

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 4, 2018**

PRESENT AT MEETING¹:

THOMAS A. MASTERS	MAYOR MASTERS
CHAIRPERSON TONYA DAVIS JOHNSON	CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON
CHAIR PRO TEM LYNNE L. HUBBARD	CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD
COUNCILPERSON KaSHAMBA L. MILLER- ANDERSON	COUNCILPERSON MILLER- ANDERSON
COUNCILPERSON JULIE BOTEL	COUNCILPERSON BOTEL
COUNCILPERSON TERENCE "TD" DAVIS	COUNCILPERSON DAVIS
CITY MANAGER KAREN L. HOSKINS.....	CITY MANAGER HOSKINS
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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 4, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening. I'd like to call the regular City Council meeting of April 4th to order.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk, roll call, please?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Tonya Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lynne Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Julia Botel? [Pause]. Councilperson Terence Davis? [Pause]. City Manager Karen Hoskins?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Here.

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

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: You have a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We will stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by our Mayor.

[Moment of silence]

[Cellphone music plays]

MAYOR MASTERS: Shall we pledge?

ALL: I pledge allegiance 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.

MAYOR MASTERS: If you have cellphones, please turn them off. Thank you.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHALL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON A CONSENT AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED ON THE TABLE DIRECTLY OUTSIDE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF BEFORE THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS FOR THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

AGENDA APPROVAL

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam City Manager, are there any additions, deletions and/or substitutions?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am. Under community benefits on Consent, Item No. 12A, City of Riviera Beach Parks & Recreation Department, \$1,000, Chair Pro Tem Lynne L. Hubbard for the Biggest Winner Health & Wellness Weight Loss Challenge, April 7, 2018. Item No. 12B, Kiwanis Northside Club, West Palm Beach, \$600, Chair Pro Tem Lynne L. Hubbard to support the various programs offered to children, the homeless and veterans of Palm Beach County. Under awards and presentations, Item No. 13A, Introduction of newly appointed Principal, Carissa Battle, from Wash'..., of Washington Elementary, Riviera Beach, Florida... Washington Elementary School, Riviera Beach, Florida, Chair Pro Tem Lynne L. Hubbard. Also, under discussion and deliberation, additional information is provided under Resolution No. 32-18, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida approving a transfer of \$174,000 from general..., from the general fund, City Manager's salary and wages account to the Summer Youth Employment and job training program for qualifying Riviera Beach youth, to the Youth Empowerment account in the general fund for same, and approving job descriptions for the summer youth managers, summer youth developer and summer youth coordinator for same, and providing an effective date.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Manager.

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Let the record reflect that Councilperson Botel is on the dais. [Pause]. Are there any additions or deletions from Council?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Good evening. Could I just ask that 8:05 we take just one moment of silence to commemorate the death, at that hour, 50 years ago of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Absolutely. Madam Clerk, you will monitor the time and make us aware of 8:05? Thank you.

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any disclosures by Council? [Pause]. Before we get to disclosures by Coun'.., Council, I would like to move.., reorder the Agenda to allow the Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability to make their presentation and request. I would like to put that [pause] immediately after [pause]... Mr. Mayor, how much time do you need for your presentation on schools?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, about seven to eight minutes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Seven to eight minutes? We will make it 13B.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair? We're still with the disclosures.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes. I'm coming back to disclosure.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hmm?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm coming back to...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...disclosures now. Are there any disclosures by Council?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilperson Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I just wanted to put on record that I did meet with Palm Beach County just to be briefed on this project.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair? I met with the group from DES as well.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair, I met with Rybovich to be briefed on that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. I received a correspondence from Richard Pinsky with regards to Rybovich and I also met with the DES staff.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: I did meet with Congressman Alcee Hastings in Washington and also in the presence of Representative Ted Deutch and Congressman Lois Frankel, met with senior staff of the United States Justice Department, senior staff of the United States Education Department, and the staff one of the high schools in Washington, DC as it relates to Riviera Beach.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'll entertain a motion to adopt the Agenda.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been moved and properly second. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible]. Okay.

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCILPERSON SO REQUESTS...

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any Items to be pulled?

[Pause]

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Hearing none, are there any public comment cards?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No, Madam Chair, there are no public comments cards and the acceptance of public comments cards for the Consent Agenda is now closed.

MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2018.

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

2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 7, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS

3. RESOLUTION NO. 26-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$173,689 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REENTRY CENTER ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR

THE CONTINUATION OF REENTRY SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO SET UP A BUDGET FOR THE SAME AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DIVISION DIRECTOR: ORIE BULLARD (561-840-3124)

4. RESOLUTION NO. 27-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A WORK ORDER WITH REG ARCHITECTURE, INC., OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR PLANNING, ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR RIVIERA BEACH FIRE STATION #2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$470,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%); TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE SHALL NOT EXCEED \$517,000.00 WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 312-0920-522-2-3106; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERIM DEPT. DIRECTOR: TERRENCE BAILEY (561)845-4080

5. RESOLUTION NO. 28-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A 48' X 58' (2,784 SF) PORTABLE BUILDING TO HOUSE THE TEMPORARY OPERATIONS OF FIRE STATION #2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$214,290.00 FROM VISION BUILDING SYSTEMS, LLC; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%); TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE SHALL NOT EXCEED \$235,719.00 WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 312-0920-522-2-3106; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERIM DEPT. DIRECTOR: TERRENCE BAILEY (561) 845-4080

6. RESOLUTION NO. 29-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO JH SPRAGUE CONSULTING, LLC TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION SERVICES ON THE MARINA PROJECT TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARINA RENOVATION AND TO DEVELOP AND MONITOR GRANT APPLICATION PROCESSES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, WITH A RENEWAL OPTION FOR TWO ADDITIONAL TWELVE MONTH PERIODS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERIM DEPT. DIRECTOR: RICKEY LITTLE (561)845-4081

7. RESOLUTION NO. 30-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$325,000 FOR A PHASE 1 DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING FOR DREDGING AND DOCKS UNDER THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WATERWAYS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND UPON NOTIFICATION OF AWARD, ACCEPT THE GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERIM DEPT. DIRECTOR: RICKEY LITTLE (561) 845-4081

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS ON CONSENT

8. PALM BEACH GARDENS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL - \$300 - CHAIR PRO TEM LYNNE L. HUBBARD - TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS FOR THE MAY 2018 PROJECT GRADUATION EVENT.

9. CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION DEPT. - \$250 - CHAIR PRO-TEM LYNNE L. HUBBARD - TO DEFRAY START-UP COSTS OF THE SENIOR COMMUNITY GARDEN.

10. JESUS AND YOU OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC. - \$500 - CHAIR PRO-TEM LYNNE L. HUBBARD - TO SUPPORT THE OUTREACH PROGRAMS OFFERED TO THE COMMUNITY.

11. THE HAITI CHOLERA RESEARCH FUNDING FOUNDATION - \$500 - COUNCILWOMAN KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON FOR WALK OF PALM BEACH

12. I AM WHO I AM, INC. - \$500 - COUNCILWOMAN KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON FOR I AM ROYAL

ADDITION: 12A - COMMUNITY BENEFITS – RIVIERA BCH PARKS/BIGGEST WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE -\$1000 – HUBBARD

ADDITION: 12B – COMMUNITY BENEFITS – KIWANIS NORTHSIDE/VARIOUS PROGRAMS - \$600 – HUBBARD

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'll entertain a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been moved and properly second. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Now, we have reordered the Agenda to include an addition of 13A and 13B.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: PUBLIC COMMENT SHALL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. UNLESS THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WHICH, IN THAT EVENT, IT SHALL BEGIN SOONER. IN ADDITION, IF AN ITEM IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 7:30 P.M., THEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ITEM HAS BEEN CONCLUDED. ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS, PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED ON THE TABLE DIRECTLY OUTSIDE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF BEFORE THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTIONS IS ANNOUNCED.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any petitions and communications for filing?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Please let the record reflect that Councilperson Davis is on the dais.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any awards and [stammer] awards and presentations?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Presentation of public school safety and security measures by the office of Mayor Thomas Masters

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. The.., Walter's not quite ready. A little technical difficulty. We should be ready probably about 10 minutes because he can no longer show stuff from back there, has to be up here. So...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: We'll try and fix that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, then we will move forward...

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I'll be...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...with...

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll be ready in about 10 minutes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: If you wanna come back. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Palm Beach County, are you ready? Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we have Item No. 13A prior to 13B.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Do you see her here? She.., the Principal, we don't see her in the room just yet.

13B.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. Item No. 19, which has been renumbered at 13B.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY REQUESTS TO PARTNER WITH THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLETION OF THE BROOKS SUBDIVISION AND PRESENTATION BY DIRECTOR JONATHAN B. BROWN ON THE COUNTY'S ACTIVITIES

MR. J. BROWN: Good evening, City Council. Thank you so much for having...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. J. BROWN: ...me here tonight. Jonathan Brown, I work for Palm Beach County's Housing and Economic Sustainability Department. I serve as the Department Director.

Today, I wanted to come and discuss a potential partnership of potential opportunity to complete the Brooks subdivision project that was begun a number of years ago. I'll provide you with a brief history to start. In 2008, Palm Beach County provided a \$700,000 mortgage to the principals of the Brooks Subdivision, LLC to acquire 18 of the 22 lots. Within that same year, the City of Riviera Beach also provided a \$500,000 mortgage for the infrastructure for that particular project and within that year, all of the parcels were deeded to the Brooks Subdivision development with the intent and expectation of creating 22 affordable single-family homes. In 2009, the development and [stammer] and the installation of the infrastructure, for the most part, was completed. And, as mentioned earlier, the City of Riviera Beach provided dollars that went toward the cost of infrastructure. If you drive through the area now, you can see the paving has been done and you can see some other infrastructure improvements have been made, although the property, the project still sits vacant. In 2011, once the county realized that this project was not moving forward, the county requested that its monies be repaid because, at that point, no houses had been constructed and there was concerns as to whether that project was gonna move forward. 2014, the county began its foreclosure process on the 18 lots, that we have assisted in acquisition in acquiring. In 2016, our foreclosure process was completed and we took ownership of the 18 lots and since that time, we have taken care of all the back taxes on the lots and we are here today to discuss the remaining four lots, which we anticipate the tax collector turning over to the Clerk's office in April for a tax deed auction. Now, for most of you that's familiar with it, so, there is the drainage easement, which is on the right-hand side of the screen. Next to the drainage easements are the four parcels. The four parcels are the largest four parcels on the project site that..., those four properties were anticipated single-family, two story construction. And then you have, to the left of the slide here, the 18 parcels that are owned by the county currently.

Current status. Again, the county owns the 18 lots with no encumbrances. We've taken care of all the back taxes and any of the other liens that were on those properties. The majority of the infrastructure was done, thanks, in part, to the assistance from the City of Riviera Beach. The county has completed its title work on the remaining four lots and we identified the existing half a million-dollar mortgage that's on those remaining four parcels. We also identified that there are some lot clearing liens that the City has on those four parcels as well, and then there is a judgment in favor of Rosso Paving and Drainage. Now, as this project or property goes through the tax deed process, the judgment to Rosso would automatically be eliminated through that, through that process, which would leave the municipal liens, the half a million dollar mortgage and any of the lot clearing liens that still are on the property that were levied by the City as a result of you maintaining those four lots. We, we've talked about acquiring a draining easement, if necessary. Currently, the con'..., the HOA docs state that the own'..., the HOA docs state that the majority owner owns the HOA right now. We own 18 of the 22 lots. You know, we're gonna see if it's necessary for us to take ownership of the easement but, nevertheless, because we own the majority of the lots and control the HOA, we don't know if it's necessary but it's there as part of our process to finish this off.

We wanna talk about collaborating with the City to develop this as an affordable housing, or workforce housing, project. Ownership, not rental, but home ownership units that we believe the City would absolutely benefit from. And, as we work through this

process, we want to coordinate with the City, its community and potentially contractors to get it done. And so the ask is, we're, we're, we're gonna seek permission from our county commission next week to, to bid on these lots. In order for us to bid on the lots, our county commission is gonna wanna know, 'Well, what are you gonna do with the existing liens and mortgages that are there?' And so, we're here tonight asking the City Council to consider, if we are able to secure the lots through an auction process, we're, we're gonna request that the mortgages and the liens on those properties be wave in effort for us to move it forward and to identify a contractor team that could create the affordable workforce housing that the City and the county would like to see on those lots. Now, as a part of considering waving the lien, we, we wanna discuss, if you're amenable to that, we would like to discuss with you what sort of considerations the City would like to see as part of the county commission deliberations. We wanna take it back to them, we wanna share with them some of the things, uh, all the things that you're gonna share with us tonight. And, if we are, again, successful in acquiring the lots through auction, if the county commission gives us the okay to bid of 'em and we anticipate coming back before the City, as well as the county commission, with some sort of interlocal agreement that would codify all of the things that we're gonna discuss today, and all of the things that we will get from our county commission next week.

