you all made, and it was interesting how you had three people to follow you…

MAYOR MASTERS: Two.

MR. A. YISRAEL: …when you said misfeasance, you p'.., the City is liable now. You had the opportunity to fire Mr. Evans without cause but you choose cause and then say misfeasance and then not even have the respect to tell the people.

[Audience background comments]

MR. A. YISRAEL: That's defamation, slander of character.

[Audience exclamation]

MR. A. YISRAEL: Now, when you talk about saving the taxpayers money, you can't possibly think you're doing that when you conduct yourself in that manner.

And Ms. Pardo, I always went outside of Riviera Beach and heard good things about you. Your character is really being tarnished based on your decision to follow someone with misfeasance without defining it.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yes.

MR. A. YISRAEL: Lynne, Ms. Hubbard, I really felt that we were gonna do some great things when we elected you. I really just don't know what happened to the Council. There's all kinda lies being stated about Mr. Evans. This, this part about privatizing in the City and everybody know' that nobody can privatize anything in the City without three votes from the Council.

[Audience applause]

MR. A. YISRAEL: So, why are you all saying he's trynna privatize things? We talk about the criminals that are, that are in the street. And Riviera Beach, I want you to understand, this is an opportunity for us to clean up our City.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

MR. A. YISRAEL: Do not look at this as something bad, this is the straw that broke the camel's back. We hear about the criminals in the street but now we're really seeing the true criminals.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause]

MR. A. YISRAEL: I got 27 second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Anita Lewis, Kimberly Jackson, Felicia Wilder.

MAYOR MASTERS: Excuse me. Madam Chair, Judge Rogers is here. He's not feeling well, he thought he had given his card to someone to put in and we wanna know if you would grant him his minutes to speak because he's not feeling well and he's.., needs to go but he said that he gave his card, or told somebody to put his card in but the,

the Clerk doesn't have the card. He's asking if he could, if he could speak his Agenda Item.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The Agenda or public comment?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm not for sure. Find out…

[Inaudible audience comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: His Agenda Item. It's Agenda, so he…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: On an Agenda Item?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, we got time then.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: It'll be a few minutes, Judge, to get to a Agenda Item.

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But we're not on.., you're saying to do…

MAYOR MASTERS: No. I was…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …his comment now?

MAYOR MASTERS: ...gonna let him know that he could speak now because he's not feeling well, he may have to come back. He has an Agenda Item on…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, I'm just lettin' you know he's not well so he may have to go and come back. 'Cause I don't really know that much about it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Go ahead, Ms. Lewis and then we'll come back to him.

MS. A. LEWIS: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. A. LEWIS: I'm here also to talk about the dismissal of the City Manager. I also received a call about, about a week before the meeting talking about that this.., at the prev'.., the, the meeting that will be coming up, that he would be fired. It was already in the works, it was already planned. So, I'm gonna read a little bit of my blog that I did write 'cause it kinda, like, sums up my feelings about what happened. And it says: Politics before people. The alleged malfeasance of the City Council… I'm gonna start off, it says: The meeting had a chance of transparency. Mayor Masters started off the meeting basically saying, 'The word on the street is all of you are gonna fire the Manager. Please don't do this tonight. The cameras are not showing this live and it was not on the Agenda. Let's call a special meeting and wait.' The Councilperson sat there with a blank stare on their face…

MAYOR MASTERS: And they ignored it.

MS. A. LEWIS: …and said.., and, like, 'What are.., is he talking about?'

MAYOR MASTERS: They ignored it.

MS. A. LEWIS: The yes votes knew what they were gonna do and still refused to include the public who voted for them. I'm gonna just speed up. I will start Pardo because I really don't have much to say about her. She said at the meeting that her district is District 4 and she looks out for them first and she does a great job looking out for the people who she rep'.., represents. I expected her vote to go the way it did.

Hubbard was the second, seconder of the motion. Why did she vote yes? Because she said that she wanted to make a difference in the office while she is in the office and Mr. Evans was not a good fit. She implied that, somehow, he was holding her back from doing her public service. Let's look closer at her statement. Last year, she wanted to bring a work program for the youth into the City. She had it all planned out, even the people she wanted to run it. Well, in that she waited, basically, too long for the program to get off the ground and, although a great program, it was not feasible to do at the time. To say that Councilperson Hubbard was outraged, is an understatement. Mr. Evans made sure a program happened for the youth but since her summer program failed, her relationship with the City Manager was frosty. My question to Ms. Hubbard is, if it's for the people, does it really matter who's leading it?

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

[Clapping]

MS. A. LEWIS: She also went on to elaborate that she want, wants wealth in the City and the kids to come home to jobs. Talking to employees that have worked with Mr. Evans, the morale has never been higher in the City. The employees are motivated and happy.

[Audience applause]

MS. A. LEWIS: And news flash, everyone that comes home from college, does not want to work for the City. There is.., and everyone who has worked for the City for four years, is not entitled or qualified for a job. If they're not qualified for it, they're just not qualified. I don't care if you were here 50 years, if you're not qualified, you're not qualified.

Now, on to Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis, I, I watch every meeting. Every meeting. And I'm a speed it up but he has never liked Mr. Evans, at all. I've watch it, I've examined it.

And, for the other two Councilpersons did not know what was going on, and still don't know what's going on, it's shameful. It really is.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MS. A. LEWIS: And for the Attorney to say, 'Well, I don't know,' you know, 'what the misfeasance was,' and, 'I didn't tell you anything,' it's shameful and it's sad.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Kimberly Jackson...

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So Mayor, did the, the Judge leave?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: He…

MAYOR MASTERS: He wasn't feeling well, he had to go.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So he, did he tell someone…

MAYOR MASTERS: He'll come back.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …to speak for him?

MAYOR MASTERS: He'll come back.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

UNK: He said next time.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Kimberly Jackson…

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …Felicia Wilder, Willis Williams.

MS. K. JACKSON: Kimberly Jackson.

My reason for coming here tonight is to voice my disappointment with the decision you made to fire Mr. Evans. It's appalling that you have not called a special meeting to reinstate him. However, you did have a special meeting…

[Inaudible audience comments]

MS. K. JACKSON: …one that did not involve the public, a private meeting.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

MS. K. JACKSON: I'm hoping the purpose of that meeting was to discuss how to reinstate Mr. Evans because there can be no healing until you make right that wrong which was done.

[Audience applause]

MS. K. JACKSON: Remember, your constituents matter and when you have an overwhelming majority pleading for answers and reinstatement, you should listen.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who's next?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Felicia Wilder, Willis Williams, Dr. J.R. Thicklin.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. F. WILDER: Good afternoon. My name is Felicia Wilder and I reside.., my home is at 541 Silver Beach Road and I'm still here today complaining about the issue that I've been having, with the county and I come to find out last Wednesday, [inaudible] told me to go to Mr. Evans office and just sit there all day, until you get to see him. So, the first client came out, 'Oh hi, Mrs. Wilder.' I, I keep telling people, I've told Mr. Evans, I don't care what happen', do what's right. He had a letter from the county, August 4th. I just received it on the 20th, telling him, asking them, the City of Riviera Beach, any assistance from the City of Riviera Beach toward the goal, would be welcome toward redoing my home. I can hear about it until, until the 20th. That was the day I went in. So, I'm trying to see why he hadn't notified me of this. I'm here paying $800 a week rent, coming out here complaining about it and he did nothing about it. I, I.., it may not.., it may be minute in his mind but $800 ain't minute when I go to that bank and get that money, pay that rent.

[Inaudible audience]

MS. F. WILDER: So, I don't care how I may not look like you want me to look or, hey, I may not have all the degrees you have but I, I serve a master and I've told you over and

over again, do what' right. You don't know what these people have on him. I don't either but you.., just like he told me, [inaudible] to kill others, his whole family died by it. The same thing he did to me. Told them don't' talk to me because I was represented by an attorney. Okay. They tell him the same thing. So, why you get upset? They can't talk to you because he's represented legally by an attorney. Same thing he told everybody, in the City, send an email out not to talk to Ms. Wilder. That's me. You think I'm not appalled? I have documentation to show it. Now, whatever else they have on him, I don't know but I'm sure they have some kinda paperwork they can show ya but they can't…

[Audience exclamation]

MS. F. WILDER: …show it to ya because…

MAYOR MASTERS: Hold on, hold on.

MS. F. WILDER: …because he's being, he's being represented.

MAYOR MASTERS: Please respect the senior citizens, please.

MS. F. WILDER: He's being represented by an attorney.

MAYOR MASTERS: She has the right to her opinion, please respect or....

MS. F. WILDER: …Same thing he did to me, they're doing it to him. You have to be careful how you walk on people.

MAYOR MASTERS: Please respect the senior citizen, please.

MS. F. WILDER: Because it's gonna come back on you.

I represent a man with high'.., higher power and I've been trying to get an appointment with you for about the last three months now. 'Well, you can't get it, can't get it, can't get it.' You're just runnin' all over the place.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: Please respect the…

MS. F. WILDER: But honey, I'm just as port'.., as important 'any other citizen, in this area. I pay taxes just like anybody else. I've been out of my house for almost three years and then the county asking for help to help me from the City?

[Inaudible audience comments]

MS. F. WILDER: Didn't even respond.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just hear her out.

MS. F. WILDER: Something's wrong with that picture. But I don't' care. You all need to give people a chance before we go out trying to assume things. You don't know what they got on him and I don't care about your rock in your head either.

[Chuckles and inaudible audience comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: Just hold on. Please respect.

MS. F. WILDER: You don't know what they got on [inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Please respect.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hold on.

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

MAYOR MASTERS: Just respect a senior citizen. They ain't got nothing, they ain't gonna never have nothing.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mayor, Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: On us.

MAYOR MASTERS: You ain't got nothing. Thank you.

[Inaudible audience chatter]

MAYOR MASTERS: You ain't got nothing.

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

You know, I, I don't know where to start but I'm gonna say real, you know, we watched this back in the 80's when they had the recall on the.., when Bob Multrie and them and I never saw so many people come out before since we had that time. It was troublesome time then. There were families torn apart, there was brothers didn't like brothers, sisters didn't get along with the aunties, and it tore this Town apart. And I remember that because I was a part of it. And I'm a part of this and this hurts. It really does. To watch people come out to talk about other people , and everybody in here got a church to go to on Sunday. But ya'll don't practice what you come out that church wit, that's why I don't make it a [inaudible] to talk about God too much and I don't know where I'm going with this but I'm gonna lead me to where I'm going, something is wrong with this whole City.

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

MR. W. WILLIAMS: It ain't just them five, six people up there. I started an investigation six months ago when Mr. Evans came to town about, not malfeasance but there's stealing

going on. Three days after the, the, the investigation got aboard, the gentleman quit, under Brent Johnson' leadership. So, that guy that came up here earlier tonight, Willie Lewis, there's a whole lotta shit done happenin' in this town…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible] Willis.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: …[inaudible] know about.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Please, no profane language.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Excuse my French. I said I was gonna let it go where it need to go.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MR. W. WILLIAMS: So, I'm, I'm appalled, I really am 'cause now I'm watchin' families gonna get torn apart again. Your neighbor's gonna start, 'Don't like him, don't talk to him.' And that's gonna happen. Take this bull by the horn and turn it into something positive, please. Please don't bring this niggas to the mic**.**

I went Dan Calloway's event over there for 95years for the City. I went in.., went to go over there and the first thing that hit was $5 parking. I said, "My Go, my God.' We spent.., taxpayers done spent $40,000,000 over here, this, this complex over here. All that parking out there, we don't get a dime, on no events. Something's wrong with this picture. I've been talking about it for years. Something is wrong with this picture. We care more about people' lives than our tax dollars every time.., 'cause I'm just like that lady, I see ya'll payin' out them people too, 'cause it comes out of my taxes.

My thing is, where do we go from here?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you, MR. Willis.

[Clapping]

REV. DR. J.R. THICKLIN: Reverend Dr. J.R. Thicklin.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

REV. DR. J.R. THICKLIN: I wanna make my comments as brief as I can. 35 years ago, I came to Palm Beach County and I resided in the City of Riviera Beach. Came from a city that was very similar, Selma, Alabama. Raised around a lotta strong leaders. I'm pretty much of a history buff and I read somewhere in the Gettysburg Address, that it said, 'The government,' [pause], 'of the People, by the People and for the People.'

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

REV. DR. J.R. THICKLIN: It is what we define as democracy. My point is not to prove whether Mr. Evans was wrong or, or right, the point goes once, back again, to, and it's been repeated, the how. The how. The how makes a difference inside of everything.

Every one of you, I believe in and I believe that the people believe in because they elected you. There's nothing that I will leave here today and take in negative against anyone here but I stand with process. I stand with truth. This room would not be filled with people that are disgruntled if simply the how.

UNK. AUDIENCE: That's right.

REV. DR. J.R. THICKLIN: That's really the issue here. Now, I've watched a division happen in this City because of the fact, of simple one thing, the how. And if we all believe for the betterment of Riviera Beach, then whatever that is ailing this, deserves to be aired. People just simply need to know. And if it's, and if it's that egregious, then I'm quite sure that people understand [stammer] that it was not for our better good.

But, what I wanna say to you is this, the mudslinging, the backbiting, the stabbing, does nothing for the City.

UNK. AUDIENCE: That's right.

REV. DR. J.R. THICKLIN: I brag about Riviera Beach when I go other places. And I'll be honest with you, I, I know there are good people in Riviera Beach but folks, we got to get this thing together. We have to get it together and, once again, if it's that important, if it's that painful, if it's that damaging, then the people simply have a right to know.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

REV. DR. J.R. THICKLIN: They cannot be represented in the dark, folks, just bring it out because, let me tell you something, truth will stand it just needs a spokesperson.

[Inaudible audience comments]

REV. DR. J.R. THICKLIN: And if you get it out, the City will be alright. Let's move Riviera Beach forward. We don't need a circus, we don't need these things happening, this City is too valuable.

UNK. AUDIENCE: That's right.

REV. DR. J.R. THICKLIN: Too valuable. We need to mend some hearts.