And so, we'd like for you to consider our request to, to waive those liens if we are successful in acquiring the lots through auction.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Does that conclude your presentation? Any questions from the board?

MR. J. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...ma'am, Madam Chair. [Pause]. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Pro Tem and then Botel.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Mr. Brown, thank you for the presentation. This is definitely a project that's..., that we would like, that I would like to see us move forward. It sits in the heart of District 1, and I think that right now, for affordable workforce housing to be something that we have access to, I, I'd like to see us take advantage of it. I just want to talk about two things that you mentioned, the mortgage that we hold on it, is for the infrastructure. The \$500,000 that we put into the ground for the, for the infrastructure.

MR. J. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The other thing that we have on this property are the liens for the lot clearing and the cleaning at this time. So, that too is something that you're asking us to waive?

MR. J. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes. And, kind of repeating something that you already said, the purpose is to be able to take this back to the county commission so that you guys will get permission from them to bid on these properties.

MR. J. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. So, I just wanted to repeat that so that the public can understand, you know, what we're asking, um, what you're asking us for, as you go back to the county. The.., one of the things that.., well, some of the things that I would like to have in return is this, is definitely local, local contractor on, on the job, local general contractor, local subs, the residents of Riviera Beach having first option for home ownership in this, in this development, that we are able to process with assistance through.., with, with local par'.., with the local partnerships. Those, those.., and that our residents will also be eligible for the first time home buyer down payment assistance that the county offers. So, those are some of the major things right off the top of my head that I would like to see us be able to take advantage of, or avail ourselves of here in the City of Riviera Beach, if we agree to set aside these particular req'.., liens and, and, and the infrastructure mortgage.

Thank you.

MR. J. BROWN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilperson Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you, Mr. Brown, for that presentation. I also have questions about workforce housing. As you stated, we have probably 65% or more of the homes in Riviera Beach are rental properties and, of course, we are looking for workforce housing here. I don't, and I'm new to this dais, I don't know that we have workforce housing in Riviera Beach. Do you?

MR. J. BROWN: I'm sure you have some based on the incomes. The way the county defines workforce housing is based on income and income category, and the income category goes all the up to 140% of AMI, which is over \$100,000, so I'm sure you have buyers that will qualify for workforce housing.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: But has the county supported us in workforce housing?

MR. J. BROWN: Great question. And so, the way the workforce housing program works currently, is that we provide down payment assistance and the county also fix sales prices for developers who are constructing new houses. And so, from, from the City of, of Riviera Beach's perspective, if the developer isn't coming through our county building department, which makes the requirements for those, we can't necessarily mandate it on your programs, but that does not mean we don't provide down payment assistance for buyers in the City of [stammer] of Riviera Beach because we do provide down payment assistance.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Okay. Because, in my research, I see that you've got the Groves in Lake Worth, and Gulfstream Preserve in Lake Worth, and Silverwood Estates in Lake Worth, and Cambria Park in Boynton Beach, and also Cypress in Lake Worth. So, there are lots of workforce housing projects in other communities but I don't see that much county involvement in Riviera Beach. And so, as a giveback, if we are to vote positively in this endeavor, I would love to see some guarantees that the county would work with us to provide greater workforce housing in the county. Will you be able to provide, to provide guarantees?

MR. J. BROWN: I, I would say again, in, in the developments that you're talking about, those are all developer driven. So, it was Lennar or Holiday that are building those and they're mandated to build. What I can say, and I'm absolutely comfortable in saying is that we will, we can provide guarantees that we're gonna provide, continue to provide down payment assistance to the residents of the City of Riviera Beach as we've done in the past, and we'd work with some of your non-profit organizations to help them build houses that have been constructed in the City of Riviera Beach and I don't anticipate that changing.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And you probably some leverage with developers?

MR. J. BROWN: [Stammer] it depends, again, because the, the funding sources that we use really dictate what we can or cannot do. So, it, it, it depends.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: But you will, you will work with us to...

MR. J. BROWN: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...provide more? Thank you.

MR. J. BROWN: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, with the [pause]. First of all, good evening.

MR. J. BROWN: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I know when we met, we talked a little bit about possibly having..., making sure that these properties are not flipped, and the goal of making sure that we have homeowners in this particular area. With the down payment assistance, would there be some sort of amount of time that they need to maintain it before they could sell it or rent it out?

MR. J. BROWN: Great question. And that's something we want to make sure collaborate with the City of Riviera Beach on. If we're going our SHIP Program...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

MR. J. BROWN: Our SHIP Program states that there's a 30-year affordability period, so that if the buyers were to purchase and sell within that 30-year period, they would be required to re-pay the dollars back. What my recommendation, or suggestion, is, is that the City considers some sort of longer affordability period. And when I say longer, something that would not allow them to flip. So, you know, maybe we can do, and again this will have to be discussed with the city and the county, maybe we can do something like a 15 year..., this is a separate one, that just stays there, and so, we can guarantee affordability for a 15 year period. Something of that..., so that way, if the buyer does decide to sell, they would have to sell to someone that would meet the requirements of the program, thus allowing us to preserve long-term affordability. So, that's an additional type of restriction, a restrictive covenant, but it's something that we absolutely do in our workforce housing program, so it's something that we could look at doing here.

So, you're talking two things, there is that permanent one and then there's one that would typically go with down payment assistance, which is about 30 years.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And then also, with the..., throughout this process, we'll be having community meetings. You all would provide some sort of community outreach, as you mentioned about with the non-profits as well?

MR. J. BROWN: Something that we, we would recommend, and I, I, again, I know the, the commission would have to, to have to be amenable to this, and as well as the county, we would love to begin outreach. Once we can secure those lots, if we get the approval to bid and we can secure 'em, we would love to start the community outreach to make sure the community is aware of what's going on in the site, to give them some idea of the process and how it would move forward. To discuss with the even the RFP, from the standpoint of what are we looking to do, we're looking to identify a contractors..., a contractor team. A team that would get in there and would complete the construction of the project. I've shared with, with some of you all, our, our goal really is, we're gonna come with the drawings and the plans and things already together so we can identify a contractor that's just ready build. And we wanna do the, we wanna do that in the outreach, early and upfront, so that way the residents will be at ease, the Council will be at ease and the project can move, hopefully, without any, any hinderances.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

MR. J. BROWN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilperson Davis, do you have questions or comments?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Brown, thank you for coming.

MR. J. BROWN: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Quick question. When, when you mentioned the liens and the position of the City, we hope that, you know, we're all successful through the process, but let's say we are allowed to, as a Board, to remove these liens so that you can go back to the county commission and get the approval, which we foresee potentially happening, and you auction..., you bid on these properties and you're not successful, the question would be [chuckle], where are we now as a City?

MR. J. BROWN: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, how can we still make this happen with a commitment to you guys? Well, this is more of a legal..., I don't know if this is a legal question or what not, because if you're not successful in the auction process, and we're dealing with another third party and it's the City, the county and someone else. Now..., you, you know what I'm saying?

MR. J. BROWN: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, could we do, like, a commitment letter for the county specifically, so that you can go back saying that you have the, the Board support...

MR. J. BROWN: I, I...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...unanimously, because I... Could that, could that..., that's a possibility? Hoping that it don't happen.

MR. J. BROWN: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

MR. J. BROWN: Our, our, our expectation is that we would be successful in the auction. In the event that we're not, the City of Riviera Beach sits in the..., you're in the driver seat with regards to those four lots. And if another developer, whomever, comes in and acquires the lot, they acquire your lien. You are in a position to either, you know, work with them on your existing lien, you're in a position to, you know, you know, if you decide to, to foreclose and move on, you, you would be in the driver's seat on those four lots. And, and...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Understood.

MR. J. BROWN: ...and part of our request, again, you know, deals with those four lots because when you think about affordable and workforce housing, half a million dollar lien..., if, if that lien remains on the property and whoever acquires it has to pay that lien off, you're talking about an additional \$125,000 added to the sales price of those four properties, and now there'll be no way to keep those affordable to workforce housing...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Correct.

MR. J. BROWN: ...which is what we would like to help the, the City have.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further questions?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, that, that was my biggest concern, on how we protect that whole, um, [inaudible] residents because we don't wanna have a developer come in and pass that on to potential buyers within our community. And so, if, if this is already structured in, in a place to where we could move forward and still be successful, then I have no, no problems with what, what you're asking to do today.

MR. J. BROWN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, my questions have already been addressed in that we talked about local, we talked about first opportunity, first right of refusal for our home buyers, we've talked about what our options are, and in our meeting we talked specifically about the option if the county is not successful. And so, would you touch a little bit upon the conversation of a possible foreclosure if the county is not successful, what the City's option then is?

MR. J. BROWN: Yes, ma'am. As the, as the mortgage holder on that property, you provided a..., and, and I know the Attorney can speak to this, you provided assistance for the infrastructure with the anticipation that a development would occur.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. J. BROWN: And so, as the county had to do when we realized that our dollars were not being used for the purposes intended, the county had to foreclose. And the City of Riviera Beach, again, has that, that, that right too, provided your, your Attorney is, is in agreement with that, you have that right as well. Which again, puts you in a very good position, and it, it just strengthens our, from the county's perspective, our need and our desire to wanna partner with you on, on this project.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, we certainly recognize that there is a need for affordable housing here in the City of Riviera Beach and we certainly want to see movement on that particular tract of land.

MR. J. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, we understand, an help me if I'm incorrect, but this is almost a conditional waiver because we would be providing the waiver in order for you to go back to your Board and, in the event that you are successful, we move forward in that vein. And then in the event that you are not, then we come back to the other options.

MR. J. BROWN: It, it is and, and, and I don't know, you know, if..., how formal it needs to be, we just need to be able to have those discussions with the commission because, again, we're still ahead of the process at this point. We don't even have the permission yet to, to bid on the auction.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Of course.

MR. J. BROWN: But we wanna make sure that doing our due diligence, we can share with the commission, the county commission that we've met with the City of Riviera, Riviera Beach Council and, if you have some sort of consensus that we can share, we'll do that, and we'll share with them the considerations that the City would like to have if you do move forward with waiving the liens for the county.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Attorney? Do we do our consensus in the form of a motion to go on record? As it relates to the City's.., the county's request?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Sure. If I'm understanding the discussion correctly, whatever action is taken will be conditioned upon them successfully acquiring title to the other properties.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Absolutely.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yeah. If that's the motion, yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'll entertain a motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, tell me what your motion is, please.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I move that we give our consensus to the DES Director, that he may go back before the Palm Beach County Commission and let them know that we are definitely interested in waiving the \$500...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...infrastructure mortgage, as well as the, the liens...

UNK: Thousand.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...for cleaning. Ah, \$500,000.

[Chuckles]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Let's get that straight.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

MR. J. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: \$500,000 mortgage for the infrastructure that we provided for this project, as well as the liens that we have for cleaning and the disbursement of trash on, on that property.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: My second still stands.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly second. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do not have any public comment cards on this Item, so the acceptance of public comment cards for this Item is now closed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Brown and we look forward to a favor'.., favorable action.

MR. J. BROWN: Thank you, and we will follow back up with the, the City. One of the other things that we're gonna need to talk about is the outreach, so we wanna make sure we coordinate with you and, if you have any interested agencies that you want us to work with, we wanna make sure we're, we're working with those agencies.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MR. J. BROWN: Thank you.

UNK: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I have a question, Mr. Brown. Madam Chair, or you. Would there be any need, or do you think any assistance in our coming to the meeting to speak on behalf of this project?

MR. J. BROWN: You're, you're more than welcome to. I, I, you know, I think you're decision today would be good, but I'm sure the county commission would always love to hear from you directly.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I will...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...be there, as I'm...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...on the Agenda, so I will be there.

MR. J. BROWN: Okay. Excellent. [Chuckle]. Thank you.

13.

PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES BY THE OFFICE OF MAYOR THOMAS MASTERS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, are you now ready?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm about as ready as I'm gonna be, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Proceed, Mr. Mayor.

[Pause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do not have any public comment cards for Item No. 13, so the acceptance of Item.., public comment cards for Item No. 13 is now closed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, ma'am.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

As you know, I have been speaking out and standing up for the public safety of our children. It doesn't matter whether it's Riviera Beach or West Palm, the fact is that I realize several years ago, I think it was 2013, there was about give Mayors, including myself, we made a presentation before the School Board at that time and people who like to Google can google the article. I think it was in the Sun Sentinel, that we asked the School Board to, along with, it was another Pastor, I think from Lake Worth, Pastor Boykin.