I yield my last 13 seconds simply by saying, I pray for this City. I pray for healing of the City, I pray that personal politics is diminished, I pray that we get our personal agendas out of the way and look for the betterment of our people.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Cindy March, Bessie Brown, Evelyn Clark.

MS. C. MARCH: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. C. MARCH: I've been a citizen of Riviera Beach for over 40 years, I've been campaigning for over 25 years, even back in the days when Emma Bates was sitting on one of these Councils and had to sue the City of Riviera Beach. And I do wanna say to you, whether it makes a difference or not, I'm the real auntie of Ladi March, I'm the proud auntie of Ladi March. I am a person that campaigns for Lynne Hubbard. I have the right to my own opinion, I will continue to campaign for Lynne Hubbard. We, a lot of us are in here for he say/she say. Let's let go and let God. Let the investigation go take it's course and then we go from there. If it's hurt pa and hurt ma, let the investigation go through first before we start all of this bickerin'. I like to have my head up high and say, 'I'm a citizen of Riviera Beach,' I want this City to be number one because the senior citizen here, is our future. Our young people, if we set an example for our young people, we're setting the wrong kind of example for all the bickering I have heard tonight.

And once again, just like they' saying the Chief was here, he wasn't here, he's a grown man. He can go and say what he wanna say. He don't have to answer to nobody and you all don't have to answer to nobody but one person, and that's God and you can't hide anything from God.

And, and my closing, remember, karma, you don't know how it's gonna come and when it's gonna come, it's just like death. So, be mindful of what you do and think you haven't done no wrong because God sees everything.

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

[Audience clapping]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bessie Brown, Evelyn Clark.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Is that it?

MS. B. BROWN: Good evening. I don't have much to say…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening, I'm sorry. Good evening.

MS. B. BROWN: I, I don't have much to say, I just want to say that I think last Wednesday we were promised that we would have a answer on what happened, why Jonathan Evans was fired. Another lie. And, and [stammer], because [pause], we have Council people here, I'mma gonna tell you something, I worked very hard to get four of them elected because I thought that they would work together. But you know, it's, it's, it's so disappointing to see that we are in this kind of atmosphere with the four of you together. This is truly sad. I.., and, and [pause] and I have to.., I, I stated last, in my last statement I said that, if you're gonna kill him off, then maybe we'll kill you off. I'd like to take that statement back because I'm not in the habit of killing anybody but I do know the necessary process to get you.., have you removed.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Amen.

MS. B. BROWN: Okay? That, that's the one thing I wanted to take back.

And I'm here, I was looking at these Minutes tonight. I don't know how often you all really look at 'em but this.., these Minutes say Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, have August 2, 2017. Where are the rest of 'em? From September? You know, those are the things you should be watching, that's what keeps us going but those.., but sometimes those are the things you wanna hide because it shows what you've done also.

I just say, I want you all to make it a point to get this information to us as soon as you can because we're tired of being lied to because, we.., when we were out there working hard gettin' ya elected, I want you to work that hard to get me an answer.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Evelyn Clark, Craig McPherson, Moeti Ncube [sp].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. E. CLARK: Good evening, Council, Mayor.

This is a lot of political posturing by so many people, whether it is the dais, whether it's organizations, individuals, or other leaders of our City. This is not funny, I don't find it humorous, I find it very serious. Never in my lifetime of living in this United States' many cities, did I ever have to spend this much time at a City Council meeting with these type of situations that go on. It's great to see the Riviera Beach residents come out to voice their individual opinions but, personally, no one speaks for me, no group speaks for me, my family, my finances nor.., or my business interest. If you're not in the click, the organization or rally, you're not privileged to their motivational agendas, their bias or their whims, which are self-serving. I implore the Council to consider the other 30,000 taxpayers in fair and equitable channels to hear their voices and their votes.

I wish this show of residents, force, concern about the descending quality of community, I just wish the, the, the residents that came out for this, came out and voiced their concern for descending quality of community going on here in Riviera Beach. I'm talking about the crime, I'm talking about the garbage, the drug houses. This all leads to a lack of economic development. I see wonderful economic development going in Detroit, Michigan, Nashville, Tennessee. Here we are, the City of Riviera Beach, with a great assets and it's difficult to rub two wooden nickels together. My quality of life hasn't been that improved by the body. I'm just sorry to say that, it really hasn't. It's only been improved by myself and my husband going out and taking charge of the issues and turning things around so we can improve our neighborhood and quality of life. I just wish all of the residents that came out again in this strong show of, show of force, please, we got other issues that plague this community. Come out, take care of that because I'm tired of being sick and tired of seeing all of that turmoil in our community.

And first of all, this is a at-will state and I don't know about the how, I just know that it's a at-will state when it come to employment. It's happened to me in many.., many times. I just, I just [pause] bounce back and I just go and I move on because I got that confidence in my abilities to move on and find something bigger and better. I just say it's your loss and my gain.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MS. E. CLARK: So, that's about it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you so much.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Craig…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who's next?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …McPherson, Moeti Ncube.

[Inaudible audience]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Are those the last two?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

[Pause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Craig McPherson…

UNK: [Inaudible] see him.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …Moeti Ncube.

MR. M. NCUBE: Alright. Moeti Ncube, 1000 Center Stone Lane.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Can you pull the mic up close?

MR. M. NCUBE: I've lived in Riviera Beach since 2009. In those nine years, not once have I come up here to say anything, at all and I have some issues but I never really came in here to say anything but I have to now because what I saw on September 20, 2017, was such a disgrace and the fact that I actually voted for some of you guys that participated in this mess, it's a reflection on me that fact that you actually use your power in this way. And you know, when I voted for you, you know, I don't necessarily think that every vote that I'm gonna agree with everything you do, I don't think that. I actually don't think you're gonna do the right thing all the time but I don't think you're gonna intentionally hurt people and that's what I saw done here. You actually hurt somebody. This guy came to the City, you know, gets fired like that. I mean, is you go back to that meeting, I cannot

believe this actually.., it was so bad, I actually had to go back and watch all the Council meetings.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

MR. M. NCUBE: I went back to January. And, first of all, thank God we got people like Bonnie Larson and Mary Brabham to actually come and sit in this overly complicated mess, which I realize is actually not even incompetence, it's like…

[Clapping]

MR. M. NCUBE: …it's actually designed confusion, which is actually worse because you actually intentionally make these things complicated so people don't understand. I went and saw, like, the, the process for electing the City Manager and, I mean, Jonathan Evans, he didn't realize that this was a, a process setup from the beginning, he didn't realize that. It's.., I mean, when you apply for a position, you actually think it's fair. He didn't know that it was designed for him to fail from the very beginning. He didn't realize that a candidate for the position was running the process behind the scenes, he didn't realize that we would spend $20,000 on a, you know, a search committee [stammer], somebody to, to look for candidates when we already had our candidate in place. So, I just think it's, it's really a shame. And as you look at, like, what's happening from January until now and the amount of time and energy just wasted on trying to push an agenda. And, you know, I, I gotta say this, you know, KaShamba Miller, I didn't.., I don't know if I voted for you or not and if I didn't, I apologize because, oh my goodness [chuckle], I'm, I'm really impressed by the fact you actually pushed back on a lot of this stuff that's been happening.

UND. AUDIENCE: Yes.

[Applause and cheers]

MR. M. NCUBE: Ms. Tonya Davis, I appreciate your integrity. The only thing I have to say is that this is not a normal City and you have to push back harder. You just have to because there's so much stuff that goes on that, I know you're a person of integrity. And, Terence, I mean, it, it's, it's really a shame to see this. And I gotta say, you really need to look at the political history of Kwame Kilpatrick because there's a lot of this.., I mean, trust me. Look, he had all the pastors behind him, he had all the old school politicians behind him, 'Oh yeah,' you know, 'This is what you gotta do. This is what we did back in the day.' It's, it's the same thing. So, I mean, you really need to be careful about what's going on here 'cause it's, it's not new. This is not new. My father's from Zimbabwe. Okay? We had the same issues been going on there. It's all tribalism, it's nothing new. Okay?

So, I'm just saying that we have an opportunity to change and I just really hope that we take this advantage and rescind the vote. Please, Ms. Hubbard, really consider changing your vote.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That's it?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. That end public comment.

ITEMS TABLED

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Any Items tabled?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: None.

REGULAR -OLD BUSINESS

16. ITEM NO. 16

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 16. Regular old business.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 114-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA…

[Inaudible audience chatter]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …**AWARDING RFP 861-17-1 TO PROVIDE…**

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Let's keep.., keep it down a little bit as we're going on with the meeting, please.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO ASSIST HUMAN RESOURCES IN DEVELOPING AND DELIVERING EMPLOYEE TRAINING FROM ULTIMATE IMAGE COACH, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENTS, NOT TO EXCEED $60,000, FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 001-0511-519-0-3171 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Those of you in the back, if you wanna have a conversation, could you please take it outside so that we can continue with the meeting? The noise is carrying up here. Thank you. Officers, can you just kinda help us out back there a little bit? [Pause]. Alright. Mr. Perry?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes, ma'am. This is a, a recommendation from the Human Resources Department to enter an agreement with Ultimate…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: He's not coming…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …Image Coach.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …through, Mr. Perry.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ca'.., you gotta pull your mic up some please.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Recommendation…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible background]…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …from the Human Resources Department for the City Council to enter into an agreement with the Ultimate Image Coach. This was brought before the City Council a couple of months ago…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Can you all help us out back there to quiet them down or ask for them to go outside, please, while we go on? And Mr. Perry, you're gonna have to talk a little louder 'cause it's really…

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …coming up.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: You have before you a recommendation from the Human Resources Department to enter into an agreement with Ultimate Image Coach in the amount of $60,000. This has been before the City Council before after an RFP was conducted by the Purchasing Department. This is in align with the two top priorities of the City Council, professional development by Staff and talent development. And, at this time, we're recommending approval by the City Council.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No public comment cards, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. I have a few questions with regards to some of the language that's not included. I looked back at the

RFP and it said that it was a two year contract. I think that if it, in fact, is a two year contract, t hen the Resolution should reflect that because it gives the appears that it is just a one year contact. So I thought that perhaps we should consider placing the full term of the contract, although we break it out at $60,000 per year for the contract, we need to make sure that we properly reflect the intent because it does say that it is a two year contract and we need to make sure that we're aware of that.

And then, I also noticed that the contract with the City of Riviera Beach was submitted to us. Now, perhaps you have signatures but I don't see where the City Attorney signed off as to legal sufficiency, the, the consultant did not sign, HR did not sign as it relates to terms and conditions. So, how, how are we submitting this with no signatures and without the proper terms being identified?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Madam Chair?

KIM: Go ahead.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Unfortunately, Human Resources.., unfortunately,, the Human Resources Director had an emergency. I don't have that copy in front of me but I can make sure that I get those signatures and we can bring it back if you'd like or you can approve it and we'll make those modifications.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, I could check to see if we have the original to see if the signatures are on it, if you give me.., Staff a opportunity to try to pull it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: They gotta go back over to the building?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh. Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Do we have the contract [inaudible]?

UNK: [Inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: They did submit it? We don't have the original contract. It wasn't submitted.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So what you wanna do?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So… I would then make a motion that we table this Item until the document has been authorized and the proper information and language, once Staff has had an opportunity to review it and to bring it back.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: That, that's fine. And we'll also include that two year agreement in the Resolution.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We need a second, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo? [Pause]. Councilperson Davis? [Pause]. Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson and Davis out.

17. <u>ITEM NO. 17</u>

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 17.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIE HORTON FOR THE POSITION OF UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 9, 2017.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: And Madam Chair, we do have two public comment cards.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Can we keep the door closed back there, please? Alright. [Pause]. Okay. Go ahead.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Madam Chair, as directed, I off'.., made a job offer to Mr. Willie Horton for the.., as the Executive Director for the Utility District. As part of the negotiations, Mr. Horton agreed to take 10% above the minimum salary but also, as a reminder, he will be eligible for the 3% increase that will raise the salary that we, that we originally talked about. As part of the, the agreement with Mr. Horton, he did have some concerns as it relates to who he would respo'.., who he'll report to. As you know, we've had a lengthy discussion about him reporting either to the City Manager or the Utility District Board. I just reconfirmed at the previous conversation with the Board but, at this time, I am recommending that he continue to report through the City Manager since

the funding is on the City Manager's.., on, on the City side, in terms of reporting. And if we wanted to try to address that at a later date, I'll make that recommendation.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Is Mr. Horton here tonight?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: I don't see him…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …in the audience?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Public comment card.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bonnie Larson, Tradrick McCoy.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. It would…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. B. LARSON: …certainly seem that if we hire someone new, he could sit through a City meeting with us. It rea'.., he really should've been here, so… Not thinking too highly of that. And I.., and, Mr. Perry, I couldn't hear you quite well, you said he's gonna take the job but only at 10% above the minimum and three was something else about a raise. I didn't.., I couldn't hear you.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: What, what…

MS. B. LARSON: So… I'm sorry?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Let.., come back after…

MS. B. LARSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …she finishes.

MS. B. LARSON: Yeah. If you can, if you can say that again 'cause I can't hear you very well back here.

The other thing was, at the last meeting I asked who was gonna be supervising this gentleman and, and I didn't get an answer and there's an issue about ratifying something that didn't get ever ratified in the first place. So, that was an issue and how has that been resolved, that issue about ratification because, as Mr. Degraffenreidt said, it should've been ratified years ago, it never was but this Council didn't ratify it last week either so, how is that gonna be resolved and who their reporting and who will Mr. Horton be reporting to? Who will be his supervisor?

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr. Perry.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: As par'…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, hold on. Go ahead. I'm sorry, go ahead.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: As part of the negotiations that happened a couple weeks ago, Mr. Horton agreed to take 10% above the minimum, which put him at about $114,000. However, if the City.., when, when the City Council approve the raise, or the increase tonight as of 10-1, he will be eligible for that increase that will take his salary to about $118,000.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

[Inaudible background comment]

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: I'm sorry.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tradrick McCoy.

MR. T. MCCOY: Can I finish and get take her one minute and 15 seconds?

[Chuckles]

MR. T. MCCOY: Tradrick McCoy. Members, Mayor again.

This is a very interesting Item and if I can call your attention to the backup, if you look at the backup, on the application it reveals this applicant's driver's license number. And for those of you that have been around government, you should know that driver's license numbers are exempt from public records. But that begs to question then, why is it on the Agenda backup? It appears that we, as a City, we give up information that's exempt, and the information that's public, we choose to exempt it. That really doesn't make sense to me and I'll repeat it back again, the driver's license number that's inside of the backup, should not be in the backup. That's exempt under Chapter 119 of the Florida statutes and also it's exempt under Chapter 322 of the Florida statutes and it's also exempted by United States Code of Federal Regulations, under the Driver's License Protection Act. And, more interesting, when we have information that should be immediately made available to the public, it is not. And regrettably, individuals like myself and others, demand and want that information and, you know, I hate to say it but you have to file a lawsuit. That really doesn't make sense and I think.., we just heard the other day that this First Amendment lawyer said it was utterly a disgrace that a citizen has to beg for information when you fire the City Manager.

So, those are my comments. And, potentially, I wonder if he's willing to negotiate a little bit more money since you just violated his rights and disclosed his information to all of the public. Thank you, Members. I appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Applause and cheers]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Mr. Perry?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I wanna kinda.., I think, we had a discussion regarding who was he going to report to? We need to try to clear that up. Is he going to be reporting to the Board or will he be reporting to the C'.., Interim City Manager? So, Mr. Degraaffenreidt, would that be something you can lead us on? I, I'm sure you probably…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …feel that we need to continue with what you were trying to get us to do some time ago but we never did so I don't know if we're open to doing that now?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The resolution of your problem is resolved by adopting the Resolution I presented to you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: All of those issues go away, because it puts you where you intended to be.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. And so...

[Inaudible hallway conversations]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …but the hesitancy to do it last time…

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …has not .., I mean, nothing different has changed other than now we don't have Mr. Evans. So, I'm just wondering if, you know, we're…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: My recommendation…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …not open'…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …is the same. Next time ya'll at meet at Utility District Board, give me a motion and second and adopt the Resolution.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, right now, he's still reporting to us, that's…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …what I'm asking.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Exactly.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. So, any other comments from the Board? Alright. Go ahead. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

18. <u>TIEM NO. 18</u>

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 18.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 115-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING THE 2018 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KIND, JR. CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That was the motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We gotta pull our mics up. I know we kinda [inaudible]…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We're gonna get more mics for next time. Alright. Perry.., Mr. Perry.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Yes. You have [stammer…

[Inaudible dais comment]

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …Over the last couple of months, the, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Activities Committee has been meeting, headed by Mr. Blankenship of the Parks & Recreation Department. Tonight, he's gonna make a presentation of, of the activities and ac'.., talk about the funding mechanism and just provide a overall presentation of all the elements of the Agenda Item.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Good evening, Mayor, Council.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

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

Tonight, I'm proud to bring to you the plan that the Martin Luther King, Jr., steering committee has come up with for the twenty thou'.., 2018 celebration. First thing I wanna note is our theme, is, 'Youth dreams, adult dreams become a reality.' [Pause]. Next slide. The first activity is Thursday, January 11th. It's the senior luncheon that will be right here in this room. The senior luncheon, this room has a capacity, seated capacity of 280. The keynote speaker for the luncheon is Senator Bobby Powell. The luncheon is free to those seniors that register.., or, make reservations once we open reservations. The ad valorem budget, when I say ad valorem budget, you, you have approved a budget, in the, in the overall budget of $47,000 for all the MLK activities. We've al'.., slotted $10,000 for.., of that ad valorem budget for meals, decorations. And it's.., historically, we've given each of the attendees a little keepsake.

Next slide. On Saturday, January 13th, will be the, the annual Martin Luther King, Dr. Mart'.., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade. We go'.., we are altering the route this year and I'll explain why. It's gonna start at the same location it has for several years but it's not gonna end at City Hall. The issue we are anticipating is that, number one, we won't be able to get a permit because last year that was consternation on DOT's part because we were blocking commercial rail traffic for four hours. So, the, the Department of Public Safety police are concerned that we won't be.., even be able to get a permit to go across the tracks. So, we're proposing to end the parade at Avenue L and that was

decided because it's [stammer], it provides the parade, those on the parade route, the floats and the dignitaries and such, several options once they make a, a right on Avenue L to disperse. Buses can be parked down there, parents can pick up band members and all that kind of stuff.

The viewing area, the [pause], vendors and the such will be in that large lot in front of UPS. So that's where the VIP area, viewing area, vendors will be. It is not the most convenient route.., as, as convenient as the one ending at City Hall but, under the circumstances and, and, you know, assuming you approve the Resolution tonight, we'll be filing the permit, probably by the end of the week, early next week. We really don't think that we oughta be playing around with whether we can get a permit for the parade or not.

One of the things that we've heard over the last few months, from the public and steering committee members is, we really wanna increase the number of participants in the parade. Not, not people watching but people in.., actually in the parade and the quality of those floats and bands and stuff. So, we're reaching out and trying to.., attempting to, to increase that. The ad valorem budget for the parade is $13,000. Next. And here's the exciting news, our gala will be Friday, January 19th, here at the Marina Event Center and the gala includes reception, dinner, keynote speaker and entertainment. Our keynote speaker for that night is Lieutenant General Russell Honoré. You may not recognize his, his photo up there. He was first, uh, came to…

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible]..

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …prominence or popularity as he was the.., he's a three start General, Lieutenant General who was put in charge of the recovery for Katrina. And if you CNN pretty much every night the last few months, he's always on there, commenting due to the hurricanes and, and the like. The committee is confident that the General will draw a large crowd, larger than 280 people so we have planned, pending your wishes, for expanding from 280 people to 580 people. We can.., again, we can seat 280 in here and now we have a plan and, and met with vendors and have drawings and stuff that we can put a tent right outside these doors in that parking area and accommodate another 300 people. So, we could potentially accommodate 580 people for that evening, for the gala.

[Inaudible dais comment]

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: [Pause]. With expansion, comes cost and expansion is not cheap. So, we'll talk about, in the next slide, about, our upcoming slide, about the, the price package that we're proposing. Next slide.

Okay. The expenses include, you know, the, the meal, the decorations, the, the reception. It all boils down to right now, you know, we're in the process of nailing those menus down and getting three quotes and doing the, the proper methodology to get to a, a vendor but it's gonna be roughly, if we don't expand, it's still gonna be about $100 a head. If we do expand, it'll be quite a bit more, cost. Presently, without ticket sales at all,

we have $24,000 allotted for the gala. Okay, next slide. [Pause]. The cost of the gala with expansion is, of course, more meals.., with more people there's more meals, more chairs, more tables, we have to rent the tent. The tent is, it's not a typical tent, it's air conditioned with a floor. There's great cost.., the additional cost to expand from $280 to $580 is about an additional $60,000. Next slide, please. [Pause].

So, the revenues. Sponsorships, you know, based on your decisions or direction tonight, we'll finalize our sponsorship package. We have been talking to several potential sponsors because of the Lieutenant General's military past, there are a lot of, there's a lot of interest in the area about hearing him speak, both form military retirees and, [stammer], Lockheed and others that, that have some relationship with the military. [Pause]. If, if you move down to the ticket prices, and I don't want you to choke on 'em, just, just hear me out and then, then I'll…

[Chuckles]

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …give you an opportunity to lash out. Based on all the expenses that we're proposing, the steering committee has come up with a package for you to consider. Now, envisions that the speaker will be right there where you are now, the front 60 seats, that would be three roads of tables, two rows deep, we call those the premium seats. We're proposing those ticket prices be $225 per person. All the other seats in this room, the committee is proposing $150 per seat and all of the seating out in the tented area is proposed to be $75 per. The only difference between what goes on in here and what goes on out there, is that, whoever buys those tickets will be in a tent, the keynote speech will be televised in that tent but they'll just be out here and, and other will be in here. The total revenues from, from this package, based on the capacity we have is $64,500. Next.

So, before [stammer], the steering committee is only making a proposal to what the ticket prices could be. If Council wants to give us a number that they want us to stay with, we'll do it and we'll ma'.., we'll make the event happen but, uh, those ticket prices that we've proposed, they do give us the opportunity to build a nest egg for next year. We.., and I, I don't like to use the word take advantage but we would be taking advantage of the speaker that we have and his popularity but, again, the ticket price that you're, you're accustomed to, the steering committee will make it work.

So, some things that, that.., actions I need tonight so we can move forward is, of course, to approve the Resolution that's attached, that goes with the filing of the permit, [pause], have consensus on the, the three events, the senior luncheon, the parade and the gala, as far as date, time, location, provide us with some direction on what ticket prices you want us, you want us to go with provide us direction on whether you want us to plan expansion or not and, again, from the committee's standpoint, it.., whatever we're asked to do, we'll, we'll make it work. We're not pushing an expansion, we're just saying we have an opportunity and a way to do it if we, if the Council wishes to do that.

And that pretty much concludes my presentation. If there's any questions, I'll be happy to answer.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Do we have any...

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …public comment cards?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No public comment cards.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Councilwoman Davis Johnson and then the Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Chairwoman. Mr. Blankenship, I see the expansion and I understand that but does the committee have a contingency plan in place should you not reach those goals that you're setting'.., setting because you're asking us, based on that t o.., we would have to increase… I, I'm looking at what the bottom line…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: The ticket price…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …cost is.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: The…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: The ticket price.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: But you're exceeding the budget in that particular line item.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Right. We have.., we.., well, that would be revenues that would be added to the budget.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Right.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: But, what's you're contingency if you don't meet those revenues? Because, in trying to generate those revenues, we're going to have to expend some cost.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: So, what's the contingency plan?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well, those [stammer], if I understand your question, what do we do if we don't sell the tickets we think we can sell?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Uhuh.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Now, keep in mind, none of these revenues include sponsorships. So, that's an additional revenue that, um, even last year we got several sponsors so we're fairly confident that we'll get a good amount of sponsors this year based on the popularity of the speaker.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: On second, Mr. Blankenship. It's 9:55, 9:58 or six, or 9:56. Do you all want to make a motion to extend the meeting to finish the Items? We have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine Items to finish. Do we have a motion to extend the meeting?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Motion to extend.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: How long? [Pause]. How long?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, that depends.., I can't…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, do you wanna do 30 minutes, you wanna do it 'til we finish or what?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I want us to complete the Agenda.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, we have a motion to extend the meeting until we finish the Agenda, all Agenda Items.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilpersons Pardo and Hubbard dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Sorry about that. Go ahead…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …Mr. Blakenship.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: The way we would handle if we see ticket sales going slow, we would begin reducing operations out there and working our way this way as far as, you know , [stammer], the size of the tent is the size of the tent. We can't reduce that but we can reduce those elements, tables and all that's associated with each t able if we see ticket sales are going slow. The only way to absolutely protect against anything like that is to not expand. Now, when I say, when I say we have capacity for 280 in here, we.., that's seated at ta'.., round tables but based on our.., the, the typical number of comp tickets that we give… Now, the comp tickets go to, and I should've mentioned this earlier, the Grand Marshals for the parade will be.., and the Citizens of the Year, they're gonna do dual roles, will be those seven residents from Stonybrook that, um, rescued the, the family during the fire. So, those type.., that's what I mean by comp t tickets, it'll be those folks, the Student of the Year and their parents, uh, [stammer], elected officials get a couple each and then, you know, that makes up, pretty much, the extent of what... So, I guess it's down to about 250 paid seats in here. So again, we.., the only sure way to protect against your concern is not to expand, just to do it in here and, you know, deal with 280 people. That's the only way to purely protect ourselves from, from…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You still got something to say?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: … your concern.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hmm? That's it?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Blankenship.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Mayor? Is [inaudible]?

MAYOR MASTERS: No, thank you. Mr. Blankenship, it concerns me…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Pull the mic up to your mouth.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm sorry. It concerns me about not ending the parade at the City Hall, the bedrock of freedom and justice and government. Dr. King celebrated his birthday, he and others opened the doors for us to be at City Hall, government. So it.., I don't understand why this year is so.., I mean, next year is so different from all those other years that we've marched across the railroad tracks to City Hall. What, what's, why are we.., what' the difference?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Because…

MAYOR MASTERS: If…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Last year, when, when the Police Department applied for the permit, they were given a pretty fair warning that we, this probably's gonna be your last year for getting this permit because you're blocking commercial traffic, commercial rail traffic for so long. Now, in the next year, come January of '19, we're pretty confident we couldn't get it anyway because Brightline is planning to be going north by that time. So, what we talked about was filing dual permits, the original route and the new route. Well, FDOT won't ta'.., take dual permits so then we talked about filing the original route, see what happens. If it.., we don't get a permit, then we'll file the new route that we wou'.., don't have enough.., there's not enough time to take that chance so then we came to the conclusion that our best option is to go ahead and file for the reduced route so that we…

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …we're pretty much guaranteed to get a permit.

MAYOR MASTERS: Has there ever been.., I mean, if, if we can't get it, we just can't get it and then we can.., if it's not enough time to fight for it 'cause I, I could.., I think that would be something Senator Bobby Powell and [inaudible] fight for to make sure that we, we got that. But, if you don't, if there's not enough time, there's not enough time but have we ever considered.., and we're talking about Dr. King and theme is the, the youth dream and the adults dream and have a dream that black and white together and all that, which is great. Have we ever thought about starting on Singer Island?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We discussed several different routes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Have you discussed that route?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: No, sir. We did not discuss starting on Singer Island.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, my, my, my…

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: My point is, if we start.., I mean, when I first came here many years ago, the parade used to go to Singer Island. I remember that very vividly and Reverend Davis was [stammer] actively involved in those parades and going over to there. I would like for you to look at the fact, why couldn't we start at the bottom of the bridge, somewhere over there and end at City Hall? That's bridging, bridging the.., I mean, that's racial harmony coming together. The other thing is, for all these years, we started on Congress & Blue Heron and you have.., and, not you but we've given the people on that side of our City an opportunity to view but the.., on the other side from the City Hall to those.., we have people who live Park Manor, one of the lar'.., is the largest neighborhood group in Riviera Beach. So, that are from City Hall east really has been somewhat neglected as far as a parade because we've always ended a block or so at City Hall. But all the people who live on that side of the railroad track would give them an opportunity to see the, the parade. So that would be one of my, one of my points. I would like for that to be looked at.