We asked the School Board to install metal detectors, walk-through metal detectors in the schools to make the schools as safe, or safer, as possible. We felt that our, our presentation fell on deaf ears. In 2013, the Board Members were, I think, more concerned about the cosmetics and they didn't want the, the schools to look like a prison. And our comeback was, 'It's better to look like a prison than to look like a cemetery. They were more concerned about the entrance and exits and they gave a lotta, I think, um, different ways not to have it. And, of course, I was, in 2011, 9-11, I was at Washington, DC meeting with the Education Defense Fund, a few blocks from Congress. Actually, I was stranded in DC for about a week, couldn't get..., maybe two weeks, couldn't get away, couldn't get on, on any plane, because the President felt that the..., because of 9-11, that they needed to make the airports as safe as possible. And as result of 9-11, walk through metal detectors were installed at every air'..., airport in the United States, and perhaps throughout the world. Israel, even before 9-11, had the best security of any country that I visited, way before 9-11.

Having said that, it is baffling to me that we can see the need of protecting citizens in this country at airports, with walk metal..., walk through detectors, we can realize that it is literally almost impossible, if not improbable...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Excuse me, Mr. Mayor. Please. Can you take your con'..., conversation outside during the presentation, please? [Pause]. Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: He's just gonna close that down. [Pause]. So, it became...

[Working on computer]

MAYOR MASTERS: So, as a result of 9-11, we felt that the airports needed to be secured, the President at the time, I think, George Bush. What that says... I've been flying a lot, a lotta miles since 9-11, but I get on a plane because I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt that there's not a gun or a weapon on that plane. Why do I know that? Because everyone that has gone, that's sitting on the plane, has gone through a metal detectors. Period. En route to Washington, DC, the other day to address the issue, the most pressing issue is metal detectors and metal detectors now, I will not debate it, I will not compromise, I will spend every dime that I have in community benefits, about \$3,400, to put metal detectors in our schools, the schools that the principal are asking for. But, on the plane, en route to Washington, it was interesting that I sat next to two Parkland students, Parkland students, they were going to the march. We had an interesting conversation. They're on the plane, I'm on the plane, but we all are there and we're safe, didn't have worry about someone walking through the school, or through the plane shooting it up because metal detectors were there.

So, Congressman Alcee Hastings supports metal detectors in the schools. He was very excited about this initiative from the Mayor's office. Dr. Debra Robinson supports metal detectors in the school. She said, 'Mr. Mayor, just write the check.' I said, 'I'll do it. We'll do that.' She's very supportive of our, our initiatives. We know that there has to be funding for mental health, police security, surveillance cameras, we know all of

those things has to take place, it's not just one thing, but we need to use every tool available. But, what we also know, is that police officers, locked doors, cameras, surveillance, mental health, whatever you wanna talk about, nothing will stop a gun by a student, or anyone else that could get on that campus, if there, if there isn't, or if there aren't any metal detectors. So, I'm, I'm good with it.

Madam Chair, in Washington, I had a chance to address this issue with the Justice Department, they understand it clearly, they've also agreed to come and do a workshop on public sa'..., school safety. I met with Congressman Alcee Hastings, met with the Education Department, they all get it, but someone has to be the first to say we want it and we want it now. Why in Washington, with a lobbyist, we ran across a Congressman who was talking my talk, and she's passing..., going to pass legislation that's gonna mandate metal detectors in schools..., former Mayor of Dallas, Texas and now a longtime representative. So, I wanted to make a brief presentation. I'm done. The pictures are not working, we cannot show the pictures but I have to tell you that Palm Beach County is way behind the nation in metal detectors in schools. If you got to Los Angeles, you go to Cleveland, you go to Chicago, you go to Washington, you go to pick a city, there are metal detectors in the schools. When I told my sister, who is the former First Lady of Washington, DC., Cora Masters Berry, that we didn't have metal detectors, she said, 'You're..., I know your crazy, I know you're..., I know you're just joking.' I said, 'No. We don't have them.' So, a, a tour was arranged for me to visit Ballou High School. It was only a short, about 10 seconds, metal detectors are there. So, at this time, if we can..., if you can help me show it, you will see how they..., how they're..., how they work at..., in Washington, DC.

[Video plays]

MAYOR MASTERS: Just for the record, I didn't have a gun on me, but the metal detector went off on me. I had keys, or cellphone, or something, but... So, as I wrap this up, I am proud to announce that the Principal of Inlet Grove..., well, she [inaudible] Superintendent, somewhat, CEO of Inlet Grove, adjacent to City Hall, will be the first school, or perhaps one of the first schools, if not the first in our area, and if not , Palm Beach County, to have a walk through metal detector in the school. \$3,400, we wrote the checkout of community benefits. Thank the Council for the Consent Agenda for that, they donate money to the school and then they get the metal detector. And also, a business associate from Broward who just said this is a great idea, it's a charity for children, they donated the other \$3,400. So, if there are any businesses out there, and you're interested in helping us and helping others, to implement metal detectors in the schools, we cannot wait for the School Board, the Governor, the President or Congress, as long as the principal sees the need we'll get the money. Don't wait for a Parkland to happen in West Palm Beach or Riviera Beach or Palm Beach County, let's not react, let's act before, God forbid, before something happens.

That is my presentation. I hope my fellow Councilpeople will see the need, as I have..., as I see it and will donate some of their community benefit money towards metal detectors, if we have other schools. Right now we have one, and that's Inlet Grove. And the businesses of this community, I want to make an appeal, a moral appeal to you, to

help us raise the money that we can [stammer] assure, ensure and assure our schools as safe [stammer] as our airports to make sure that guns and weapons cannot walk through, because there's nothing to [ringing bell sound]. The Parkland student delegation will also be here when the ribbon is cutting, a few of them are coming up and they're excited about being here at Inlet Gove.

Thank you, Madam Chair and City Manager for this opportunity to make this presentation. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One moment, please. I did receive a correspondence that Principal Battle is en route, but I would like to ask if my colleagues would allow the Port of Palm Beach to just address us briefly. Is there any opposition to that, instead of that? So, we will deem that 13C.

13C.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. 13C. Port of Palm Beach, would you come forward?

MR. P. MCARTHUR: Thank you for that consideration, Mr. Mayor, Chairwoman Davis Johnson, Council Members. It's a pleasure to be with you again this evening. It was an honor to have Councilwoman Botel at our Port meeting last..., about two weeks ago? And I appreciate her taking that interest and time. Before I turn it over to Manuel to discuss a, a couple outstanding issues, I..., this afternoon, County Commissioner, Mack Bernard, knew I was coming here tonight and he asked me to share something with you. On Monday evening, from 6:00 to 7:30, there will be a, um, observance of Dr. King's life, at the Historical Courthouse, next to the county building, in downtown. They're, right now, finalizing the speakers and everything, but he wanted to extend an invitation to each of you...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. P. MCARTHUR: ...to attend. There'll be a, a reception immediately to follow. So, that's Monday night 6:00 o'clock in the Historic Courthouse. We want to, not only recognize Dr. King's legacy, but also to keep it going because...

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MR. P. MCARTHUR: ...we need it now, probably more than ever. Manuel, did you wanna...

MR. M. ALMIRA: Thank you, Council'.., Council Ladies, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, sir.

MR. M. ALMIRA: I have left on your seats, or actually on your desk, a, a brief synopsis of three outstanding issues that we have with the City. And we would like to raise the level of awareness that these are impacting our, our way of doing business at the Port. So, if you can please review it and, perhaps if you'd like, we can have a meeting with your Staff, appropriate Staff and, therefore, we may be able to move all of these projects forward. Some of them are a little dated. In fact, one's from ba'..., way back from 2015. So again, I ask if you can assist us, we'll be more than willing to sit down with your Staff and, again, move these projects forward.

Thank you for the time.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair? Before you g'..., leave.

MR. P. MCARTHUR: Excuse me. And one more thing, before the meeting we had the opportunity to discuss briefly with Chairperson Davis Johnson, and she mentioned having a joint meeting. As you recall, about three years ago, we had a joint meeting on our interlocal agreement and we were supposed to have a second meeting at the..

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. P. MCARTHUR: ...Port sometime thereafter.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. P. MCARTHUR: And for a variety of reasons, we've never been able to conduct that meeting. So, maybe we could also pursue that as well. We appreciate your time and we thank you for everything.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Mr. Peyton, right? Mannie?

MR. M. ALMIRA: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Just, just let me just get this in. I appreciate what you're doing in memory of Dr. King and Mack Bernard is to be commended. I also appreciate the fact that the Port has metal..., walk-in metal detectors. There's two, for public safety. So that means, I'm gonna be knocking on your door soon, asking for some help in funding, as a partner. Okay?

MR. M. ALMIRA: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. So [inaudible] know that. And Dr. Enright.

MR. P. MCARTHUR: Thank you very much.

MR. M. ALMIRA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Madam City Manager, if you would assemble the appropriate Staff to address the issue that have been brought forward by the Port of Palm Beach and I would also like to have a., schedule a joint meeting with the Port of Palm Beach Board. We will reach out to the Port, as well as to our Council Members for available dates. Thank you. Madam Clerk. [Pause]. We on Item 14.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, do., is Ms. Battle here?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: She is not. As soon as she arrives, we will be made aware.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST REDOING

14.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. Then, we will move forward with Item 14. We do have public comment cards for this Item. The acceptance of public comment [stammer] public comment cards for this Item is now closed.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ORDINANCE NO., 4106. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ABANDONING A PORTION OF EAST 20TH STREET, A PORTION OF AVENUE “B”, AND A PORTION OF AVENUE “C” EXHIBITED ON THE REVISED PLAT OF COCONUT LODGE AND GOVERNMENT LOT 4, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 43 EAST AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 52 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AND LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA CONTAINING 26,815.6 SQUARE FEET, .62 ACRES MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING CONDITIONS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been moved and properly second. City Manager, who... Mr. Gagnon's giving the [stammer] presentation?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Thank you. Good evening, Mayor, City Council Members, Staff. Jeff Gagnon, Acting Director of Community Development.

You have before you a abandonment request for a portion of three different roadways. It's a portion of Avenue B, Avenue C, and also a portion of East 20th Street.

UNK: 20th Street.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: You have before you a location map identifying the portions of the roadway proposed to be abandoned. The applicant is Rybovich, who currently owns all the adjacent properties to these roadway sections. This is corresponding to an overall Master Plan that's anticipated to be provided to the City within the next year or so. What this will do is allow Rybovich to form a master campus, allow for them to maintain access and security throughout that campus and corridor, and also allow Rybovich to develop that master site plan, which is anticipated to have about a \$10,000,000 investment into the community in the very near future. Before you, you have an aerial view of the roadways in question. Currently shown on the screen in yellow, is a portion of roadways that abandoned in November of 2011. This partial abandonment allowed Rybovich to start development of this master campus idea. Since that point, they have further facilitated property acquisition and have moved that concept forward. Appearing in blue on the screen, is the area proposed to be abandoned through the Ordinance you have before you. Additionally, as backup material, the sketch and legal description of those roadways have been provided, as well as a copy of the Ordinance and an existing plan of the current facilities. Just for the record, this is the sketch of the roadways.

So, at this time, Staff is recommending that City Council consider the requested abandonment of the portion of East 20th Street, a portion of Avenue B and a portion of Avenue C. Additionally, Staff is recommending specific conditions of approval that would be associated with that abandonment request. Again, those are provided within the Ordinance, however, for the record, they are provided before you. The first is that Rybovich would have to provide, within 12 months of the passage and adoption of this Ordinance, that master site plan I referenced earlier. There is a savings clause within the Ordinance that, if that timing mechanism is not met, that the abandonment would revert back to the City, so it's definitely something that provides adequate leverage from the City's perspective to ensure that that master site plan is coming before us in the very near future. In addition to the site plan, within condition number two, we're requesting a landscape plan according to existing code. Condition number three that's proposed is a plat or a replat of the existing parcels would have to be provided, which would create a unified and uniform property in order for that master site plan to move forward. Proposed condition number four is that there is currently an existing traffic light at East 20th Street. So, what would be proposed is that a brand new traffic light would have to be installed and operating at East 22nd Street in order to maintain the southbound traffic that is coming out of the roadways to the north onto Avenue, excuse me, onto Broadway and heading south on US-1. This new traffic light would ensure that that guarded signal is maintained and provided in perpetuity in the future, being that the existing access at East 20th would be removed as part of this request. Proposed condition number five is a requested requirement in order to provide an easement over the existing right of way. What that'll do is ensure that the City has access to any sort of infrastructure, utility lines that currently exist in the roadway, as kind of a safeguard as we're in this in between phase. So, what this will do, again, is, is request that easement to ensure access. And proposed condition number six is that, in the future, if there is any relocation of those sewer and water lines, that it would have to be at the cost of the applicant, or future property owner.

The agent for the applicant is available tonight to answer any questions. The applicant is here as well, and Staff is here to answer any questions you may have.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Public comment.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Greg More, M. Xavier, Charlotte Darville.

MR. G. MOREE: My name is Greg Moree and I have 90 years in the City of Riviera Beach, Florida and I'm from a pioneer.., I'm 60 years old, my family has 90 years here.

[Chuckle]

MR. G. MOREE: Just wanted to...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible]..

MR. G. MOREE: ...say that.

MAYOR MASTERS: I was wondering how that was gonna happen. I was kinda wondering about that.

MR. G. MOREE: But, I just wanted to add that there's historical value in the City of Riviera. The Kennedy's landed here from Ireland. They were all through the Riviera's here and my grandmother's house.., I would like to have that back up there, if we can get that, that screen back up there because that was my grandmother's house that they tore down. It was on the Palm Beach Historical Society.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hmm.

MR. G. MOREE: And I have a letter from Joe... Excuse me. I have a letter from Joe Kennedy stating who I am, what I am and that's what that is. So, there should be a state park up on [stammer] on, on 13th Street and Broadway, representing the Conchtown, USA people. You can go right over to the library and get the book yourself. You can look at every single page and you'll find a Kennedy there and my name. He's coming through here someday, as the next [stammer] president of the United States. And so, that came from Joe Kennedy. So, we have dispute with Rybovich. And I live right beside Elizabeth Warren, up in Massachusetts in Harvard Square. [Pause]. So, we're gonna sue Rybovich, we're suing him. And we're.., we have subpoenas coming in right now. I, um, and that's.., that came from you.., City Councils before ya's. It's black and white, very easy to see, 117 on the southside. That was my.., that's where I came from. So, I'm gonna leave each one of these for you. And I'm gonna leave the letter from Joe Kennedy.

And they also.., we have dispute of my property on the southside. I have two house lots. And so, I have two house lots, my grandmother and Steve Wynn, the gambling guy, building a casino in Massachusetts. They did the deal right over here at Rybovich. A State Senator came here. His name is State Senator Amigal [sp],to make

the deal. We're not talking about.., them.., they can make \$500,000,000 a year, and they're tearing down my grandmother's house down and not replacing it. This is a big issue, this is me and Martin Walsh. He would not stand for that. Joe Kennedy will not stand for it. Elizabeth Warren won't stand for it. And if you have a park here, then Joe Kennedy's gonna come here, and he's gonna ordain it with Mayor Masters.

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MR. G. MOREE: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

MR. G. MOREE: And this is all for everybody right here.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Pass it to the Clerk, please.

MR. G. MOREE: And you can read it black and white. It's very easy. And I'll be back.., going back to Boston tomorrow [inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

MR. G. MOREE: ...Joe Kennedy.

MAYOR MASTERS: I have a question too, Madam Chair.

MR. G. MOREE: I wanna make sure everybody's...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible]..

MR. G. MOREE: ...democrat.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair? Young, um, sir, I didn't get your name again. Could you come back to the, to the... I have a question for you. What's your last name again?

MR. G. MOREE: Say that again.

MAYOR MASTERS: Your last name again?

MR. G. MOREE: Do I have family here?

MAYOR MASTERS: No. No, no, no. Your last name?

MR. G. MOREE: My last name is Moree.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

MR. G. MOREE: [Inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...Mr. Moree, let me... No, no, no. That's fine. I just wanna ask a question.

MR. G. MOREE: Let me give the the letter too. And a picture of Elizabeth Warren. You call them, they're...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Stammer]...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...gonna say, 'You stop everything that...

MAYOR MASTERS: Let me just ask...

MR. G. MOREE: ...you're doing...

MAYOR MASTERS: Let me just ask you a question. But you can stand there. Certainly, I, I...

MR. G. MOREE: I went to the memorial with Wayne...

MAYOR MASTERS: I understand.

MR. G. MOREE: I do [inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS: Let me just ask a question. I respect the legacy of your, your grandmother and, and particularly the Kennedy Family. Period.

MR. G. MOREE: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Having said that, the Ordinance deals with three different sections, or areas, 20th Street, and I., and there's a couple other locations, Avenue C. Is your concern the.., all of it or just one particular street of it?

MR. G. MOREE: Well, my grandmother...

MAYOR MASTERS: Just try to be brief.

MR. G. MOREE: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just...

MR. G. MOREE: My grandma's house is 117.

MAYOR MASTERS: 117 what?

MR. G. MOREE: Um...

MAYOR MASTERS: 20th?

MR. G. MOREE: 21st Street, southside. They just tore it down.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I got it. I just wanted...

MR. G. MOREE: The richest guy in world tearing down your grandmother's...

MAYOR MASTERS: I...

MR. G. MOREE: ...house.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...understand, sir. I just wanted to see where, where the...

MR. G. MOREE: It's, it's crazy.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just wanted to know where the location was. Thank you.

MR. G. MOREE: 117.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

MR. G. MOREE: It's right on the Plot Plan, and I'm, I'm...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Moree.

MR. G. MOREE: ...they're all being subpoenaed in right now, Wayne Huizenga, Steve Wynn.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

MR. G. MOREE: [Inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

MR. G. MOREE: ...they're all being subpoenaed in. I'm not taking that.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: M. Xavier, Charlotte Darville, Bonnie Larson.

MR. E. XAVIER: Good evening, Chairwoman, Councilpeople.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MR. E. XAVIER: My name's Emmanuel Xavier. I reside at East 25th Street. I also have a property on East 23rd Street.

I'm surprised I don't see a lot of neighbors here, local business owners, and it's probably because notice wasn't given. And, I believe at one of the meetings, one of the Councilpeople wanted the neighbors to have notice. As far as notice, there's just one

sign posted on the southeast corner of Avenue C and 20th Street. No robocalls, no letters to any households that I know of. Okay? Before I get moving any further, Dr. Botel, thank you very much for taking your time out on the Easter weekend, to come and make an attempt to talk to some of the residents there. You didn't talk to me, but I know that you made an attempt. Okay?

I was raised in Riviera Beach my entire life. I know that property like the back of my hand, okay? Before you make a decision on any abandonments on that road, okay, why mess around with something that is already there and in perfect working condition? Keep in mind this, Mayor Masters, you'll recall, in the early 2000's when eminent domain was going on...

MAYOR MASTERS: I do.

MR. E. XAVIER: Remember community benefits?

MAYOR MASTERS: I do.

MR. E. XAVIER: Remember Rybovich's position on community benefits?

MAYOR MASTERS: I do.

MR. E. XAVIER: Okay. If you wanna get some more information on that, consult with Mayor Masters.

Number two, they've already had properties abandoned from Riviera Beach, for them, they've had parcels at Avenue B and Avenue C. Okay? Now, if Riviera Beach wants to go ahead and give away property for free, that's great, you have a lot that borders 24th Street and Avenue C, cut that in half, give it to the neighbor on the east, give it to the west. I'm sure they'll be happy. Okay? Remember what you did to the Boys & Girls Club about the \$1 a year lease, you said no for that. Why are you gonna give a road away? Okay? 'Doesn't make any sense. The corner of the road where they wanna put the new traffic light in, I don't know what Mr. Yassen's position is on this, but Boat Owner's Warehouse is right there, with a parking lot right there. Okay? I'm sure that's gonna effect his parking. I don't know what his position is, but if he's okay with or not okay with it, that's up to him, but I'm gonna tell ya, that's gonna be a lot of congestion there. Okay? With cars going back and forth, in and out, and when boats are being moved out. So again, why mess with a perfect thing? The answer is, I don't know.

Keep in mind this as well, they need that property, from what I understand, because they're gonna be moving their boat repair facilities from West Palm Beach to Riviera Beach. The reason is, allegedly, from what I hear from the plans, they're competing with our Marina project by puttin' up condos in that parcel, okay, with businesses, such as restaurants. That's what the word around town is. So, just keep those two items I mind before you make any decisions on that road.

Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

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CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Charlotte Darville, Bonnie Larson. After Ms. Larson, Madam Chair, that concludes public comments.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Charlotte Darville.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Mayor, Council.

I just have one question, you're supposedly giving this property away for free to Rybovich? You've gotta be getting some kind of kickback because you don't do things like that.

[Inaudible comments]

MS. C. DARVILLE: Riviera Beach has got to be getting some kind of kickback from this. I know you're not gonna answer it, but, bottom line, you have to be getting a kickback from it.

Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bonnie Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson.

The gentleman who was just up here, he said there was only one notice down in his neighborhood regarding the meeting tonight, and I just have to mention that this meeting was not even on the Riviera Beach website until Tuesday, yesterday. Monday, I looked, it said no upcoming meetings, so I don't think people even knew about this meeting.

I have multiple questions here. The, the 20th Street, where they showed, if we could see that slide again, they showed the portions that Rybovich now wants, and they said we've [stammer].., could we have that slide again, so I could show you? They said that portions of that street and the other street have already been abandoned to some'.., who, who owns those? Who were the.., who, who was the rest of it abandoned to? We didn't say that. It said yellow, it was in pink. So, who owns the rest of those streets there?

How are fire.., now, we have the Council.., or, we have the department heads here tonight, which is wonderful. How are the Fire Department and the Police Department going to get into this area if we close off these streets? There's gotta be a lotta infrastructure in there. We can't be responsible for the infrastructure if they are moving

heavy equipment and doing this, that and the other in there. That's not our responsibility. If you give away property, that becomes that their total responsibility, not ours. If something goes wrong with the water, whatever, that's gotta be their responsibility.

Huizenga, rest his soul, I wish I could've met him, he was a visionary man. He had a lotta plans and he knew what he was doing. He had a master plan for this area before he bought one parcel in Riviera Beach. They knew they were moving West Palm Beach. They were selling that off for condos, something bigger and better down there. They have to have a master plan. Why is it the City is okay with approving the abandonment of City owned property without having that master plan? Why can't we see it? It's very important you get the community behind major projects like this. We haven't heard from Rybovich in multiple years, we don't know what they're doing down there. Are they gonna put up more of those Quonset hut things, are they gonna put, put buildings in there? How are they gonna move those yachts from the water to the uplands, how's all that gonna happen? Are the roads heavy duty enough for that? But, how is that gonna take place? And I'm running out of time. They have a master plan, why can't we have that master plan before the abandonment? We're.., we got the cart before the horse again. They need a place to put a hotel because their workers come into town, stay for Monday through Friday, then they leave. So, the money they make and salary is not gonna stay here in Riviera Beach, it's going back to Dade, Broward, wherever. So, it's not gonna.., that's not gonna be [stammer]. Where are they gonna put that hotel for their workers? It, it.., the slide mentioned new, new utility easements may be required. What does that mean? The legal description, ah. Who checked that legal description because if you remember with the Ocean Mall project, the legal description was wrong. Okay? The legal description, the first legal description on this property was wrong. A volunteer noticed that. Who is looking over these plans? I see we have Viking reps here tonight, so obviously, they're interested too but...

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MS. B. LARSON: ...cart before the horse. Get the master plan, they have it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Ms. Larson. Members of the Board.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I did spend part of my Easter weekend doing some homework, so I'll tell you a little bit about that. I drove around 20th Street, 22nd Street, I stopped and spoke with some homeowners who were in the process of moving out. Rybovich had purchased their property. I feel a tremendous amount of compassion for Mr. Moree. I hope that we can do something about honoring his legacy in this town, the legacy of his grandparents. Perhaps there can be some kind of a park, some kind of a [stammer] of a memorial. We can work on that. I'm sure Rybovich would be interested in, in honoring that kind of a legacy, but I think that the only kickback that we'll be getting will be a kickback to all of the people of Riviera Beach. I feel very optimistic about this

program. But let me tell you a little bit about the homework I did. So, I drove down to the New Port Cove Marina and asked them if there would be any negative impact on them, and they said no, they're looking forward to it. I stopped at, as I said, at the D'Souz Family, who are in the process of moving out, as far as I could tell, that was the last residential home and they were moving, as I said, Rybovich had paid their..., a, a very fair price, for them to move out of their home on Avenue C and 21st. I spoke to the woman who owns the seashell store on the corner there, Eugenia Merchant, she was happy with the progress being made. I drove down to Ji..., because people had stopped at that podium in the past and said, 'Well, this will prevent us from getting to the water.' Well, it won't prevent us from getting to the water because you can't get to the water anyway on [chuckle] 20th Street right now. When you go down 20th Street, you run right into Rybovich property. So, I drove down to Jim Barry Light Harbor Park where you could put your boat right in and, I say, I drove to New Port Cove Marina where you could also put your boat in. And someone mentioned the Police and Fire, so I checked with Chief Duren and I checked with Chief Madden and they both said, no, this is gonna be okay. It doesn't impact negatively on police and it doesn't impact negatively on fire. I'm happy to say that my neighbors on, on Singer Island will still be able to take their little shortcut through, through the back roads there. I, I caution you against doing that because I'm sure the, the people that live on those back roads down by, what we used to take, 20th Street to get out to Broadway, probably don't like us driving over that way. We should stay on Blue Heron and make a left at the appropriate spot on, on Broadway. But, in any case, it's good to know that Rybovich will be paying for a stop light on 22nd.