Secondly, I, I think the price is just way too high 'cause we're, we're talking about someone who died for, for the rights of garbage workers and I won't forget that. And I think it's above the medium of what the people of this City would be willing to pay. $150, we're leaving, we're leaving poor people out, we're leaving our residents out, the, the majority the probably couldn't pay $150. So, I would like to see that reduced. That's.., I'm just speaking for me.

And third of all, I don't wanna see anybody in, in a tent. I would rather for us to go to a place that would be big enough to accommodate 500 people. And we have gone to places before to.., that.., and we, we brought.., Terence Davis brought Dr, um, the first guy he brought at the Doubletree Hotel and, and it worked but I don't wanna see people in here, some in here and some out there. That just, to me, if we can't do it the whole thing in here, then we shouldn't do it at all, unless we want to say we're gonna go with 250 people and that's it. But, I would like to see us in a place that's big enough to accommodate everybody in one place and not some in a tent viewing and not actually here.

Those are my comments. Thank you, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Blankenship, as regards to the banquet, what is the marketing strategy of marketing this individual, the professional out'.., to outside Riviera Beach for those tickets? What is the marketing strategy? Is the committee doing it or?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well, the committee does, does all the marketing. As far as, you know.., especially if we, if we don't expand, we would do the bulk of our marketing inside the City limits.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We would do some of our sponsorship marketing outside the City limits but we'll target our marketing inside for the residents, especially if we're, if we're at 280 people. But we'll go all over Palm Beach County for, for the sponsorships.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Have you.., did you ever try to get a price quote for doing a large tent outside in the grass with the air conditioning, where we can put everybody in one location and do it there on this location?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well, we didn't, we didn't size a tent for 500, out there.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We did size a tent for 300 out there. That was our original plan out in the grass.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: And then we decided to.., if we could get it closer…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uhuh.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …so that the tent and the building are connected and there's…

[Inaudible dais comment]

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …proper walkways, that's what we ended up… But they're about the same price. They're about $25,000 each.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Has, has Staff keep a.., kept a record of the largest.., the most amount of people we've had in any event over the last five years to know that we can target that kind of number and come close?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: No, sir. I'm.., I was just going by last year's event. [Stammer] and the speaker and the numbers we had for that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm. The MLK parade,, so.., and excuse me if I forgot, so, the parade's gonna start at the same location? Correct?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Starts Congress and Blue Heron.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, it's gonna finish just as you pass…

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …the post office. Not post [stammer]…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: No, no.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …but the UPS.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: [Stammer] L Avenue where the old.., where the Public Works building is, that's L Avenue.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh. There…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: That's where we'll finish…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …so we're gonna go passed Australian Avenue?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And… Okay.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: So, it's only…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …gonna be shorter by maybe…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Okay.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …1,000 feet or…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Alright. Okay.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …something like that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Alright. But I do just have a concern with, right now, overextending at this point. I'm not saying we can't hit that target but I'd like to hear a plan on, if we do that, how can someone spend, spend a certain amount of money on an event and will comfortable with sitting outside and, if so, how many of those tickets will actually sell, where they can actually see the speaker? Unless we was to sell that and have a moment with those sitting outside get a chance to actually meet the individual for at least, you know, just a handshake or something like that because they're coming for an experience.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And with that experience it should come with at least have an opportunity to, at least, puttin [inaudible] 'cause I don't know if we're gonna show this on Channel 18 live or not… Are we?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well, we'll, we'll be.., I wouldn't recommend that we show it on TV 18 live.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Record it and then show it…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: But, they would be.., they would have.., if we expanded, regardless, folks are gonna get a chance to meet him during the reception.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. That, that part [stammer]. You know the speaker better than I do. I don't, um.., I'm sure you probably have a, a regional draw if we can get the information out on time. So…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …is that what you're stating.?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Sigh]. So you're saying we cannot do the large tent? Outside, for 500?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well, we didn't price the 500 person tent.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I would like to hear that.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We can do that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. At least we keep everybody in one vicinity with the air conditioner inside…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Then we could…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …the tent.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …follow up with a, with a…

MAYOR MASTERS: In one place.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …a memo just to give you an idea of what that is.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I would at least like to see what it looks like before I make this decision.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: At this point. But other than that… And all ticket sales will be going through customer service?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Through customer service. Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Anywhere else.., any other outlet? If I'm in Fort Pierce, if I wanna purchase a ticket, how would I purchase a ticket other than [inaudible]…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: You go through.., well, we're gonna have it online, you can buy 'em online.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Or you go to, you.., to customer service.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. That's it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I have a question, over the past few years, what has been the total number of people that we've, we've sold tickets to or that…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Last…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …has attended? Because, I mean, I can see expanding but if it hasn't been a need to do it just yet, I don't, I don't see the need in trying to push this, especially with the ticket prices gong higher.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Right.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, that sounds like the attendance might go down instead of going up. So, do you have an idea? I know your Department didn't do it, haven't been a part of it over the…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Right.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …years but, I mean…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: I think…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …have we had to turn people down for, um…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well, we didn't last year. We only sold about 200 tickets last year, if that. I think the most that was ever here was when Roland Martin spoke but I don't know the number. Maybe one of the committee members that's in the room may remember it but…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …from, from what I've heard, that was a large turnout but I don't know how many.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm. Yeah. I, I…

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …I'm not really in favor…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Ms.., Ms. Monroe…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …of expanding it. How many?

UNK: About 230.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: For Roland Martin.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: 230.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: About 230.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I think for this time, especially if we're looking at the ticket prices possibly going up to.., I mean, we're deadest on being able to bring the speaker?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Oh yes. We…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...have a contract.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, I mean, I don't see… I don't.., I'm really not in favor of the tent, if we have a big building right here and especially if we don't have the demand for the attendance to be much higher. Now, if we know in the past we've had to turn a number of people down, then I can see that. I could even see going somewhere else so that we could accommodate the people to be on the inside but I just think, right now, if we have to increase the ticket prices, I just think that that may bring about a lower amount of people turning out to begin with. And, you know, we have to keep in mind, you know, $200 a ticket, that, that's a stretch.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You know? Especially, when it hasn't been that amount over the years. You know, gradually make increases but.., if we have to, but that's a big jump. And I do understand there are different levels so… I, I get that but I think we probably wanna make a little gradual change. And if we continue to outlive.., or not outlive, that's not a good word [chuckle], outgrow the building, then we can look…

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …at [inaudible] tent issue. [Stammer]it's, it's getting late. [Chuckle].

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: And, and if I could, let me address the taking it out somewhere else issue. We looked at that but the only places that were big enough were not in the City limits.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right, right

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: I really didn't want…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah, I know.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: I really didn't wanna…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I understand.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …do that.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right, right. Right. So, what do we wanna do with this? Anyone else have a comment? Are we…

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I have one comment.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Want to…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible]…

MAYOR MASTERS: Would, would you…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …to bring it back.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …bring it back so he can…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: At least the…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …put it… Huh?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: With at least the banquet portion back with the propo'… You know what? You're right.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I don't see… I would like to see the price but I don't see this getting outside of the…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Especially with those prices.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mayor, were you…

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I just wanted…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …talking?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible background comment].

MAYOR MASTERS: …quickly, quickly say would you look at what we had at, was it last year you had the Marriott?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: No. We were here last year.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. No. Well, not here. I'm talking about for the gala. [Stammer] we had something where, what's his name, Roland Martin?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Doubletree?

MAYOR MASTERS: When Roland Martin came to the, the Marriott. Will you look at that price and also the Doubletree as compared to…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: He was here.

MAYOR MASTERS: …if we need to go to a bigger place.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: He was here, I think.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair? [Pause]. Okay. So, do we need to make a motion at this…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Here…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …particular point?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …here's what I, I'm asking for you.., number one to approve the Resolution. Approving the Resolution doesn't affect what we've just been talking about. It doesn't affect ticket prices, it doesn't affect.., it'll be a part of the.., it shows the money that the City's put toward the events and that's what the DOT wants to see that it's a City event and how we're supporting it. So that's number one. And if you could just give me some consensus on what you're comfortable with, with the ticket price? Like I said, we'll make it work, in here, we won't worry about expansion, we'll make it work in here with whatever you're comfortable with. Now, last year, the ticket price, I think, was $50. [Pause]. You know, we, we're.., we can do it for $50 but, if we went up a little bit, it would.., 'cause that.., you know, we're already at $50 a head just for the meal.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: They need to go up.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: With the proposals we've gotten…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …so far.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …losing money.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: So, if you, if you're comfortable with $60 or $75, then that's what we'll go with.

[Inaudible dais comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair? How much are we paying the speaker? How much are we paying the speaker this year?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We pay the speaker the same thing this year….

MAYOR MASTERS: How, how…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …we paid last year was…

MAYOR MASTERS: How much…

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: …$10,000.

MAYOR MASTERS: $10,000?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Mhmm.

[Inaudible background discussions]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: No. I, I would.., we can further discussion but I would like to go ahead and allow my motion to stand because it does have the cost that's associated with what's budgeted and then we can have additional conversation. Perhaps, at the next meeting, be prepared to have some additional conversation as it relates to the potential draw of this General because, perhaps, he will draw and we will need to have additional space made available. But we won't know that until the ticket sales are, are open. So, I would say, allow my motion to stand because the motion simply says that we are approving.., we are.., they are making the senior luncheon, the parade and the gala at the budgeted amount and what the dates are.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Everybody's good? Go ahead, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

18A. <u>ITEM NO. 18A</u>

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: 18A.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: 18A?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Huh? That was No. 6 that we moved from Consent.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 111-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SEVEN YEAR, $4,098,027 SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:: Do we have a motion? [Pause]. This is Item.., this was Item No. 6 under Consent. It was pulled and put under regular business. Do we have a motion for this Item? [Pause].

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Motion to bring this Item back pending further Staff review.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

UNK: Second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I second it already. I second it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Pardo dissenting.

DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS

19. ITEM NO. 19

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 19.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FORMER MARITIME ACADEMY SITE

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I'd like to move that we table that Item.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: What was the motion? I didn't hear it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: This is.., she wants to table it or postpone to another.., which one do you wanna do? Postpone to another…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Postpone…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …meeting?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …it 'til another time.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: My second this [inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And Mr. Davis second it.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

20. <u>ITEM NO. 20</u>

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 20.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: CHARTER REVIEW

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair, I asked that this particular Item be brought back because it was my understanding that there is some push to have Items.., and I know that you mentioned this but I wanted to make sure that we were clear as it related to what the intent of this Board was regarding when the information will be going on the ballot. And there seems to be aa rush to get it.., get some portions on the ballot for the March Agenda and I just think that we are pushing and we're going to miss some very critical elements and steps in the process and I do believe that, as a Council, we discussed not rushing for the March 18th ballot. And so, we need to be able to clearly…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …state to the Charter Review, to the Attorney, that there was no intention by this Board to have any issues or Items to be pushed for March 18th.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, as previously stated, Ms. Davis Johnson, I did voice what was stated in the meeting of September 6th to the Charter Review Committee. I will put it in writing and submit to them so that there will be a very clear understanding that you all are not pushing for the March 2018 ballot. That's the only other way I know to do it 'cause I stood right in front of them and stated it. So why they are still up under the impression that they need to have something for the March 2018 ballot, I'm not for certain.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You finished?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Also, for the Charter Review, there seems to be a lot of…

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: …concerns with the, with the committee, with the process and the way that things are, are being done. Several comments from, from the committee and.., from the committee members, have come to my attention and I think that we need to step back and rewind and start and make sure… One thing I think the problem is, we need to make sure that there's a seasoned veteran that knows about charter review as far as the attorney that is directing them. We need to make sure that that's that attorney' area of expertise. The first time we reviewed the Charter, it was an interesting, educational process and the person on that Board really enjoyed the experience. This time, it seems to very trying and it, it seems to be a, a tug, a pull and tug going on that Board and I think that we need to stop and find out, do we have the right person leading that Charter Review Committee. And now that we're not rushing for the March 2018 ballot, I think we have the.., we have an opportunity to do just that.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard, are you speaking of legal counsel or are you…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. The legal counsel for the Charter Review Committee was selected by our City Attorney and so…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I understand that and I'm just asking him, you, whomever to just make sure that that's their area of expertise because it doesn't seem to be so and if it is not, then we need to make sure that we arm ourselves with someone who, who, who is because the committee members seem to be having a difficult time.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. Comment's duly noted and Mr. Degraffenreidt says he understands.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: I fully agree with Councilwoman Lynne Hubbard. It's not just the attorney, I'm, I'm more concerned about some of the, um, the members or whatever's going on because if you stand before a committee and you tell them something and they can't get it right or they still wanna do what they wanna do, that's disrespectful.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's disre'.., they have disrespected our City Clerk and I'm gonna say that. That's number one. Number two, somebody told you.., you told them, clearly, or he told you that he is.., was gonna send us emails…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: …about this, that and the other. No one up here got those emails. That's disrespectful. And, and I'm very concerned about whatever's going on with that committee. I understand a few of them are so bent on taking away all the Mayor's [stammer] whatever I have, rights or privileges. That'll never happen because we're always gonna fight for the, the few things that I have left so they need to be focused on what, what… What Ms. Hubbard said is correct, either there's some other agendas going on or something is going on but I think we do need to rewind the whole thing back and see what's going on in that committee. I'm not gonna tolerate disrespect and people telling you that they sent us emails and nobody got it, twice. That's wrong and it's disr'.., and that's disrespectful.

Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We have two public comment cards.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Go ahead.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mary Brabham, Ashley Walker.