Long story short, I did go down and visit Rybovich in West Palm Beach, and I have to tell you, I'm really excited about this because I think the expansion of Rybovich from West Palm Beach to Riviera Beach will triple their business, it will mean jobs. I, I have some notes here about the increase, they are contracting with Career Source Palm Beach County about developing a new marine repair worker training program to be offered in Riviera Beach. Our people will get jobs out of this. While many of the existing 250 employees will eventually be working at the Riviera Beach facility rather than the West Palm Beach location, Rybovich still will need to signific'..., significantly increase the overall workforce between the two locations. So, I am optimistic about this. I know there are difficulties with this expansion. I know that we will have to suffer growing pains, but I'm definitely gonna vote yes on this.

That's all I have to say.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any other comments?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: When you drive down the Broadway corridor, and I've been on, on the questionable sides, one way or the other, as far as economic development prior to being elected, and once you get in this seat and, and you start having discussions and you start talking to families, and one of the biggest things that we

talk about in this community is having jobs that pay over minimum wage, right? So, we talk about, no one comes to our City, lives in our City to fail. So, this is one of the opportunities where we must think about our community. I think Mr. Gagnon has done a wonderful job with making sure he puts some language in there that triggers, hey, after a year, if some of the things don't happen, you need to come back before the Board, like we've done on various projects previously. I look forward to the outreach portion to make sure that we have an opportunity to get the training prior to that, because this project is further down the line. That at some point, I look forward to the day I can drive down Broadway and see the serious economic impact. Broadway still look' the same, to the day that I was born and, at some point, we'.., we've already made a change with the Marina development, we already made it a change with the, the property south of McDonalds, we already made a change with the trailer parks south of the McDonalds area. So, you can see a lotta things that are cleaning up. We have momentum in this City, alright? And with that momentum, requires us working with someone, and them working with us. This is a great story, a great step forward and I look forward to us having our Staff working with Rybovich to make sure that we get that outreach portion to get these jobs in place because we can't win without them and they can't win without us. And they're just, they're just a good Item. I mean, we've done our due diligence. There's nothing that's been rushed through. Based upon my research, it's legal, everything met Code, it went through Planning & Zoning. And the people.., the Staff in Planning & Zoning, the Board did a wonderful job with vetting those questions that we had prior to this. And then, you know.., and I think Mr. Moree, he's been coming here for.., since I've been elected, talking about his family. I can understand what it means to your family history to get choked up. So, I don't see where Rybovich wouldn't have a discussion with the family to find a way to at least honor, honor that family because, once again, I don't see no family not wanna see progress in this City, the City that they say they love so much.

But, I'll definitely be supporting this Item tonight.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Hoskins, what were some of the ways that the residents were made aware of this?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Mr. Gagnon?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yes. Thank you.

So, with the abandonment, we required notification for property owners within 300 feet of the affected area. We also provided notification of the Planning & Zoning Board meeting, which occurred in January. That was posted online. We also did a legal ad. Additionally, it was brought before the CRA Commissioners in February, so there was another opportunity for a public meeting, and that was also noticed. And we're before

you tonight for the first reading of the Ordinance which will have to come back again at a subsequent meeting for second and final reading.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any other comments?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, I do. Madam Ch'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Gagnon, the...

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: What would be the adverse effects of this project, if it didn't happen, on the City? You know, I always like to see both sides of something, and usually Staff gives..., presents one side, sometimes, and you don't present the other side, like, the majority and the minority is, we're doing congress. So, what would..., what's the other side of the story here?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Well, I, I try to present facts...

MAYOR MASTERS: I know you do.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: ...and, and try to not really provide opinion. So, I guess the, the philosophical conversation, as it pertains to any sort of right of way abandonment, there were a few comments before as far as selling the property. So, technically, right of way is not real property that can be sold, so right of way, it is everyone's property, it is a property that has public access to it. So, the, the downside is, you are losing that public access through that corridor. So, if you had a routine where you rode your bike through that roadway, then that would no longer be an option. However, at some occasions you have to weigh the cost and benefit as far as who's utilizing that right of way, are there other options that still allow for ingress and egress through the community, and would the economic potential outweigh, you know the access that currently exists. So, that is really the point we're at now and it's...

MAYOR MASTERS: So, what's the [stammer]..., it's a point of balancing?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS: Those, those two...

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: You, you definitely...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...conflicting...

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: ... have to consider...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...type of things?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yes, sir. You have to consider both sides of that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I'm.., I understand and I'm kinda concerned about balancing, balancing as well, but from a different perspective. Private ownership and development. I know that you, you probably some people there that.., and just because you have a different view, doesn't mean you're, you're adverse to development, the, the people who, who live in that area. I like what Dr. Botel said. It seems like the gentleman that spoke earlier, the first one, has a real, genuine, historic, legendary vibes, for lack of a better word here. I would like to see, id like to see him made whole, if possible, by Rybovich. If that's possible, as far as a park or something, he mentioned that. And my question is, has that ever been discussed?

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: I'm not aware of that discussion up until this point. It's something that we can bring up and, and entertain and this Item, if the Council does approve the Ordinance on first and second reading, there will be a site plan brought back to Council in approximately that one-year timeframe, so there will be another opportunity to discuss it and incorporate those ideas.

MAYOR MASTERS: Which will be two weeks from now. How, how long before...

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Well, I was...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...it comes back [inaudible]...

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: ...I was.., I'm sorry, I was referencing the site plan. So, it could be something I can definitely ask the question of Rybovich in between...

[Inaudible dais comment]

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: ...meetings and see if that's something they would be willing to entertain and maybe come up with ideas of how that can be accommodated, and bring...

MAYOR MASTERS: Then I would like to...

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: ...back the result.

MAYOR MASTERS: I would have time also to conduct somewhat of a town hall meeting in that area to get a chance to talk to the neighbors. I know Dr. Botel's talked to a few, but I would like to go there as well and see some before I can truly support it, without a veto. So, it would be good if, during the next couple weeks I will, you know, make some time. Couldn't do it over the Easter, Dr. Botel, you know, if I did it during the Easter holiday... But we'll make some time to go and see them and please converse with Rybovich about the idea of a mini park in that area and that might, and it might turn out to be a win/win, which would take care of trying to balance what the people may want and what Rybovich may need. And I want to be able to try to balance that.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Understood.

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We have representatives from Rybovich, along with their counsel. Would you like to come forward and address that issue, if at all possible?

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: Mr. Mayor, Madam Chair...

MAYOR MASTERS: Carlos, how are you...

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: ...Members of Council.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...tonight?

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: Carlos Vidueira with Rybovich. We're at 20th & Broadway. Thank you for the opportunity to come in front of Riviera Beach. It's been a while since I've spoken here. We're very, very excited about the future and what it holds. I think it'll take us time for you to, to understand all the possibilities and help us design what the future will look like.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Excuse me. You can put it down, it'll catch your voice.

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: Oh, okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So it, it doesn't distort.

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: We are very proud of what we've been able to do in West Palm Beach, starting from a, a position of zero, and today we have more yachts of this size,

which they're commonly called super yachts, we have more yachts of this size than any other place in the world. We wanna bring that to, to Riviera Beach. To do that, it's been a very long process. We had to get a lot of dredging done up the intercoastal waterway to get boats to even be able to access Riviera Beach, it simply was not a possibility before we started the, started the process. And today, I believe we have a 220 foot boat sitting, sitting in Rybovich.., in Riviera Beach waters, which is.., was unheard of in the past.

So, this is kind of the next step in, in that process. I spoke with, with Mr. Moree yesterday about his property. You know, your idea of having a park for his.., to honor his family, is certainly possible because he actually owns property right in the middle of our development and he's welcome to build a park on that property. The home he's referencing, is a home that his grandfa'.., his grandmother used to live in that he sold.., his family sold to a third party and that individual ended up selling to another party, who then sold it to us. So, he's, he's a wonderful gentleman. I, I must have 50 voicemails from him on my phone right now. He's a, he's a.., he's really a wonderful gentleman, but I'm not sure exactly how, how we can make him happy. He did sit down with me and asked for a million dollars for his park, this week. So, but again, we're, we're willing to work with him.

Mayor Masters, on your, on your point on the schools, I'm very, very cognizant of what you're, of what you're talking about. In fact, I spoke with.., I heard Mr.., the superintendent of the schools, Donald Fennoy, speak about that very matter and.., today, earlier today, and he said that they were.., that safety was the number one priority of, of the school, of the school system, and that they're bringing in 18 experts to evaluate all the schools and see why our schools are designed the way that they are. Interestingly, our schools are only have a.., don't have a single point of entry, they have multiple points of entry, because when they were built, they were trying to take advantage of the environment. So, it's not so simple as, as from what I understood, a metal detector, and, and that's why they're bringing in outside help. So, I think he'd be very, very interested to, to hear what, what you have to say on the topic. But, it's quite a different school system then, then it used to be.

Anyway, I digress, the point is that we, we very much wanna be.., bring a lot of the benefits that we've been able to bring to West Palm Beach, to Riviera Beach and we welcome the opportunity, if you would allow us to do so.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Before you depart, I would like to know, outside of Career Source, will Rybovich create a training program for the residents that live here because, as we know, this is a very specialized industry and it's not something that you can just walk into. So, are you preparing to offer some sort of training program for the residents here, to be able to take advantage of some of the opportunities that you see with this abandonment and growth of your business?

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: Yeah. The, the, the residents.., trained.., a trained workforce doesn't exist in Palm Beach County. So, what we're actually looking for are people interested in

receiving this training? And so, the answer is yes, we would welcome the opportunity to train residents of Palm Beach County, especially Riviera Beach, into the marine industry.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Carlos, how are you? You know, I, I know you [inaudible]...

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: Good to see you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good to see you. I know you well. Haven't seen you in quite some time. It's good to see you back before us again. Since the last time that you've been here, one of the Councilperson mentioned outreach program, another one mentioned training. What have you done in those areas, as far as [stammer]? Do you have presently any outreach programs, or any training programs that we could put residents of Riviera Beach to work in your place?

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: Well, I welcome you to come to our facility in West Palm Beach and, and meet some of the beneficiaries of those training programs.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm asking you to answer the question.

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: Uh...

MAYOR MASTERS: I mean...

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: I believe...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...you.., I mean, you may...

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: ...I was.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...have a few but, specifically, about programs, do you have a program or a project that you have engineered as a outreach, or a training program as we speak?

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: We have, we have.., yes. And we have, better than that, we have individuals that actually are succeeding in the industry, which previously was not available to them. And I welcome you to come visit those individuals.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Since you digress, you, you can tell the Superintendent that the schools in Riviera Beach, particularly the high school, have one entrance, like Suncoast and some of the others. So they.., we've gotten.., they've...

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...improved that.

MR. C. VIDUEIRA: Great.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, he m ay be a little incorrect with that. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any additional comments? With that being said, I'll entertain a motion to adopt this Ordinance on first reading.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

13A. ITEM NO. 13A

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED PRINCIPAL CARISSA BATTLE, WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It is now 7:33, however, I would like to bring up Principal Battle, who is now here, if we can acknowledge her. Chair Pro Tem Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Hello, Principal Battle.

PRINCIPAL C. BATTLE: Hello.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: on behalf of the Council, we would like to welcome you and congratulate you on your appointment to Washington Elementary School here in the City of Rivera Beach. We wanted to bring you up this evening to have you say a few words and introduce yourself to us. And, we have..., we'll go ahead and let you make your comments.

PRINCIPAL C. BATTLE: Alright. Good evening, Mayor Masters, Chairperson...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening, Ms. Battle.

PRINCIPAL C. BATTLE: Tonya Davis Johnson and the City Council.

As she said, I am Carrisa Battle and I wanna first of all, just apologize for my tardiness due to some miscommunication about my appearance here this evening, but I am so elated to be the new Principal of Washington Elementary School. I am so eager to take the position in the helm as the instructional leader. It is my goal to continue with all of the programs that we have at the school now, and to enhance, in any way possible, for any opportunity gaps that we have for our children at our school. And when I think about Washington, I think about myself as a young lady growing up in Pahokee, Florida, and so, I am truly elated to be the Principal named for that school and I look forward to working with each of you as we make Riviera Beach better, one student at a time.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Ms. Battle. Ms. Battle.

PRINCIPAL C. BATTLE: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: If you, if you would allow us...

[Inaudible comment]

[Standing ovation]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Our department heads have put together a basket of some of.., some goodies for you, to welcome you here and anything that we can do to help you enhance the education of our children, please let us know.

PRINCIPAL C. BATTLE: I will definitely do that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Alright.

PRINCIPAL C. BATTLE: Thank you all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And you have already received your marching orders on the roundup?

PRINCIPAL C. BATTLE: Yes. I did.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, we are...

PRINCIPAL C. BATTLE: I did.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...working.

PRINCIPAL C. BATTLE: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you so much.

PRINCIPAL C. BATTLE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I look forward to working with you.

PRINCIPAL C. BATTLE: Thank you. Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comment cards for this particular part of the Agenda is now closed. Tiffany McKenzie, Jakiya Nelson, Brady Bailo. [Pause]. Tiffany McKenzie? [Pause].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening, Ms. McKenzie. Good evening.

MS. T. MCKENZIE: Hi. My name is Tiffany McKenzie and I'm from Riviera Beach Preparatory School and I'm 17 years of age. And I'm coming to you today to talk to you about, like, the summer jobs and...

[Pause]

UNK.: It's okay.

MS. T. MCKENZIE: And how can us teens be able to, like, have more jobs.

UNK.: Are you nervous?

MS. T. MCKENZIE: Yeah.

UNK.: I'll stand with you. Go ahead, talk.

[Chuckle]

UNK.: Just talk.

MS. T. MCKENZIE: That's why I'm coming to you today.

[Chuckles]

UNK.: You're nervous. Go ahead and talk.

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Welcome...

UNK.: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...Tiffany. We thank you. Continue.

MS. T. MCKENZIE: Well, I just feel as if us teens have more opportunities, like, during the summer for us to work. It could be, like, more responsible and keep us out of trouble, and help us learn how to manage our money and save it. And I just think it would be a good way if we just had, like, more job opportunities and stuff we can do, and activities.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Ms. Tiffany.

UNK.: You did a good job.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good job.

[Inaudible comments]

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Jakiya Nelson.

MS. J. NELSON: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. J. NELSON: I'm Jakiya Nelson. I'm also from Riviera Beach Prep Academy and I'm 17. And I also feel as if all teenagers should have jobs, that way we can stay out of trouble, learn how to save money, and if some parents need help, we can help our parents with our money. And, it gives us more opportunities to become successful. Like, if some'.., like, learn how to count money...

[Inaudible comment]

MS. J. NELSON: ...learn skills and that's about all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

MS. J. NELSON: You're welcome.

[Inaudible comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Brady Bailo.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, those young people, please note that the 20th of April we'll have a job fair, and young people will be able to apply for jobs at the Marina.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening, sir.

MR. B. BAILO: Good evening, Chairperson Davis Johnson, Chair Pro Tem Hubbard, Mayor and Council. My name is Brady Bailo. I'm a lead organizer with the Florida Public Services Union. I speak tonight on behalf of represented workers regarding arduous attempts to secure a new contract with the City of Riviera Beach. To put it mildly, we are disappointed with the recent conduct of the City's representatives in our negotiations. Specifically, I'm gonna numerate these. Number one, City representatives drag their feet in providing complete, update contract language that was supposed to reflect new terms and conditions that both sides agree to. Number two, when the [stammer] City finally did provide the language late last week, it featured numerous typographical errors, but most troublingly, and most importantly, number three, when the City did provide language, the language did not reflect what both sides agreed to in negotiations. At the negotiation table, our bargaining team recorded in their notes that, along with the raises from the market study, the new contract would include a transition to a PTO scheme, a paid time off scheme, that would replace the sick time and vacation time, and that workers could cash out their PTO time when they separated from the City. The language we recently received from the City said exactly the opposite. It indicated that the PTO time could not be cashed out. Assuming that this was just perhaps another typo, we immediately contacted the City's hired guns, the Attorney, I think his name is Jack McLean, to clarify. We were shocked to learn that, no, it was not a typo but, in fact, the City was renegeing on the agreements that they had made at the bargaining table and is now insisting that this never was the agreement. Contract negotiations are, frequently it's a difficult process, it involves worker's representatives and employer representatives meeting to work out terms and conditions of a new collective bargaining agreement. However, even though

it's difficult, more often than not, both sides can reach an agreement that's approved by each side's constituencies, in part, because there's a degree of trust in the professionalism of each side's representatives.

I'm sad to say that in light of these recent events, our team, these workers, have very little confidence in the ability of the City's representatives to conduct themselves with integrity at the bargaining table.

[Timer]

MR. B. BAILO: This does not bode well for future negotiations, nor for future interactions with the City. I know I'm running out of time, but I just...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You need to wrap it up, sir.

MR. B. BAILO: I urge the Council to instruct its bargaining representatives to honor its commitments to produce a tentative agreement which accurately reflects what was agreed to at the bargaining table so that our members can ratify it, we can bring it to you all for final approval and ultimately bring this unfortunately long, drawn out process to a close.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Katina Jordan, Jennifer Lagomasino, L.V. Silvester. [Pause]. Katina Jordon?

MS. K. JORDAN: Hello. Thank you for your time and thank, thank you for allowing me the time to speak.

I've been working as a communication operator since February 22, 1993, so that's 25 years of experience. I've been on the negotiation team for about 15 years. This is the most troubling contract negotiation that I have ever experienced. I just feel that looking over the contract, going by line to line, it's just a total fraud, it's just nothing that we..., some of the terms and conditions that's in the contract was not even discussed at the table. That's really heartbreaking to me because when I bring information back to our people, and then now, this contract says something different, that's not good at all. It's very troubling for me for my time, for the negotiation team time, and mainly, the trust, the confidence and everything else, it just doesn't make sense. This is just, like, the worst ever. We are losing more than what we, we, we had. We..., they want to take more and give less. They give us money, but they take, take, take, take, always taking. And the main thing is the PTO time and with our money rolling over into our pension, and all of that, it's, it's just, the language is just inconsistent, it's not clear. Even the good cause day, it's gone. Things that we haven't even discussed, things are in the contract.

So, we're just saying, all we're asking is to have..., come into good faith, good bargaining so we can close this contract out. There's too many people that's waiting on

their raises, we work hard, we've dedicated our time to the City and we expect just a, a little appreciation in return. That's all we expect. But the main thing is, we gotta have trust. Trust.., this contract here, what we have, have so many [stammer], so many grammar errors, so many it's ridiculous. We need to do something about this, we need to come to, to some type of closure so that we can ratify this contract, so people can be happy and move on. And like I've been here for 25 years, I continue.., I wanna continue to stay and I've been on this negotiation team all this time, and they have trust in me and when I bring them back information, and now we get this, that's not good, that's not good bargaining at all. We need to correct this.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

MS. K. JORDAN: And I beg you as, as a City employee to speak to the, the other side so we all can come to an agreement, so we can get this ratified.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Continue, because I believe there's some others and... Thank you, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Jennifer Lagomasino, L.V. Silvester and M. Xavier.

MS. J. LAGOMASINO: Good evening, Council. Thank you very much for giving...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. J. LAGOMASINO: ...me a couple minutes. I just wanna kinda reiterate what the last two people had said. I'm also on the negotiation team regarding the contract. This is my first experience, I don't have anything to really compare it to. And, I've been sitting back here trying to figure out exactly what it is I'm gonna say to you guys, I wrote it all down last time, only got through about half of it, so I'm just gonna wing it.

To be honest with you, it, it's frustration. It, it is, it's a lack of trust, it's a lack of, of faith. Sitting at that table every day and waiting for people to even show up on time, I thought that stuff was passed. We all.., we made an agreement, we gave, we take, we, we got to.., we got there. We were excited. We went back to our work sites, we told people, we held up the job survey, we were at a position where we finally thought that we had made a step forward, that we had finally gained ground for the workers in the City and, and we were being heard and we had your support, and everything was great. We had been given several contracts. The most notably was just in the last few days. Not only is there grammatical errors, typographical errors, all that fun stuff, but I feel like there are words that are played with, 'and's', 'or's' that have massive impacts for the people in this City. Most notably, the last one has a work 'or' that changed when our raise is gonna take into effect. We were under the impression that it was gonna be on April 1st. So, we were just given the actual contract corrected, again, a couple days ago, within the April 1st timeline, we cannot move forward with this. It even now says, 'April 1st or upon ratification.' We didn't get a retro in October, the negotiations got dragged out for, sometimes things that the City did, sometimes Hurricanes, whatever the reason, but at

the end of the day, the workers suffered. We.., okay, we said fine, we pushed forward. We made a contract, we said okay, this job survey is gonna hit on April 1st. Now, you're telling me that I'm losing my retro again. So, how long is it gonna take for the City to fix the corrections to go back and forth, how much more are we gonna have to suffer before this is corrected? We're here, please, we need help with this. This has, obviously, gotten further than it needed to get. We just want what's right. There is deal here and every day that we come in and we clock in on that Kronos system, we keep up our end of the deal. We're just asking that the City keeps up their side.

UNK: That's right.

MS. J. LAGOMASINO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, ma'am.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: L.V. Silvester, M. Xavier, John Miller.

MR. L.V. SILVESTER: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening, sir.

MR. L.V. SILVESTER: I'm L.V. Silvester, III. I live on Singer Island.

It's time for the Council to also revisit the \$1,000 stipend that, that you voted yourselves in as a salary, an additional salary back in 2015. It's time for the City Council to also address the issue of the City Attorney. Mr. DeGraffenreid has misled the Members of our City Council and provided them with bad advice on numerous occasions. When he told the Council not to provide the public with reasons for summarily firing Jonathan Evans as City Manager, it was bad advice, when he provided a written opinion to the Supervisor of Elections regarding the recall efforts against three City Council Members, he knowingly gave misleading information and bad advice to her. And now, when he states that the \$1,000 in additional salary, paid every month to each of our City Councilpersons cannot be eliminated unless the City Council, the only Member of the City Council who voted in favor of it over three years ago, now agrees to its reversal. It is both incorrect and bad advice. If, hypothetically, Mr. Davis loses his reelection bid in March 2019, then according to Mr. Degraffenreidt, the \$1,000 monthly additional salary payments to Council Members can never be revoked. That's pure nonsense. The citizens of Riviera Beach know that's pure nonsense. You, as Members of the City Council, know it's pure nonsense, and Mr. Degraffenreidt, you know it as well.

Mr. DeGraffenreidt's legal opinions do not survive proper scrutiny anymore, and they can no longer be taken seriously. Mr. DeGraffenreidt should resign as City Attorney immediately. If he is unwilling to do so, then the City Council should terminate his employment agreement immediately. As you know, unfortunately, his employment agreement provides that he will be paid four months worth of salary and benefits should

he be terminated by the City prior to the expiration of his employment agreement, which ends on July 11, 2018. Nevertheless, it is time to end this relationship.

In addition, the City Council should immediately revisit and revoke the \$1,000 additional salary monthly that they voted themselves without approval of the voters of Riviera Beach.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: M. Xavier.

MR. E. XAVIER: Again.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. E. XAVIER: I just wanna make the following comments. As long as this is properly noticed, in relation to the abandonment of the property on Avenue C, the road on Avenue C to Rybovich, if, if the residents are notified, and if you can measure from the residents, if they're in favor or not in favor, that's all that I'm asking. Okay? I know that in the past 15 years, there's been a lot of abandonments for the better good of Riviera Beach, and some of those promises were not always delivered. Okay? So, as long as someone can get some feedback from the residents and businesses in the area, and a good sample size is from Blue Heron, Lake Shore Drive to US-1 all the way to 20th Street, if you can collect a sample of some responses of how people feel in that area, that's all that I'm asking. Okay? Some might be for it, some will be against it, but if you wanna do it on a majority rules basis, that'll be okay with me. But, um, you know, just to go ahead and abandon property like that because of promises, I mean, there's, there's big players in this nation that will do that all day long, and, you know, I just don't want people to get hoodwinked, like we were hoodwinked before in the past.

And, that's pretty much all I have to say about that. And I am here, in the City, for such a long time because I've been here when it was good, I've been through the downfall, and now I'm in the recovery. And I will tell you that, since 2008, the Broadway corridor has changed dramatically. Okay? So, if someone thinks that there hasn't been any changes on Broadway, they must have a cloudy memory, okay? But I was here when it was booming, been through the downfall, it's in recovery and I just want this City to be the best place to live, work and play, like I know it can be. Period.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: John Miller, J.B. Dixon, Lloyd Brown.

MR. J. MILLER: John Miller, 1290 Manor Drive.

First of all, I wanna say something positive. You had a 5-0 vote there. Thank God. You know? You's worked together. First step. And now, I'm gonna ask you to, to move forward. I know you're gonna talk about the City Manager tonight. And, I'm.., I would like you to [stammer] to think of a few things. First of all, it would be nice to get passed everything that happened in the past, what, six, seven months. And, and it's gonna be hard to do that unless, and this is my opinion, that it was a mistake the way that Jonathan was let go. It was a mistake. And sometimes it's very hard to admitting a mistake. But if you do, then you can move on. Now, when you go to talk about him, alright, or talk about hiring a City Manager, I don't know if he's.., would ever come back here. I do know a lot people would like him to come back. I think that you found that out with the vote for Julie Botel. I mean, that vote was so lopsided on a [stammer], on someone that was in there for 10 years. The other thing is, if that that can't happen, let me, let me ask you to do this, Mr. Degraffenreidt, he, he did do something right. Mr. Degraffenreidt, look at me, sir.

[Inaudible comments]

MR. J. MILLER: Okay. What I'm saying to you is that he made a motion, or not a motion but he, he gave you's advice to mediate with Jonathan and get.., we don't wanna get sued. No one wants to get s'.., this City doesn't wanna get sued and I know that the people don't wanna pay for a lawsuit. So, in other words, if you don't wanna say, 'Hey, I made a mistake,' and move forward, alright, then let's put this behind us, alright, by sittin' down and telling the lawyer, 'Yes, make another motion and let's mediate with this man.' And get this out of the way before, before he does file a lawsuit.