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

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. M. BRABHAM: Apparently, we know that it is some fault here., with this Board here. It has been made mention, the residents has been talking about it and we know it too, it is being push'. It is some critical elements, this is the Charter here. This is the Charter here and we did this in 2008. When we do this Charter here, we have to be precise…

MAYOR MASTERS: Mhmm.

MS. M. BRABHAM: …and know exactly how we are situated and what we want in this City here. This is our roadmap here. It is no one person' roadmap, it is the City roadmap and this is critical here for this City here. Now, the, the attorney that was appointed, Ms. Elaine James, if we need to get an attorney that can really go in.

[Clapping]

MS. M. BRABHAM: That can really go in and then input this roadmap here because if we are to do this as a City, we need that type of leadership and govern. This does, this does not need to be pushed for no March the 18th election.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MS. M. BRABHAM: We are in October here now.

[Inaudible audience comment]

MS. M. BRABHAM: We are in October here now. So, we do not need to get in a rush because see, it's already out that certain ones want certain things in here pushed, to their own agenda.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MS. M. BRABHAM: But this, this, this, this incorporates the City. This, this incorporates from the north, south, east and west and it does not lie with just one member up on that Board there and who they appoints.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MS. M. BRABHAM: So you all think about this and don't this to this City.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. And I apologize for us not having this clock running but you did good on your own. See there, we don't need the clock.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: And I agree with you, Ms. Brabham. [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Next.

MS. A. WALKER: Hello. Good evening. Good night.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. A. WALKER: I'm Ashley Walker. I just wanna say thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Charter Review Board. This is a new experience for me and to speak to that experience, I would like to say that it's very joyful. I'm learning a lot, I'm really honoring my opportunity to serve the City. We, we, you know, we make accommodations to come, we're meeting weekly and we are getting babysitters and doing what we need to do to be in the presence of each other to make these crucial recommendations, what have you. And I just wanna speak to say that we we're really working hard, we're working together. I haven't experienced any negative meetings, I haven't witnessed any drama and all of that stuff going on. We're working together and we're not rushing, we're taking our time to go through these things. We're discussing, we're spending hours. [Chuckle] nothing's being rushed and I don't.., I can speak to agendas of… I, I'm not on the agenda, I'm not tied to anybody, um, I'm coming there for the sole purpose to serve my community. And we got recommendations and we move through the recommendations that were sent,

sent to us by department heads and it seems to be a great experience. I wanna give our Chairperson.., where you… Oh, a moment to kinda clear his name and clear some things that were said about him that I don't think, um, are true.

MR. J. JACKSON: Good evening, Council.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MR. J. JACKSON: Javarious Jackson, Riviera Beach.

As the, the Mayor's comments to disrespect, there was no disrespect from that Board to Council. I believe when the Board was initially convened, you guys gave us.., well, the dateline was for the March, March ballot so when the Clerk came to the meeting, sh'.., it wasn't as if it was hard pressed, it was if it was a suggestion. So, when we sent you guys the email asking for that accommodation, it was just asking…

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. J. JACKSON: …it.., it's nothing…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I never got an email.

MAYOR MASTERS: Never got a email.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: When did you send it?

MR. J. JACKSON: I sent it this morning to the City Clerk.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh, you sent it her…

MAYOR MASTERS: We never got…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …and she…

MAYOR MASTERS: I never got it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …was supposed…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: And in the…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …to send it to us.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …email it stated that it was sent via email on the… Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Are you saying…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Finish.., go ahead and finish your com'…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …that you only sent it to me, you didn't.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Claudene.

UNK: They're working on it.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead and finish it and.., finish your comment and then…

MR. J. JACKSON: Right. And…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …we'll…

MR. J. JACKSON: …I understand that…

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. J. JACKSON: …our correspondence…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You, you did send…

MR. J. JACKSON: …is supposed to go Staff.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …it to her.

MR. J. JACKSON: Right. And it's her…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. J. JACKSON: …job to…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible]

MR. J. JACKSON: …send it to.., disseminate…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. I gottcha you.

MR. J. JACKSON: …to you guys. Again, when we said that we're thinking about putting some agenda items on the March ballot, it wasn't rushing. We just figured, hey, we have two opportunities in 2018. You have the March ballot and you have the August ballot. Everyone has agreed that there are a litany of issues plaguing our Char'.., or, facing our Charter so we thought it would be prudent, let's take both opportunities to have items put on both ballots in 2018. It wasn't no disrespect, it's not no rush, we're clearly vettin' all the items. There's no one with no hidden agenda on the Charter Review Board. So.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Jackson, I…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: …apologize, I apologize to you.

MR. J. JACKSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: We just didn't get the emails and…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: …I don't know, I apologize to you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. So, for the… Ms. Davis Johnson, it's your Item.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I made the statement. I, I am.., I just received comments from members of the committee who thought that they were not having sufficient time to vet. I am not.., my comments, by no stretch of the imagination, were to suggest that you are rushing, I just didn't want you to feel rushed to get something on the Agenda and I'm just standing firm in that. And so, I just wanted us to be clear that, when we had the discussion at our, I believe the September 20th meeting, or it may have been before, we just talked about pushing that time back and I wanted to make sure that the Charter Review Committee understood that we have pushed it back and, and we didn't want you to feel rushed, we wanted to give you an opportunity to fully vet and to go through the process. So, that was the reason and the motivation behind the request to make sure that the Charter Review Committee was aware.

UNK: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Alright. That's the end of Item No. 20.

21. ITEM NO. 21

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 21. [Pause]. Ms. Anthony, 21.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Did somebody take my Agenda?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: VACANT INTERIM POSITIONS

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Davis Johnson.

UNK: Where is the rest of my Agenda?

[Inaudible dais comments]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. I wanted to bring up the vacant Interim positions to say to us that I understand that the issue that we're facing with the termination of the City Manager has brought great angst to the City but we have quite a few departments that are either without a department head or with an Interim. And so, I wanted to find out where we were with those positions, if they've been advertised, whether or not we are, we have some positions that have been vetted and that we need to make a motion on or to have Staff move on because there is quite a bit of business at hand for the City that needs to take place. And so, I put that on the Agenda so that we could start to take a look at what we actually have by way of vacant and Interim positions. And I do believe that we all received the, the email and it talks about, we, we now have a Utilities District Executive Director. There still remains, and he will have an opportunity, certainly, the Executive Director, to identify an assistant but we have a Procurement Director vacant, we have someone in the Interim po'.., in the Interim. We now will have a vacancy in HR, we have a vacant Assistant City Manager, City Manager, Director of Public Works, Director of Development Services, as well as an Assistant Director. So, I said that to simply say that we need to start looking at what we have and start moving towards filling those positions.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: And so, we just really [pause]. I wanted us to have a discussion about that. Perhaps, I will, I will table it at this point because it will take some lengthy discussion but we certainly need to start addressing that because those are very key departments within the City that need to be filled. So, we need to make sure that we have someone that is going to be able to lead us and to lead them.

So, I will ask that we table it to the next meeting for further discussion but to just put it out there so that you'll know that there was some consideration or thought behind where our next steps will be.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.. Huh?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I can't hear you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Is there a second? She made a motion to table discussion.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

22. ITEM NO. 22

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 22.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: CITY MANAGER POSITION

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: She tabled it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: With regards to the discussion for the City Manager's position, we need to talk about what our next steps are. I understand that the Attorney has given his direction as it relates to our former City Manager but we need to start thinking about what our.., where our next steps are. And if it is the pleasure of this body to postpone and discuss it at a later time because of the late hour, I will be amenable but my position and my reason for bringing that up was it seemed to be decided that the City Manager would be, the former City Manager so acknowledging that we have business at hand that needs to be identified, we need to have a discussion about what our next steps are.

Do we wanna entertain that discussion tonight?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: We can.

[Inaudible dais comments]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Hold on. Public comment cards.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: You're doing public comments?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bonnie Larson, Horace Towns, J.B. Dixon.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Are you…

UNK: Huh?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Are they still here?

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't think Horace Towns is.

[Inaudible comments]

MS. B. LARSON: Could you explain, please, the.., what do you want to know? Or what, what is it that you're gonna be talking about?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Where do we go as a City.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Basically, what are the next steps…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: What are…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …from here.

MS. B. LARSON: As far as having a City Manager?

UNK: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

MS. B. LARSON: Okay. I don't know where to start here. Mr. Evans, he's not here right now so I can say this, he doesn't tell you the things he's done. He's the one that got that three-star General for the MLK event. He's a personal friend of his, he got him at half price. That's something he did. He…

UNK: [Inaudible]...

MS. B. LARSON: …also didn't mention…

UNK: …rules.

MS. B. LARSON: …that, there's a nearby city who's owed us a lotta money in water, for years and years and years, Mr. Evans got that money back for us. He doesn't tell you these things. He said last time you asked him to say, he said it's a group effort. Group

effort. He doesn't wanna take credit himself. [Pause]. He was saddled with multiple, multiple things when he got here, the mold in the all the building, Public Works falling down, lots of IG reports. He had to deal with all these things. He can't help it that some people on the Board have done things which have generated an IG report but it was up to him to resolve it, to fix it, to answer it. Those are some of the things that he had to do. No other City Manager has ha dot do that. He was the man who was gonna bring us into the 21st century. We're tired of the same old, same old…

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

MS. B. LARSON: …and we're tired of not getting answers as to why someone was fired. You, you just have to say. You can't fire someone like that when it's in his contract. You have to tell and it's just unbelievable that people just say, 'Well, I don't wanna tell you.'

Mr. Evans, several times, mentioned his evaluation. I mentioned this earlier this evening, to you. He gave you forms, various forms, let you choose for his evaluation. I gotta hurry up here. Okay. Mr. Evans is about transparency, accountability, he's got great experience, he communicates well with everybody. We've had, for the first time in forever, we've had taste of the good life in Riviera Beach for six months.

[Clapping]

MS. B. LARSON: Taste of the good life and that's what we want. Mayor Masters, I talked last week about song and you didn't know the song. It's by, um, Tim McGraw, maybe you know his wife, Faith Hill…

[Inaudible comments]

MS. B. LARSON: And the song goes, 'I like it, I love it, I want some more of it.' And that fits the management style that we've had with Mr. Evans for six months.

[Applause]

MS. B. LARSON: 'I like it, I want it, I want some more of it.' So, let's think about that.

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

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mary Brabham? Is she gone?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: She's here. She's here. Co'.., are you coming up?

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who's next?

[Inaudible audience comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No. I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Ms. Brabham, Ms. Brabham.

UNK: [Inaudible] call me.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You didn't call her?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Hold on, Ms. Brabham.

UNK: Huh?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Hold on. Just hold on.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Is she…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I ca'…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …is her card in there?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Her card is in here…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Let her come on up.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …but there are…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: She's here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Come on up, Ms. Brabham.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Ms. Brabham, she'.., the, the Chair said…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Come on up.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …to come on up.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Can, can one of you.., can one of them help you with the clock and the cards, Ms. Tawanna or somebody? Can ya'll…

MS. M. BRABHAM: The City Manager. It was, uh.., Ms. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

I think Mr. Guyton made mention about what has Mr. Evans done. Scholarship agreed to keep the secretary position vacant for months to fund nine additional scholarships in the amount of $10,000, developed the, the creation of the City's communication and marketing division, prefer the concept of making the ocean lifeguards EMT and having them report to FD, redesigned the City's stationary and business cards and et. cetera, proposed a new Agenda format and system board initia'.., intrusive intended to promote transparency and digital voting, served as the City'.., City's public information officer, recovered $336,000 from Mangonia Park. Remember, we, we could

never get that money. Worked with Staff to reduce the monies to be paid to the ERC, saving the City $158,000, developed the concept to address those employees who were impacted as a result of the furloughs in order to compensate employees for lost wages. Remember, the employees were, were on furlough for four years but management were, were getting paid.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

MS. M. BRABHAM: Spearheaded a new transparent budget, processed the, the resulted in 10 budget meetings to not include five budget meetings with employees, developed a budget document based on Government Finance Officers Association, distinguished budge award criteria, developed the pa'.., departmental goals and objectives never done before, developed a CIP ranking formula, never done before, drafted the budget, transmittal memo, usually don't by Finance on the behalf of the City Manager. The City has won the GFOA Award since the 1980's, presented the City Council with options to save capital and never create a budget deficit in FY 2019 through 2023, ensured $1.3M was secured in the FY 2018 budget to invest in personal wage study adjustments and 3% pay increases, recognized the elected officials with the ceremonial passing of the gavel and receiving the Hometown Hero Award, spoke at the MOT Event at the request of TD Davis and the Records Manager. And then we have a list that goes on and on. So, these are some of the things here.

From day one, Mr. Evans has came in this City working, tireless. Tireless, he has come in here workin'.This is what we all should be about, working, as well as the residents. You got a job to do residents, get up and fight for your City.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Applause and cheer]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Horace Towns.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Horace Towns?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Horace Towns.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: J.B. Dixon, Reverend Burrs., Following Reverend Burrs is Tommy Walker, then Lloyd Brown.

J.B. DIXON: Madam Chair, Council, I was hoping I woulda been in bed by now and the reason I'm here, my name was mentioned in a comment that I has nothing to do with. I did meet with the City Manager, me, myself and Willis Williams is sittin' right there and he, he said some things to me made sense and I agreed with him. And, the only thing that, at the end of our.., before our discussion, I asked him a question, concerning the

appointments of the City Police Chief. At that time, I didn't know, uh, Mr. Mitchell.., I, I've been knowing him a long time, I didn't know his name had been on the list as well. So, after the discussion, my last thing I asked the City Manager, I says, 'Now, why was not Mr. Freeman's name was.., didn't get an interview?' That's what I asked him. [inaudible]. And he says, he, he explained to me his process. He says, 'I got a five point process.' I might not be quoting him verbatim but something of that nature. And he said, 'If one of these persons that don't meet his, his, his criteria, whatever he mighta said, he says, 'Then I can put somebody in their spot.' I said, 'Then your door is still open for an appointment.' He never.., he said yes. He didn't say who he would put there and I didn't ask him who.., but I did mention about Mr. Freeman's name not being, not being.., having an interview. That was it. So, I never said to him, 'Put Freeman's name…' There, there, he's right there. He can just answer for himself. I did.., never said that t o t he, to the City, to the City Manager. But now, I don't know, I don't wanna get in no McCoy and Hatfield's fight.

UNK. AUDIENCE: It's gonna be one.

J.B. DIXON: Now, I don't know the fight between Ms. Brabham and the Freeman family, they need to settle it. I cant'… its shit this young man name shouldn't be dragged through the mud this way. He said he has a right to apply for the Chief job like anybody else. I never said to the Chief to put his name in there. And I never told nobody I said it to the Chief. Now, when I found that him and Ms. Brabham was cousins, me and Ms. Brabham use to talk and she told me, told me that they was relatives. And I asked her, 'Well, why Freeman don't qualify for the Chief?' I said, 'You tell me something that he's done that don't qualify for the Chief?' I says, 'Now, maybe you know something since ya'll relatives. I don't know…

UNK. AUDIENCE: No.

J.B. DIXON: …maybe you known him longer than me.' But I never said to the Chief and I never said to Ms. Brabham, that I asked the City Manager to put his name in that list.

[Inaudible audience comment]

J.B. DIXON: That's the reason I'm here. Now, somebody said that she came here and said I told her that I asked the Chief to put his name…

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

J.B. DIXON: …the City Manager.., I mean, ex-City Manager, to put his name…

[Gavel]

J.B. DIXON: …in there for a interview. I didn't tell that to the City Manager, he [inaudible] for himself.

Now, I don't have no… I, I, I'mma say this and then I'm go…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

J.B. DIXON: If I was for the City Manager to be fired, I didn't tell nobody to fire him, I ain't mad with those who vote to fire him. I'm gonna vote for ya'll right off.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

J.B. DIXON: If I was for him to stay and they voted for him to stay, I'm still gonna vote for the ones who voted for the ones who voted for him to stay. I'm not mad with nobody. I ain't got no dog in this fight.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you…

J.B. DIXON: I'm not looking…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …so much.

J.B. DIXON: …for no position, [inaudible] my name on a plaque.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

J.B. DIXON: That's it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tommy Walker, Lloyd Brown, Debbie, Debbie Isaacs.

MR. T. WALKER: Tommy Walker, 1582 West 9th Street. Man, I wish I coulda got here when the crowd was here but I know it wasn't my thing to get here.

You know, the way Jonathan was fired, was really wrong, the process was wrong in which he was fired. Even though you thought you had the right, it was just dead wrong. I understand that the Council had concerns considering Jonathan but it wasn't anything that, that we couldn't overcome because you were his boss. It takes a 3-2 vote to take away anything or to make anything go. It's the process which we are angry about. Now, I understand that Jonathan created some distance between the Council and himself by playing to the people. Let me tell ya, I've been all my life, I never went to the City Manager's office until Jonathan became City Manager. Never even had the opportunity to go through that door. And if anybody was to go to his office and have a conversation with him and ask him any questions, you would feel like you were a part of the process in moving this City forward. That's what made us feel…

[Clapping]

MR. T. WALKER: That's, that's how we felt. Wrong or right, indifferent, he made you feel…

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yes..

MR. T. WALKER: …like you were a part of the team and that's what it's all about. It's a team.

So, with that being said, Ms. Pardo, I know I give you a lot of grief every time I come up here but I'm trying to appeal to your good side right now.

[Chuckles]

MR. T. WALKER: I, I.., 'cause I need you to rescind your vote.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

MR. T. WALKER: Not… See my friends, Lynne and TD, they all in. They are all in, they're not gonna change they' vote, I'm asking you to rescind because [pause] they got commitments and loyalties to other people.

[Inaudible audience exclamation]

MR. T. WALKER: You understand? I'm asking you to rescind your vote because you said the preachers wanted him fired. And, and I'mma asking you now, how do you know that? How many churches on Singer Island?

[Audience chuckles]

MR. T. WALKER: What did your constituents say? See, I can't.., with all this backbitin' and all this other stuff, I can't allow you to throw our preachers under the bus 'cause we need them…

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. T. WALKER: …to preach to us. I know, sweetheart, I still love ya. After all of this over, we're gonna have to find a way to come back. The City has been divided. Ya'll think it's a joke but it… We will not go quietly in the night about this.

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

MR. T. WALKER: I want ya'll to know this. Ya'll gonna have to figure out somethin'. And I know my friends are not gonna rescind their vote. I'm appealing to you, with all the grief I give you. Take away the power from the preachers and give it back to the people.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Lloyd Brown, Debbie Isaacs.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What's the name after Mr. Brown?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Lloyd Brown…

[Inaudible audience comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …then Debbie Isaacs.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

[Inaudible background comments]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr. Brown.

MR. L. BROWN: My name is Lloyd Brown and I really, I don't really have much to say right now but I, I think I can.

You, uh, it's like this, I've been to the City Manager, like, 10 years ago and I had a problem with a home that was built where.., you see they got rid of all the building inspectors because they were doing terrible jobs, right? But I've been to those people. When I first went to the first lady, it was 10 years ago. I don't know, it was.., whatever her name, I can't even think of her name 'cause she told me, you know, she was too busy and she'll see me when she get time and, uh, she's out and she still haven't had time.

UNK. AUDIENCE: You're talking about Ruth.

MR. L. BROWN: Now, when I went to this man and these other people wanna get in the bandwagon because he was looking into my problem and then these other people jumped right on, you know, like you.., if you ever go along on the beach and you see a piece of meat out there and crabs jump on it, every.., all the other crabs get it, you know, when they saw him doing something for me, then they wanna start talking to me but I just ignored them because I came to these people when they were prior Council Members and then they lost and then they came back, just like the City Manager, she never said anything, they never done anything until the City Manager that you just say you fired, I mean, he, he done more for me just by coming to me and, uh, and just saying hello. And anybody in the whole group.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

MR. L. BROWN: And said it to me since I've been coming here. That's been 10 years. You know, I had to cut my air condition off right and, like, when it's cold I just open the windows but I had to cut off because when they built the house, they didn't have no permits pulled or nothin'. I mean, you come by my yard, you're gonna see trucks, cars and whatever. I got all kinda.., in my yard. But you know what, I'm only doing like the City, you fail to follow your own rules so don't come over there bothering me about anything in my yard.

[Chuckles and clapping]

MR. L. BROWN: 'Cause, uh, the City Manager, when you get it straight, then I'll straighten up my yard but when you get the man back and let him do what he gotta do

'cause he was helping me out. But other than that, I'm not gonna follow no rules that you people are not following.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Amen.

MR. L. BROWN: And, I mean, it's like, I mean, if, if, if, if you people.., like they say, if you quack, you're a duck. So, whatever ya'll did, fire the man for some kind away. You know, I may be getting these things all mixed up but who cares? I'm not a man of big words but, like, you got big words but you do little things.

[Audience exclamation]

MR. L. BROWN: See? Me, I got little words but I'm looking out for big things to happen. You know, it doesn't take a big word to make me big and, you know, I haven't went to college and that's not my problem and I know you people probably have but it seem like.., mother say' you can be a educated fool. You know what I mean? And one thing about Mr. Evans, I mean, the City Manager, he did speak to me when no other Manager, not even the one that was assistant manager, nobody did, they just turned their heads and figured, 'Well, what the heck.' You know? 'Build the man a house, what he had before and what he got now, who cares if it's not built right?' But it was taxpayer's money.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you…

MR. L. BROWN: And the reas'…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …Mr. Brown.

MR. L. BROWN: Well, the reason I said that is this, because I'm not paying my taxes until somebody do something about my problem.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

MR. L. BROWN: And you can tell that to Chris.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Audience applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Debbie Isaacs.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Is that the last one?

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS: Debbie Isaacs.

I just wanted to clarify something that I was stating, and I started earlier, regarding the evaluation process for the Police Chief. Now, I understand that there were 59 applicants and the Human Resources Department was supposed to be narrowing it down so that it would be a reasonable number for the City Manager to take over but they passed that on to the City Manager. He had to get it from 59 to 11. And then, when he got it form 11, that's when the Human Resources Department stepped in to start saying, 'Alright, well these number go to number five.' They get it to number five. I don't know where Mr. Freeman failed but what I was saying is, I don't know what extra credit points he would've needed to have to jump over whatever number of people he needed to jump over to fall into the top five and, if so, which of those top five would he be replacing? We have no way of knowing that because the process is still going and they will not disclose that information to us until they make a decision.

But my question is this, what precludes whoever they decide pa'.., to put in the City Manager's position from adding Freeman as an assistant city ma'.., I mean, Assistant Police Chief and then let him grow from that position to possibly a City Police later on. I just didn't want anybody to believe that Mr. Freem'.., Mr. Freeman, if he.., if he qualified, there was no way that Mr. Evans would've prevented him from getting into that top five position.

[Clapping]

CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS: But, if there's extra credit to be earned from being a local resident, from being a former police officer, I'm sure his name and the other two officers, that are also residents of this City, would be able to, you know, get that extra credit too and then we can see where falls. We don't know where he falls. But there is nothing that will preclude whoever they select as the Police Chief from hiring Mr. Freeman in an elevated position on the police force. But that was not Mr. Evans fault. He doesn't know Mr. Freeman from anybody and I just don't believe that that was anybody's intention to leave a local resident out. They get extra credit, they get extra points for whatever they do. But that does not stop whoever they select from adding him on that force.

[Clapping]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: My position has not changed. I still remain on the di'.., dissenting side of this issue. However, I do recognize that there are a litany of issues that have to be addressed. Our, our City Attorney has indicated that the matter is now with his office as it relates to our former City Manager. However, the purpose of me discussing this is to, number one, address the fact that Mr. Troy Perry is service in, in an Interim capacity. In addition to serving in the Interim capacity as our City Manager, he also is responsible until the 9th for the direct service to the Utilities District and we've just got to think about the business at hand of the City. And so, I wanted to have that

discussion but, before we have that discussion, I want to say this, on September the 20th, I want to apologize for the delivery of my comments, not the content of my comments but certainly the, the delivery because it was, uh, it was rough, at best. And so, I just want to know.., I want, I want to say to the City Attorney and to my colleagues, my delivery may not have been as polished as it normally is but the contents of the, the statement still remain the same because I still don't have the answers to the questions that I asked.

So, having said all of that, we know that Mr. Perry is undertaking quite a bit and so, we need to be able to talk about where we go from here. We know that the issue with Mr. Evans is going to move forward in a.., in litigation. Where do we go, Members of the Board? How do we handle.., how do we move forward the business of the City? If there is no…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …vote to rescind, if there is no vote to rescind, then the vote remains as it was and then we just need to know what it is that we're going to do as a Council with doing the business of the City.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I do agree that those positions that you brought up previously have been important. [Stammer], like stated in previous meetings over the last eight months, you know, at some point, we have to get someone at the helm. And I wanna say thank you to Mr. Perry for reaching out to Mr. Horton and making an offer because that Utility District has been valuable, that we get somebody to handle and protect our quality of life from water. But with that being said, we do need another additional Staff Member to assist with the day to day operations. We can't allow this responsibility to continue to fall on someone. One of the things I did do, you know, I wanna hear options. What I did.., I did start making calls and try to find, you know, get some names and recommendations of people that can do an Interim until we hire someone permanently, you know, as we make a decision in the future date on who we want to be our permanent City Manager. And I, I do have name prepared but I will wait to see what anyone else has to say before I put any name out there, after doing some research through various counties, in the South Florida area with cities that are very similar to Riviera Beach. You know, we need to.., if we do bring someone in here, it has to be someone that have the experience with a [stammer] city that's just like ours. As you can see, our climate in our City is very unique of it's own…

[Inaudible audience exclamation]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …and…

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Quiet out…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Please get order…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …there, please.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …please get order.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. So, for that being said…

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: With that being said, I will.., I do have a name prepared that I.., as I was making calls over [inaudible] area but right now, I will wait to hear if there's any other options before I release any name out there, unless you all were willing to listen to the name. I, I did get a resume, I got some information but I will hold and pause if there's some other opt'.., options, other things that the rest of the Board would like to do but I did not come to the meeting prepared.., not prepared to put the City in a position to where it continue to function at a level of.., well, not having someone at the helm. So, I mean, that's the issue.

The other issues previously, is currently in litigation. No disrespect to Mr. Evans. He hired an attorney. Our Attorney.., the two attorneys are doing their jobs but right now we have to move forward until that litigation is up but , but hire someone Interim until that matter's being addressed. But…

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Did you wanna say something?

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Stammer]…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Were you.., did you want…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, well you wanna hear the name?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, you can hear names. I, I just still wanna comment but, I mean, I'm not into making any motions or…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No. [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …anything like that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I stated that. I said I will wait 'til everyone's finished before I do that.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, I, I'll just wait 'til you finish. Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Were you…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

[Inaudible comment and applause]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible]? Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No. Sorry. Okay. So, I think we have some options. FCCMA. What we can do is, two things with them. They have a pool of candidates that are out there right now looking for jobs. And, what we could do is, we can bring one of tho'.., and they're all City Managers and most of them, you know, do have a lot of experience. We could bring one in on a Interim basis and, um, what we can also do through FCCMA, they have a program called senior advisors. And, these men and women are retired City Managers and what they'll do is, they'll come in and they could help us. They.., you know, there's some City Managers that really specialize in Human Resources, policies, procedures and they could come in and help us craft a.., you know, put a,a process together so we can go out and find, you know, the candidate for the City. Someone that everyone can agree on, who will be…

[Inaudible audience comment]

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: …able to move our City forward. So, you know, if you go on the FCCMA.org website, you'll be able to see some of those candidates.

You know, at this point, unfortunately, Danny Jones resigned. You know, he would've been perfect because he was able to get us through when Ms. Jones resigned, or, when she was fired. So, you know, at this point, I would say, if you would like, take a look FCCMA and see if we could bring someone in on a temporary basis while we move forward with finding someone to be our new City Manager.

The other thing I'd like to say is, as long as Mr. Perry is the Interim, I think he deserves a higher pay because now he's doing two jobs.

[Inaudible audience comments]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Wait a minute.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm next. Hold on.