That's all I have to say. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: J.B. Dixon, Lloyd Brown, Norma Duncombe.

MS. J.B. DIXON: I would like to make a, a suggestion to the Council. This is not a, perhaps, a huge matter of great importance, but because of the length of some of the meetings that we have had, particularly the last one, I was wondering if you might consider reconstructing the Agenda in a different order. I've talked to a lot of people who watch these proceedings at home, and also many of the people who come here, but our working people need to get home at a decent time, not at 10:00 o'clock or afterwards, and it would seem to me that the actual business of the City, which is what most people are most interested in, should be first on the Agenda and uninterrupted by presentations and awards and recognitions and thanks you's and announcements of fun events coming up, and various people's participation in it. So, I think both the people sitting here tonight and the people watching at home, would really appreciate it if the Council would reconsider restructuring so that the business, the actual business of the Council, begins at 6:00, and can, can end at a decent time, and people who are interested in the other more ceremonial aspects of the Council meetings can then stay and stay tuned.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Lloyd Brown, Norma Duncombe, Charlotte Darville.

MR. L. BROWN: My name is Lloyd Brown and I wanna salute you, Ms. Botel because my brothers didn't do anything about my situation, they seem to let me down, but that's, that's the way it is, you know, with these people that are up here.

And another thing I wanna say is, I got, like, you know, when it come' to the economy and all the people talking about hiring over there at this place, okay? Well, you know, there's, like, three levels, you know, that an individual'll have to have in order to survive, you know, and making it in this economy. And, like, the first level is, like, you have to have skill and you have to have a job. So, and, I mean, you have to have a business, but if there's no job and you have no jobs, you have no business, 'cause you don't have a job. And then, you don't have no money because, for one thing, if you get a small business loan, right, \$5,000, what you gonna do? Open up a candy store in the neighborhood, you know, sell pretzels, popsicles? They don't give black people like..., look at these people in our neighborhoods, got all these businesses. You think they got \$5,000 and they started them, they got four or five gas stations. Okay. Level two, is you either get on the welfare. You know, you're either gonna get government help. I mean, that's the only way you're gonna survive, and then when they cut that out, the next level, is you're gonna steal. See, but then, you got these black people, I ran into many of 'em, they always wanna blame these young black people for what's going on. It started way back before these young black people even were born. I mean, so don't lay this blame on what's going on.

And you know, another thing, people think I might be talking like... I'm not a racist or nothin' like that. I mean, a black man couldn't be a racist anyway, but I'm not, and the only thing about the situation I'm saying, I do look out for my own people 'cause we got different problems. We don't have the same problems that those people over Singers Island got. I just wanna know, you know, like in our neighborhoods, we got these stores with these machines. Who regulate' these stores? They have become restaurants, all of them. I mean, who regulate' the stores? Who let these stores bring the same machines that they got out to the dog track, which is a gambling place. They got 'em on every corner in our neighborhood, so these people over Singers Island really don't have to worry about nothin' like that. It's like..., only thing they have to worry about, [stammer] being that same situation it's like we're throwing, we're throwing blood in the water and we're gonna dive in with the sharks. So, we put these machines in our neighborhood and you people let 'em get in there because of permits. You're just trying to make all the money that you one lost with Lozman and everybody else that's suing. And you're gonna lose some more with Jonathan, if you do like this guy that just came up here. Me and him are friends but I forgot his name. But he don't mind.

[Chuckles]

MR. L. BROWN: Anyway, another thing I gotta say is Hubbard, you didn't do anything and nobody else up there done anything about my situation. And Ms. Botel, I'll just say this, I appreciate that, and I salute you again, but I turn my back on these...

[Timer]

MR. L. BROWN: ...other ones. And if I had an opportunity to get \$1 from each individual out there to take ya'll position, I'll do it.

[Audience chuckles]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Norma Duncombe, Charlotte Darville, Dr. Phillip...

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Wow.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...Dukes.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Norma Duncombe.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening, Ms. Duncombe.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Before I start with the, the problem that I'm dealing with, I'd like to first suggest, Ms. Hubbard, and I would like to thank you because you were the only one who made a statement when someone attempted to demonize our former Police Chief. After cheering for a dog, that was retired from the police force, attempted to demonize him. I wanna say for me, and for Dennis, that we do appreciate his services, and I'd like to let him know that whatever he paid for his house, \$800,000, he shoulda bought one for a \$1,000,000. He deserves it. And I wanna thank you for having defended him, Ms. Hubbard. 'Appreciate that.

I saw your picture in the paper just before the election. I started reading the article, I thought it was about you and the Council Members, but the article's about a raid being done over on Singer Island for drugs and drug money and what have you.

[Inaudible comment]

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: But it was for somebody else, and I don't know why they had your picture there if they were dealing with the article in terms of drug', uh, being taken out of a condo...

MAYOR MASTERS: Point of order.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: ...owned by...

MAYOR MASTERS: Point of order.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: You don't have a point of order. I have...

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm raising...

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: ...the right to speak.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...the point of order to the Chair.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: State your...

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: I have the right to speak...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One moment, please. **MS. N. DUNCOMBE:**
...and say what I have to say.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: State your point.

MAYOR MASTERS: You're, you're good. Just point... It is 8:00 o'clock.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: You're using my time.

MAYOR MASTERS: No. Just...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One moment.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...a second.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: You're using my time.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm just reminding the Chair it's 8:00 o'clock and she said to remind her...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No. I asked the Clerk...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...[inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...to remind me at 8:05. The Clerk...

MAYOR MASTERS: 8:05?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...has that under control.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Okay. I... You took my time.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We will give you...

MAYOR MASTERS: I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We will restore your time.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: It's paused.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Continue speaking.

MAYOR MASTERS: Excuse me, no problem.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Okay. Alright. Well, your picture was there but it wasn't about you. You don't, don't have a condo on Singer Island that they took drugs out, and drug money out of. It belonged to somebody else.

Okay, now...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: ...I'm gonna deal with my problem. A little while ago, there was a hurricane. The fence in the back of the Goodwill store came down, and rather than repair it, they took the entire fence down. As it stands now, it is a real problem because all of the garbage containers and what have you, we have to look at, the people in that community. And so, I'm asking, what do I do about that situation? Is it something that could be done about it? Half of the wall is still up but that is something that needs to be taken care of. You know, [stammer], do I have to do something or whatever to have that taken care of? Anybody can answer that for me or are you gonna look into it?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We'll have the City Manager provide a response to you.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Okay. Thank you very much for that.

Also, the, the [chuckle], I'd like to say that Broadway has improved but it still stands to have more improvements. We don't have the decorative lights that they have in other parts of the City where they did the roads, and I'm saying...

[Timer]

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: ...I think the entire City deserves the same treatment, regardless of where it is, that we have the same treatment in terms of lights and not having to make U-turns, it's very dangerous. And the landscaping, those bushes, you can't see. It makes it more dangerous. We need the nice royal palms that you have on 8th Street, and on 13th Street, those are the kinds of landscaping that we need on Broadway, so that we're not blinded when we come out to the traffic.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we have two minutes and time is the minutes for public comment. What is your pleasure?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We can allow one. That should take us to 8:05.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Charlotte Darville.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MS. C. DARVILLE: Charlotte Darville.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

MS. C. DARVILLE: I just wanted to address all the department heads in the back. It's very nice to see them here, it looks very professional.

Last week, my husband and I were driving north on Barack Obama and we were going to breakfast and there was an..., a crash there, and the police had the road blocked off, so we had to detour through Monroe Heights. And, much to my surprise, Monroe Heights looks so good. It looked a thousand times better back when I was in high school a hundred years ago.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MS. C. DARVILLE: But, I was pleasantly surprised to see how good it looked over in there and I had to go up and down a few streets. And then, last week I was coming home, and I thought, 'Well, I'm gonna go down Avenue E and see if the road is been completed down there.' And, it looks like it has, all the construction was gone, and the road has been fixed, and then I proceeded to drive west off of Avenue E. Oh, speaking of Avenue E, Avenue E is deplorable. I remember years..., some years ago, the Council had spoke about cleaning Avenue E up. That..., nothing has happened there, it's just gotten a lot worse, but then when you drive west off of Avenue E, back over in the area where my husband grew up in, I mean, that looks worse than anything I've ever seen out in Belle Glade.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Ms. Darville, let me stop you one moment. We will stop the clock at 1:13. It is...

MS. C. DARVILLE: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...now 8:05. We would like to have our, our moment of silence in recognition and honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. So, if you would just take a few moments, please.

[Moment of silence]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk, please restart the clock. Please continue, Ms. Darville.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Thank you. My husband lived right near where the Boys & Girls Club is, which was Riviera Beach Elementary School, and that's where my children went. And,

back then, it was a very nice area. And then gradually, over the years, it started going down but now, oh my gosh, I just [stammer] it was so disheartening to drive down through there and see.., and then that Maritime, that these people are supposed to be taking over, I can't believe that anyone would want to move into that. And the City owns this property? This is City owned?

UNK: Yes.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Yes? No? Maritime?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

UNK: Yes.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: The land.

MS. C. DARVILLE: And you, and you speak about the residents not keeping up their properties. That is [stammer] sickening, it's sickening to see that part of the City like.., that's just gone to pot like that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Dr. Phillip Dukes, Doretta Paulk, Horace Towns.

DR. P. DUKES: Madam Chair, Council, Mayor's Office. Dr. Phillip Dukes, 1217 Avenue U, Riviera Beach, Florida.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

DR. P. DUKES: Our next event will be May 19th at 1217 Avenue U, in the City of Riviera.., Riviera Beach starting at 1:00 p.m.

I wanna talk to you about this gun safety issue that's running across the country. I was [stammer].., I'm doing a study right now and doing a parallel between the school killings and the violence in the African-American community. There aren't any studies I can find that are drawing the parallel, but I started my own study. I'm not finished yet, but let me give you some of the numbers I've gotten. For every one child killed, and it's bad when anybody's child dies, but for every one that's killed in the school, there are 60 killed across America in the African-American community. For everyone. For every one that the police kills, that's 45 to 50. 85 to 90% of all drive-by murders, are done in the African-American community. This is because of the drug retail market that breeds violence. The same guns that they're crying about that's killing in schools, have been killing in our neighborhoods. MAC 10's, AK-57's, because we allow it. Now, we're talking about putting up these metal detectors in school, and I hope this Council and the Mayor's Office takes our vision and works with us about changing our community atmosphere. We wanna put metal detectors up when they go to school, and we haven't had any school shootings in Riviera Beach, but we got a killing every five weeks, a shooting in our City. Some type of.., three to four weeks sometimes, in our City. So I'm asking you with that

same vigor would you support Operation Restore, because it is not right, on a national level or a local level, for us to look... overlook or communities and we have the, the major problem of killing and murder, in the State of Florida. And I'm not done with this study yet. For every one that's killed in school, there are 65 to 70 killed in our communities. For every one. Now, 65 or 70 killed by the time one's killed in a school shooting. And school shootings are terrible.

I hope you support Operation Restore, we are unprecedented in the State of Florida with our vision, and I hope you didn't put it in the garbage when I gave it to you last time, but I'm gonna give it to you again. Dr. Botel and my good friend, Coach, they come over to my place and see some of these kids I work with. These are the kids that are left out. These are the ones that will fall into thug life. So, we..., and Riviera Beach need' to bring up the standards in the African-American community. We have all these beautiful things going in [stammer] Marina, and all this redevelopment but we are overlooking what's going on in our communities. There are only two places in the City you can't buy dope when I was a drug dealer in the City. Let me tell you where they are, Broadmoor and the Blue Heron, and both of them were torn down. And that's the only reason. So, I hope you support Operation Restore as we change the image of our City on the westside.

Thank you so much.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Doretta Paulk, Horace Towns, Bonnie Larson.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, let me just say as she's coming. Reverend, I do support Operation Restore. That's why I've given, what, \$1,000, was it? \$500?

[Inaudible audience comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: And I'll, I'll keep giving you money 'cause I do support your efforts.

DR. P. DUKES: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

MS. D. PAULK: Good evening. My name's Doretta Paulk. I'm a citizen of, of Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. D. PAULK: I have two very pressing concerns that I wanna bring to the Board tonight. It's first concerning when you're choosing the..., another City Manager, I don't think we should put in place a person who do not have any experience in government, and cannot tell the Council what, in prior..., being a City Manager of another City, what improvements they have made. I think we need to just look at this again before this..., if, if you don't have a qualified, experienced City Manager, they should not be placed in office. Same as if you had..., if any City Councilman had a medical problem, say a cardiac

problem and had to go a cardiac surgeon, you would want to know, first of all, how long have you been doing this particular operation, your success rate and you would wanna know reference. And I think we deserve proper, proper City Manager, and I would like you all to really consider that, address this and do not put anyone, in this particular office, that has not had any City Manager experience.