[Inaudible audience comments]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Huh?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah. That's what…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I mean… You wa'…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah. [Inaudible]…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. I mean, I do understand Mr. Perry has taken on several positions right now but this.., what I am proposing and, you know, obviously I can't bring anything back because I was on the dissenting side but I think we have a Manager and I think we need to Mr. Evans back.

[Applause and cheers]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And that is the only option that I'm looking at right now.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But, being that I was on the dissenting side, I understand that I can't make the motion to even bring it back so it would be from the three who, who voted to get rid of him. And so, I do understand we have business that needs to be taken care of but no one was thinking about that when we fired Mr. Evans in the middle of all of this.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, let's just think about what we're doing.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I, you know… Excuse me? You said something?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You have the floor.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I just, you know, I, I really feel like we need to take a a look at this, we need to put personal issues aside. We had someone that was taking care of business.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: At this point, I still do not know what he did wrong and, you know, maybe if I knew what it was that he did wrong, maybe I would be

saying something different but I can only cooperate from what I know., And, um, I have not been told of anything, I'm not aware of anything he's done wrong. So, until you say something different, my position is Mr. Evans deserves to come back.

[Audience applause and cheers]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Because, I mean, if there's a situation where it's a matter of something that's been done wrong, he can be put on, on suspension, you could do an investigation, whatever the case may be. There are options. But to sit here and say we're firing with cause and no one has explained to me, at least I don't know what the cause and I have a problem with that because it should not be hidden from the Council nor the public.

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible] right.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, my position is not changing. Mr. Evans deserves to be back...

[Audience cheers and applause]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And he is the one that we need. Now, I understand and I, I definitely agree with you, Ms. Pardo, in respect to Mr. Perry because he is acting as the Utility District Director and, and…

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …and I know you're being modest and say not worry about but I do understand he's taking on a lot and so I'm open to whatever it is that you all would suggest. That would only be fair.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You wanna go…

MAYOR MASTERS: I mean Ms. Hubbard did…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …or the Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: I can wait. I think Ms. Hubbard wanted to go.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I…

MAYOR MASTERS: Councilwoman.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I agree that there should be a, an, an increase of…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Your not talkin' [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I don't know why it doesn't work.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Just bring it to you, bring it…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I do agree that, in the meantime, while we're bring on an Interim City Manager 'til we go out.., 'til, 'til we, 'til we hire someone, Mr. Perry does deserve an increase and I'm prepared to, to give that to him because he is holding down two jobs and there's nothing , you know, there, there could be nothing more stressful than that.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Mr. Jackson, this is something probably you may wanna look at in the Charter, in your Charter Committee. The problem I have [stammer], every City Manager we've had, we've gotten rid of. We, we're not, we can't keep a City Manager. The Board has selected City Managers and, at some point, we get rid of them. So, what does that say about our Councils?

UNK: That's right.

MAYOR MASTERS: That, we don't know how to select someone that we can keep? City of West Palm Beach, figured it out, how to keep a City Administrator for years, for years. And let's go back down history a little bit. We had Bill Wilkins, got rid of him. We had Gloria Shuttlesworth, got rid of her. We had Ruth Jones, got rid of her.

UNK. AUDIENCE: She deserved [inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: We got Danny Jones, he's gone.

UNK. AUDIENCE: He deserved it.

MAYOR MASTERS: We had Mr. Evans [pause], unjustly fired.

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: He's gone. But Mr. Evans had, as far as I can see, more education, more experience, more expertise, in running a City than probably some of them all put together. We had somebody who ran, not just a City, a county, assistant county administrator. None of us up here can compare our education, our credentials, our degrees, with Mr. Evans. None of us. As far as I'm concerned.

[Audience clapping]

MAYOR MASTERS: Now, how do we, if we don't have degrees in public administration.., I don't. So, what can I tell a City Manager how to run a city if I never ran a city, if I don't have the, the, the college education or I don' have the expertise. That

doesn't mean that I can't give my opinion or give input but, when we hire someone and then six months later.., how do we do that?

So, Mr. Jackson, on the Charter Committee.., and I've been thinking about this ever since we, uh, Mr. Evans was unjustly fired.., it's almost like being arrested, two weeks later you can't, you can't even tell the man why he was arrested. That's crazy to me. Two weeks later and you still can't tell him what misfeasance, what he did wrong. And I agree with the Chair, and with Tonya Davis Johnson. So maybe, when we look at our reputation, and this is where I'm going with you, Mr. Jackson.., and our record of City Managers all through the past, maybe it's time to put an amendment, an Ordinance and let the people elect who the City Manager is rather or.., rather than to keep doing this because, if we keep doing this, we're going in a revolving circle and at this point, I have more confidence in the people of Riviera Beach to determine who their City Manager…

[Audience clapping]

MAYOR MASTERS: …should be rather than us because we're not doing a good job.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: We're not doing a good job.

The other point I wanna make is, I heard someone say we're being divided, our City's being divided. Yeah, it is, 95% for Jonathan Evans and 5% against him. That's how divided we are. You ask the people on the streets, you ask ordinary people about Mr. Evans, you ask 98% of your employees, not your department heads because some of them never really worked with him as they should have, never really cooperated and gave him a chance. So, some of, some of the department heads, I know some of 'em don't like him. 95%, your officers, your police officers, all the detective bureaus here tonight, maybe they're here to support Mr. Evans but they're all here. Ask your employees, ask your residents, who do we represent? Who do we represent? How do you fire a man, you never put him [stammer] probation, you never gave him any warning, there was never, there was no suspension. When we fired Ruth Jones, we at least suspended her. We.., he's never had a due process, that's just wrong to me. And I'm with the Chair, the only option that we ought to have tonight, is to reinstate Jonathan Evans as the City Manager…

[Audience applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: …right or wrong, and bring justice our of an injustice.

Last but not least, Chief Clarence Williams, I'm very…

[Inaudible comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, I, I…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mayor, we're still on…

MAYOR MASTERS: …have to wait 'til my.., I, no hold on.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I know you're, I know…

MAYOR MASTERS: I have to wait to [stammer] but I do have some comments but I'll make them to you later.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But Mayor, this one.., the Item is about the City Manager.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I'm…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: …that's why I said, I'll wait until I make my comments. But, let's just do right. Let's.., it's just time to do what's right. We did something that was injust [pause], unjust and it's not right. Mr. Freeman, you know I've always had respect for you and I still do.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Like I was stating, trying to finish earlier, I can respect all my colleagues and respect their position' as we focus on the City. I will never ge'… And wanna stay focused on, on those goals. One of the names that came out, as I was calling folks across South Florida, a town in [choo choo choo sound], Overtown, there's a gentleman by the name.., he's an attorney, his name is Cornelius Shiver. He is currently the Assistant Director of the CRA of Overtown, right now. I did reach out to him, I had him send over a resume and what I told him what I would do is at least share the name and the information with the Board. I had a few resumes printed out. He comes with a great of governmental experience and he just said he wanna take it just temporarily to help us until we make a decision to hire someone permanently. I'm not gonna allow Mr. Per'.., allow Mr. Perry and put Mr. Perry in a position to where he has to hold the City down by himself. We made decision, made an executive decision, and we have to make sure that we continue to move forward as we do what's best [sic] interest of the City. And I have some resumes if any of my colleagues like to.., take a look at it. We can probably, you know, you know, bring him in, um, at a special meeting later to maybe have a discussion…

[Inaudible audience comments]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …let the public, you know, meet him and then, and then, and I don't wanna make a full decision without the public getting a chance to meet him.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Just an Interim.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Just a Interim, you know, until we decide on hiring someone full time moving forward, giving a contract, working with the process. But, at this time, if my colleagues will allow me, I will make a, make a motion to invite Mr. Cornelius Shiver and make an offer, just for Interim until we help us hire someone as a permanent positions.., as a temporary until we hire someone permanently. And I.., that'll end my motion.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

MAYOR MASTERS: Here we go again.

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

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. Question, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk. [Pause]. Uh, [pause]. [Chuckle]. Let me simply say this, my, my discussion of this was to understand the direction that we take in light of everything that has happened. My mo'.., my discussion had absolutely nothing to do with bringing in an Interim person.

[Audience applause and cheers]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: My discussion was for us to.., we, we have already determined that Mr. Perry would serve as Interim and I understand that Mr. Perry is.., would be [pause] amenable to serve with a certain timeframe. However, again, until the City Mana'.., the City Attorney can tell us what he expected resolution to this dilemma will be…

[Inaudible audience comment and chuckle and clapping]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Until, until our City Attorney can tell us what the intended resolution will be as a result of the actions that are ongoing, there is still business. So, we need to make sure that Mr. Perry is equipped, we've done the ve'.., we, we took the first step by approving Mr. Horton to come in on the 9th of October, understanding that he's still going to have to give him some guidance. We have to understand that Mr. Perry is very capable of doing this. I think that to expend additional dollars to bring someone in on the Interim…

MAYOR MASTERS: And we all know…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …is not fiscally sound nor responsible.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …and I believe that we need to.., I.., we need to understand what the resolution looks like for Mr. Evans because it's clear that there is not going to be a motion to rescind and reinstate.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: That appears to be clear because no one has made that, that motion. However, the business of the City cannot go lacking. And so, that is the, the desire for me bringing the, the issue up. That was simply to understand where do we go from here and I don't know that bringing this person in, number one, I don't believe that everybody has had an opportunity to vet and how do we just make a motion to put this person in without having done that. I, I don't know.

[Audience clapping]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: You know, we have, we have a pool that we vetted.

But the bottom line here is, we need to, as a Council…

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …determine where we're going. And I don't know that that's the right direction…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I, I…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …for us to go at this…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I, I…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: …particular time.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I can, I can put another motion on the floor and I, I'll, I'll remove that motion and make a motion to make Chief Clarence Williams City Manager.

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, come on..

[Audience exclamation]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: No. Come on.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But listen…

MAYOR MASTERS: Come on.

[Audience inaudible comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: Come on.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Let's, let's be clear here, the only reas'.., the only reason I put that motion on the floor, with all due respect, I've asked Mr. Perry, 'cause Mr. Perry's my first choice and he will tell you.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Who?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Perry, did I not ask you to be the first choice, sir?

[Inaudible audience exclamation]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: He's currently serving, is he not?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, but…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: He doesn't want to [inaudible]…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: He doesn't wanna keep this.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: He doesn't want this.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: He don't want it. He don't…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Let Mr. Perry speak.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: He's my first choice, he don't want it.

[Inaudible dais comment]

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Madam Chair, as, as we discussed before, I, I, I feel honored that the Council will allow me that opportunity but I really feel, you know…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: He told me [inaudible].

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …in, in order to move the City forward, that you can…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …choose an Interim, place somebody in the Interim position…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …so I can focus on trynna assist with the, um, transition of the Executive Director. So, whatever is the Council's desire, but I will, you know, I'll do whatever the Council desires…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: …for a short period if that's, that's the sentiments of the Council but I really prefer that if you try to put someone in the Interim, someone that's in an Interim position.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: We don't' have to worry about putting Chief in, for City Manager, he's already stated on the record he's not interested in any Interim City Manager position. That's what was reported in the media. He's not interested so why would we even think about somebody.., putting somebody that's not interested. I want somebody that's interested.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. You know, at this point, [pause]…

[Inaudible audience comments]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I ma'.., I… Mr. Perry, at this point, would you, would you like to just have the flexibility to bring someone in under you, to assist you, until we move forward? Or, what does that.., or did you need another.., a little time to think about it? [Pause]. Need a little time to think about it?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: While you're thinking about that, are.., I understand that you [pause]. Are you giving us a specific amount of time in which you will serve as Interim, Mr. Perry?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Well, I mean, if, if you need 'til the end of the month to, to make a decision, that's fine but I just don't wanna be in the Interim position too long, so you can move on with the process.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: That's fair enough.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Is this matter going to be resolved in 30 days?

UNK. AUDIENCE: No.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible]…

[Inaudible audience comment]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Probably.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: What does that mean?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Stammer], to the best of my recollection, there is a 120 period in which you can have somebody serve Interim. We went through that with Danny in, in terms of how long we had in order to formulate a strategy and a plan of finding a permanent manager. I think the purpose of the discussion tonight was, for the purposes of defining where we are, the need to not only address the ultimate leadership of the City in the Manager's office, but the other [stammer], vacant positions that were open. What you need to do is, reflect and have some thoughtful…

UNK. AUDIENCE: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …reflection on…

[Audience clapping]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …what we plan to do to create the right infrastructure for the organization long term. You can't do it tonight, in my opinion.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No. You're.., I, I…

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …agree with you on that.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: So... I think, I think you need to do some research. [Stammer] some thought.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. S'…

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: …needs to be given, one, to what's available, who may fit trying to create the pool and get together to figure out, in that pool, who you think may fit your needs short term and long term.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, Mr. Perry, is definitely gonna give us…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …at maximum, a month, probably. So, if we want to.., do.., are we wanting to call a special meeting to be able to address this? Or is this something you all are thinking a that you want to wait until… [Stammer], wasn't there a question about us having another meeting…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …Mr. Perry? Is that this month?

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Se'.., I believe several of the Councilpeople might be traveling on the 18th.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: So, so I'm not sure if, if they're going or not. If not, we could move forward with the regular scheduled meeting.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'll make sure I'm here.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm here. I'm not going anywhere.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. I'll make sure I'm here. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, we have at least three here. So, we wanna put this on the Agenda for next time to…

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Ma'… Before we…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …move further, I'd like to make the motion to give Mr. Perry the, the funding, the 10% increase or pay him… I don't know what salary he's getting paid [inaudible] you gettin' paid? Is it…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: 10%? Okay. Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, we're going to look at the October 18th meeting to bring this information back. Hopefully, we'll have some options and we have, would have possibly resolved the issue. Item No. 24. We deleted 23.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: What happened to the motion…

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Appoint one alternate…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What motion?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: …member to the Charter Review Committee.

UNK: Which motion?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hold on.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Terence…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: She's asking about a motion. Was…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Was there a motion on the floor?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: For what?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis rescinded his motion.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: He did? Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

24. <u>ITEM NO. 24</u>

KM. 24.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: APPOINT ONE ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I can't hear you..

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Appoint one alternate member to the Charter Review Committee

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Who's this? Ms. Anthony, go ahead.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, as you know there was a vacancy left in our alternate position due to the resignation of Mr. McCoy from the Charter Review Committee. When this Item was last presented, there were three candidates. And so, tonight was presenting Ms. Shirley Lanier to be appointed as she was the third person that was on the last list.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Alright. Is there a motion?

UNK: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second the motion.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

25. <u>ITEM NO. 25</u>

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Item No. 25.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE POLICE PENSION BOARD

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Bruce Davis.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Mr. Da'…

[Inaudible background comment]

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: We [stammer], Madam Chair, you have before you a request from Human Resources to reappoint Mr. Ron Riley as the fifth member of the Police Pension Board. The Pension Board took a vote on August 28, 2017 and recommended that the City Council reappoint Mr. Riley to the Board.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do I have a second?

UNK: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis Johnson?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Miller-Anderson?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Discussion by Interim City Manager.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PERRY: Nothing, Madam Chair.

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Discussion by City Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Nothing.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: City Council committee reports.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You have something?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Not committee…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: City Committee Report?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Uh-uh.

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Statements by the Mayor and City Council. We'll start with Ms. Pardo and work ourway down.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I have nothing.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Next.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Enough has been said.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. I just have a few thi'.., a couple things. One, I'll be having my educational event on this Saturday at Barracuda Bay from 11:00 to 4:00 p.m. It's been rescheduled several times due to the weather and it will be this Saturday so, if we have any rain, we will be at Wells gym. It will be an abbreviated version, obviously, because the whole point of being at Barracuda Bay was to allow the kids to be able to get into the water and so, what will happen is, they'll get, get their gift bags with the educational materials but they will also receive a ticket for them to be able to come back at another time and be able to go and it will provide the food and the, and the admission to get in. So, the preregistration period has passed already but I, I do want to make an appeal out to our Riviera Beach teachers because we also had donations from several sponsors that provided teacher materials. So, we have about 50 gifts bags that will be given to any Riviera Beach teacher, in elementary and.., at JFK Middle. You would

need to email me at kmiller@rivierabch.com no later than Friday evening to let me know that you are interested in coming out and receiving one of those teacher gift bags.

The other issue is just, if we're gonna be over here for the meetings, if we can just kinda look into getting some microphones 'cause this is kinda difficult trying to make sure that everyone can hear us and then, you know, passing the mic back and forth. So, if we can get a couple more mics, that would be great.

That, that's it for me.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Madam Chair, other Council Members and I want the Attorney to know that I am taking his advice to heart but there was a couple things that I did, that I did want to say, um, without putting him in a position to, to def'.., to defend us. First of all, I want to make a statement concerning the misuse of public funds for a, for a private, for a private use. That's one of the reasons that I don't feel the need to rescind my vote because if someone would stoop to that level to say that someone committed a crime of that nature just to be here, then, not trusting me is [stammer] is the least of our problems. We [pause], we spoke this.., Ms. Bla'.., Ms. Bullard [sp] said, she wanted [inaudible] fixed before she wanted a driveway. She did not ask for a driveway. What I'm waiting for most to happen, is for the OIG to inspect the situation with the driveway. But briefly, I will give you the CNN version of what happened with the driveway. Prior to me coming back to Council, the Bullards had met with Public Works, Danny Jones, then they met with Brent.., with Mrs. Jones. All went to the house. When I got there, I went with Mrs. Jones, I went with Brent, we all went together. They told me I had money left in the capital budget from when Mr. Guyton had that account, that there was some money left and it would soon be replenished. Did I want to use it for the driveway? I said I don't have a problem with that, go ahead. Ms. Jones said that Mr. Johnson would take care of it and they proceeded with making the arrangements for fixing th driveway. The City had work done on the street and everytime it rained, it would wash those people' driveway out because it was just merely shellrock and the City did.., the City would not be able to fix until October, until this particular budget. So, that's why I let them use the funds that I had leftover to fix that driveway, because it was something that the City did that damaged their property. And she said to me, 'We will send you a form to sign if you're gonna let us use that money out of that account for District 1.' I signed it, they went about their business. I don't do purchase orders, he had to get a P.O. to get the job done. I don't make requisitions to finance, it went to Finance to be done. They gave the man a commencement order to begin work. I haven't even seen the job and that they, they are finished the job and I haven't been.., I haven't seen, seen the job. In the interim, Ms. Jones was fired, Mr. Evans came in. Mr. Evans went over to the people' house because the wa'.., the workhands started, he sat down with the people, talked with the people in their living room, I've never even been in the people' house and assured those people that we working on getting their driveway completed. When Mr. Johnson found the contractor to do the job, the contractor went over there, started the work but when he go finished, they took forever to pay the guy. The guy kept calling, the guy kept calling and I said I'll check on it and I continued to check on it, I continued to report the situation to Mr. Evans that the gentleman had not been paid.

Subsequently, the man got paid and that was what happened with the driveway. I didn't know those people from a can of paint. All I knew is that they continually came to the meeting and they were talking about this driveway and they said they had replaced the driveway three times. When they said we had the money leftover in the budget, did I wanna use it to do that project? I said I don't have a problem with it, go ahead, get it done. They said, 'Okay. We're gonna take it out your account. You gotta sign for it.' I signed for it and let them fix the driveway because it was a project we had done on that street that kept damaging those people's driveway. That was the end of it, not because they.., that 20 years ago, Alex was married to their daughter. I didn't even know that. I'm 20, 20 years the child's senior. If that's the case, the girl is remarried and got a 18 year old. So, the way we fabricate stuff and make up lies and create and continue to web stuff to try to defame people' character and to defame people' names, is, is, is a problem and it, and it speaks to why I didn't feel necessa'.., feel it necessary to rescind.

So, people calling me on the phone, telling me, 'Oh, things are gonna worse,' kinda, basically, kinda soft-pedaling a threat, which doesn't do nothin' for ya when you're dealing with me, trynna soft-pedaling a threat. Yes, I called the Chief to tell him that I felt that we needed some support and protect, for lack of a word.., better word, I'll say protection. When they.., when the gentleman asked me to come to Hurst Chapel, I told he Chief I wanted to go over there to speak to that group of people but I didn't want people running around trying to harass me. One day I could hardly get in the building for the, for the camera people all up in your face. So, we.., I felt I wanted protection, or I needed protection because if I' protecting myself, then people would say that I was acting as a barbarian and no letting the law handle it.

So, to that, to that end, that's all [stammer], that's why.., that's not why I fired.., why I voted to fire Mr. Evans, 'cause I have nothing to regret about, about the person's driveway, or him looking into it. He knew about it before they, 'fore.., before they even dug it up to replace I, so there was nothing to look into. He was well informed about, about the driveway. So that, that couldn't be the reason. I have my, I have my own reasons. We're gonna start backwards and just among a couple of things was the, was the fact that yes, I felt he deliberately demolished the summer employment program that I was trying to do. I felt some kind of way about that. Two, to try to say we don't need a Civil Service Board because it took too much power from him, I felt that that was just.., I fe'.., I felt that was asinine,. To.., as we continue to say that we don't wanna privatize community development two and three times, going around in circles trying to bring the same thing back to us to, to privatize that. I got a problem with that. 32 guys lost their job when we privatized the garbage. So, yes, I'm not one that's for privatization of department'. So, you [stammer] privatize community development, you suggest privatizing Bar'.., Barracuda Bay. Yes, these only all suggestions and that we could vote down but I'm n'.., I, I'm not in the business of continually being stressed out, fighting with you about things that you know that we don't wa'.., that, that we don't need. Yes, everything is smiling and everybody is happy and everybody is over here just, you know, happy over here. But at the end of the day, when we look at the budget and things you trynna do in the budget and the things that you're trynna creed in'.., create in there, the same people gonna be up here talking about, 'Ya'll let him do it. Why did ya'll, why did ya'll let that happen? Ya'll sat there and le'.., and, and let it happen.'

So, those are some of the reasons for, for my decision. Very rarely, Dawn, Terence and I vote together and you can look at the minutes and see that. So, you see I almost missed my second because I was so shocked that they had, had.., that Terence had the motion and that's why the, the motion almost died. So, there's no way we could possibly had been violating the sun'.., the Sunshine Law. That's too.., that too is asinine. I've always been able to make my decision and stand by them and this is no different when it comes to me. I don't believe that I'm petty person or that I would ever do anything but fight for the rights of the citizens of Riviera Beach, improve the quality of life and make sure that we got fair wages for our employees. Riviera Beach is gonna be here, we're gonna be tryin' to make it and creating wealth for ourself when we are more than a line on somebody's resume. So for me, I stand by my decision, the decision that I made, whether I'm elected again or not, so be it but at least I will be able to say that I wasn't so intoxicated by the leather on this seat up here, that I was not willing to do the right thing, that I thought was the right thing, because I didn't feel, I don't feel that Mr. Evans had the best interest of this City at heart, at the end of the day. All this floor shining, all this gloss, all this flounce, is not gonna get us where we need to be economically. And so, therefore, in my mind, I did the right thing, I stand by that and I'm not gonna take that back and I apologize to anybody that I may have offended by my, by my decision.

So, that's.., you have it and that is only among the reasons that I may the decision that I made. And I do want you to keep in mind that my, that my vote and I said without cause. Let's move this thing without cause. We [stammer], you know, so, those are reasons for ya because I'm making my motion without cause but those are reasons for the people that I feel deserve to hear from me.

Thank you. Have a good night.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Mayor. Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: The motion was for with cause. The motion that passed was for misfeasance. What I have heard tonight, I have not heard misfeasance yet. I've heard from Honorable Councilwoman Lynne Hubbard as to why she voted the way she voted but the m'.., and she did ask the ma'.., the mo'.., the maker of the motion, she did state on the record, withdraw the misfeasance 'cause you don't need that in order to fire him. I, I do remember that clearly but it never was withdrawn. The motion, I repeat, was for misfeasance. Second, pass. That's the motion.

Now, it seems like, to me,, that fairness ought to be the rule up here. If a Councilperson has the right to clear her name in fairness and to support her positions in fairness, our former City Manager ought to be given that same right to clear his name. Now, whether tonight or whenever, but whenever that opportunity arises publicly, I, I hope and I encourage the Manager to speak because we just have to fair. We, we just have to be fair. And, um, it's fair. That's, that's America, justice. And I believe to, to deny him the right, or not give him the right, is not fair. So, this whole bit about the legal thing, it doe'.., [stammer], it doesn't gel with me, at all. 'Cause it's wrong. We said.., or they said,

they was going to present documents, we have not seen that. And if we can't do that, at least the name clearing should've been granted. The name clearing should've been granted.

So, Mr. Tradrick, good luck with, with your, with your thing in court and others who filed suit. I just wanna see justice and if you can't get justice here, then the other place is, I guess, in the courts. That's what the courts are for. And as far as I'm concerned, this man has been treated unjust. And I do not.., I would not want that on my worst enemy. Justice should be prevail. Very disappointed.

For those who have dissented, one way or the other, I want to encourage you to remain on the case, I encourage you to continue to speak your minds and opinions, whatever they may be. And for those of you who are supporting Mr. Evans, which is 95% of the room that was here earlier, I encourage to continue to stand strong, continue your, if you wanna use the word protect because I've been protested all my life and I know the power and the value of protest. But I do wanna encourage you to please remain peaceful in your protest. Now, everybody knows, well, maybe you don't' know but I know some, some, somebody up here, maybe a couple people, we know, we've heard about the threats, we've heard about it. The presence of these police officers are not here just because to be here, it's additional security that's in the room because there's been some threats made.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: That's right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Is that right? Councilwoman Hubbard, you said that's right?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Hmm?

MAYOR MASTERS: Did you…

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right. So, I, I wanna just put it all out there. I was even asked by a police officer earlier this evening, to park in the back, come in the back door and I would have a escort. I haven't had any threats, yet. So, I'm not coming in the backdoor and I'm not going out the backdoor. The last time I went out a, that.., a backdoor, was in the '60s, not this year. I came in front and I'm gonna go out the front.

Chief Williams, your name has been tossed around a little bit tonight. You've appeared in the media for the, uh, a few days and you were in the, the other meeting that some say was a private meeting. You've, you've given some statements about it one day and then you gave other statements another day, I would like to.., I don't want to do to you, or to anybody else, what was done to Mr. Evans without due process. I would like to hear your side of the story. I'm not saying now but I would like to mee'.., I would like for you to meet me, in my office at.., about 11:00 o'clock or whatever time is available 'cause I am, I, I do have some grave concerns about what has been reported in the media. But I'm not gonna run what I hear or what has been reported, I want you, as my Chief, one on one, to tell me about that meeting, whatever'.., if you can or what your role was in

the meeting and the statements that you made because somebody said they were conflicting statements. But I wanna meet with you personally because you are due due process, like anybody else, as far as the Mayor is concerned because, you know that I have certain rights and certain thing that I can do, as the Mayor of this City. And before anything gets out of hand or gets to any particular level, I need to have a conversation with you about this whole situation in my office tomorrow, by 11:00 o'clock. Would that, would that suffice for you?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Mr. Mayor, with all due respect, we can have that discussion at the State Attorney's office and we will discuss any and all things that are related to my activities stemming from the September 20 meeting and, at that point, if authorized by the State Attorney's office, we will share with you all the concerns, all the ongoing materials that we have generated as a result of that meeting and the activities surrounding, at least, three members of Council. So, I don't know what was reported but all our activities were designed to make certain that our legislative persons are able to conduct their business safely and without threat and intimidation.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Chief. Stay right there.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I have a question…

UNK: [Stamamer].

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …wait.., that just need clarity.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: [Inaudible]…

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What were the, what, what are you talking about three Council Members? What, what are you referring to?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Threats.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Threats.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Threats.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: OH, I missed that. Oh, okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible]…

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I didn't hear that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: …serious threats.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No. I didn't hear that part. I thought he said a meeting and three Council Members. Okay.

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