Another thing I wanna talk about, about the stipend, the \$1,000 stipend, and I think it's ludicrous that you can't go back and [stammer] retrend this.., take this back. I think that's, that's, that's just unheard of that I can think of. President, um, the President, the former President, is now taking back all of the.., certain repeals of the former President, Barack Obama has made, and you tell me the City of Riviera Beach can't repeal some, some of these laws?

[Inaudible audience comments]

MS. D. PAULK: That's, that just doesn't sound right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Somebody [inaudible]...

MS. D. PAULK: When Trump can repeal basically everything that, that Obama has done, our President, former President has done. You need to rev'.., revisit this.

And, as far as, I will say it as many times as I come up here, I thank, I thank God that Ms. Wanda Moore and Channel 5 is right here in the City, to see what is going on and let the people who can't come out to these City meetings, be a, a [stammer] go on 18, Channel 18 and 99 to see what's the corruption and also turmoil and chaos that's in this City. And we can do better, we can do better. If our voice is not heard, like I say many a times...

[Timer]

MS. D. PAULK: ...our vote will be heard.

And one other thing, Mr. Blankenship did a awesome job for the children, he had this a [stammer], had this affair on the Marina. Awesome job. It was [stammer], so many kids were out there. And seniors, I was out there too...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [inaudible].

MS. D. PAULK: It was a day of fun for everybody. It was an awesome, awesome...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Ms. Paulk.

MS. D. PAULK: ...awesome job...

[Applause]

MS. D. PAULK: ...and I, I thank Mr. Blankenship for his Director leadership in this program, the Parks & Recreation, 'cause it does start in the park.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, ma'am.

MS. D. PAULK: And I thank him for all he's doing for the seniors, and also Ms. Gwendolyn Oats, and Ms. Lucy, doing outstanding jobs.

I thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: And Ms. Aladia too. Give 'em all a hand.

[Clapping]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Horace Towns, Bonnie Larson, Tenecia Sproull.

MR. H. TOWNS: Good evening to the Council. Congratulations Julia Botel and KaShamba on your election and reelection.

Two questions for the Council. Tonight, I am speaking as a resident on two items. It's really questions for the Board. Recently, was the Board aware that you guys hired either a Operations Manager or a new Stormwater Manager? [Pause]. No one knows? Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MR. H. TOWNS: [Chuckle]. Well, in this case, in my car'..., in my professional career and tenure, I've had the opportunity to work with many Staff on joint projects, and I just simply believe that this Council has always spoken about giving opportunities to people from the community, and you had Staff onboard in many of those positions that were able to fill in. You know, this is no slight to your recent hire, but you continue to hire people from outside of Riviera Beach, even outside the county. I believe your new hire's from Miami or Fort Lauderdale. So, of course, no one knows but those are questions that I did have for the Council. When you make selections outside of Riviera Beach, that is something that kills morale in the City with your Staff.

My second item is nothing personal, but it's a question. If our City Attorney prior had employment here with the City, he was terminated, if he sought legal action with the City, inside that legal literature, was there not something that says the City Attorney would be unable acquire future employment with the City of Riviera Beach? [Pause]. Second, on this item, I've seen where, I just feel that the City Attorney's failed to be impartial in representing the residents of the City. I feel that, in certain aspects, the City Attorney's kinda been a three..., third or fourth vote against the Agenda of the residents. I do believe that there's conflict when you have an Attorney that represents personal Council Members compared to the wishes of the City, who employs him. So tonight, if I'm not able to remain for, I think it's Item 22... I, I resident in District 1 and I will be seeking

office in Riviera Beach for City Council. However, tonight, I'm asking my Council to make a motion, in the best interest of the City, to terminate the contract of the City Attorney tonight.

Those are my statements and I want them to be reflected on the record. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

[Timer]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bonnie Larson, Tenecia Sproull, Margaret Shepherd.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson.

It is nice to see the department heads here again. They look very professional sitting over there and if we have a question, they are there.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. B. LARSON: They are there.

I'd like to commend Mr. Horton, Mr. Horton. We.., there are a lotta pipes, water pipes behind Jay's Thrift Store on West 28th & Broadway. A lotta water pipes over there. Things are moving, thank you, Mr. Horton. We have money sitting in that Department. As he said when he came here, the money's sitting there, nobody's doing anything with it. So, thank you, thank you, Mr. Horton, for making something happen. Now, if City Council...

[Applause]

MS. B. LARSON: He deserves that.

...can tell us where those water pipes are going? Where are they working on the water pipes right now and what is the next project going on because it's just so good to see something happening.

I talked about the property by the former Betty Ann's on Broadway. So many things, I talk about it at the C'.., at the CRA also, that can be done in the City to make it look better. There was an old wreck of a car sitting there for a long time, then there was a mattress. Okay, we just got rid of that, now there's an RV tucked in behind there. You know someone's living in here. We got.., we gotta take care of things like this. The former Sub King on.., it's 2700 Broadway, I talked to Mr. Scott Evans about that, the bulbs are all exposed. About two weeks ago, somebody put up a covering on it. Look how great that loo'... I mean, little things like that. Didn't cost him much to do that because it crumbled like the third day but he kinda patched it up again, but things like that can make our City look a whole lot better.

I have some questions. Who is responsible for the web updates? And the electronic board outside? Monday, I mentioned it already, Monday, it said on the City website, 'No upcoming meetings,' which indicates to me there's no meeting on Wednesday. It didn't get on there before Tuesday, so that is a question I would like answered. Who's responsibility is it to make sure that that website is up to date? The electronic board, I sat out there., even today, the meeting is not on there. Nothing is on it. That's the purpose of that board out there, the electronic board is to record meetings. Nothing on there as late as today, the day of the meeting. So, I don't know that a lotta people knew about the meeting today. We need to do better, but I wanna know who's responsible for that.

The stipend. We have to review that because the people on the Council now did not have an opportunity to vote. Did they want it, did they not w'... Mr. Davis left. Hmm. [Chuckle]. Well. Okay. They didn't have an opportunity to vote on it and we have to think about, you can't buy, with any amount of money, you can't more than 24 hours in a day, it's just not possible. How well did that stipend work? Ms. KaShamba Miller-Anderson never took it, Ms. Botel said she doesn't want it, we incurred lots of fines in, in that...

[Time]

MS. B. LARSON: ...Water Department, so what good did giving out \$72,000 a year, what good did that do? Absolutely nothing, and a stipend is, like, \$25., it's not more than half your salary.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Ms. Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: So, the people didn't have an opportunity to vote, we need to know how the, the Councilpeople who are on Staff right now vote on that.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Ms. Larson.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tenecia Sproull, Margaret Shepherd. After Ms. Shepherd, Madam Chair, that will conclude public comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Good evening, Ms. Sproull.

MS. T. SPROUL: Good evening, panel. How, how are you?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

MS. T. SPROUL: Thanks for having me here.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. T. SPROUL: My name is Tenecia Sproull. I am a native of Riviera Beach, home grown, and I just wanna let you all know that March 25th, I had an amazing event, The

Pink., My Pink is Unique at the Marina. It was specifically, specifically for the residents of Riviera Beach, the cancer survivors, and I wanted them to connect with the Council and City officials, and it was a success. And I'm just so grateful that Ms. Hubbard, KaShamba Miller-Anderson and Mayor Master was able to come to the event to greet the guests and enjoy the program. And I also especially appreciate Mayor Masters coming 'cause you had flew in from DC, I believe.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MS. T. SPROUL: But he was able to stop in to, to greet the guests and meet the survivors. I just wanna say that cancer is a disease that effect' everyone. Everyone. And I'm proud to say today that I brought one of the survivors that I support in Riviera Beach, she's 25 years of age. She could not attend the event because she had to have emergency surgery. Her name is Jevany [sp]. Stand up Jevany.

[Applause]

MS. T. SPROUL: She just recently got out of surgery two weeks ago, and she's been battling cancer for over a year. She's a graduate of college and, since she's graduated from college, she's been dealing with cancer. And I just wanted to let you all know that this Foundation, we make a personal connection with cancer survivors of all walks of life. And we have helped, since 2016, over 10 survivors, right here in the City of Riviera Beach. And, my number one mission is..., and we'll continue to make that personal connection. And I have certificates because I wasn't able to give the Council, visitors, when they were there, I have certificates for you all, and I also brought little trinket gifts for Dr. Botel, Mr. Davis and Ms. Johnson, because I need you all to get involved. I wanna have a walk. We can have a walk right here in the City of Riviera Beach. We..., I need to be able to connect with churches, we got to come together. Cancer is not racist, its not bias or prejudice because all the ribbons are colored, and I stand before you as a seven year breast cancer survivor.

[Applause]

MS. T. SPROUL: Now, can I get the bag here, in the chair, that I have for you all?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Give it to the Clerk.

[Pause]

[Inaudible comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Margaret Shepherd.

MS. M. SHEPHERD: Margaret Shepherd. And how do you top that? Cancer, it's a disease that will affect everyone.

But, to Dr. Botel and to my Councilwoman, KaShamba Miller, congratulations. I'll come back and talk to you a little bit more with accolades from our committee.

But, I'm here.., Mayor Masters, I'm glad you're sitting there. About three weeks ago, I was over at the public library. I walked through the, the little, you know, and I just had a purse with two or three things in it and the young Caucasian young man said to me, 'Where is your phone? Where's your phone?' I turned around and looked at him, I said, 'You talking to me?' He said, 'Yes,' and before I could really say something, I start feeling.., 'cause sometimes I leave it in the car because it is a distraction. I start feeling and I pulled it up. I said, 'Here...' He said, 'When you come in here, from now on, you better show me your phone.' I said, 'What?'

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MS. M. SHEPHERD: [Stammer]. Now, you know I'm a Christian 'cause I woulda said a couple words.

[Chuckles]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: I love the Lord. The Mayor know' what I'm talking about.

[Inaudible audience comment]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: I walked on through, got up in the elevator. Two or three days I went back. 'Cause I go at least two, two times a week. Same little.., I wanted to say little white boy, he started jiggling at me. I said, 'Lord, you better help me today.' I grabbed my purse.., there wasn't nothin' in the purse. And the little Haitian guy said, 'You better do what you say [inaudible] or you're gonna get repercussions.' I said, 'From who?' I went on up the elevator. I said, 'Lord, you better help me.' Anyway, two or three.., about a week later, Major Rozier called me, 'Ms. Shepherd, I need to come see you, I need to talk to you.' I said, 'Major Rozier, I'm home.' He said.., I'm thinkin' he's talking about Ms. Dawson about the basketball thing, and he start telling me what happened over at the library. I said, 'Major Rozier, it did not happen like that.' And I begin to tell him that same white boy, up there talking to the black girl 35 minutes. And he's supposed to be protecting us. He said, 'You might have a gun.' 'Okay.' There's a resident walked in City Hall with a weapon and you ain't heard nothin' about it. I'm not a crackhead, I'm not a drug.., I am nothing but a Christ'.., trying to be a Christian...

[Chuckles]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: I get the devil a little bit, yes, I do.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That's alright. We all do.

MS. M. SHEPHERD: The devil will rise...

[Chuckle]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: ...just like my daddy.

[Chuckles]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: So anyway, came back down... No. Major Rozier came. I explained to him. He said, 'Ms. Shepherd, I knew it was another side to this story. I knew there was another side to this story.' If you're gonna put security in this building, you need to monitor it because this dumb ass library, this, oh about..., this Director the most dumbest people I've ever seen...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Stammer]...

MS. M. SHEPHERD: ...in my life. She coulda...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Ms. Shepherd.

MS. M. SHEPHERD: ...called me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

MS. M. SHEPHERD: No, no, no, no. Don't st'..., don't start now, 'cause I'm...

[Timer]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: ...a little fired up now.

[Audience chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

MS. M. SHEPHERD: A little fired up that you don't talk to me in that manner.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Sigh].

MS. M. SHEPHERD: She's a idiot. She coulda called me, but she didn't. I live in this City, I've got umpteen, umpteen accolades and I try to respect everybody. You never heard me say anything, I never got up here and said nothing about nobody.

You have the best Interims I've ever seen in my life, but these Interims are just being walked over, and you have thee penny-ante people, outsiders come in here, tear up our "City. That's the problem.

I just wanted to say that to you, Mayor, because you brought 'em here. And they're not monitored. You got to the Mandel Library, you walk straight through, it don't beep unless you come out with something. I, I had enough. I had enough of that library but, City Manager, it's another thing about that library I want to..., I wish you would call me 'cause right now, you could say I'm full. I'm full of that library. I don't bother nobody, but the seniors deserve to have a little bit more going... I'd like to talk to you. Because, I'm absolute'..., you could say I'm full. I'm so full, I'm just so mad. And, as far as you, Dr. Botel, this nut here say you need Botox? This is my daddy' half-sister and she is, what they call, a fool.

[Audience exclamation]

[Pause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That concludes public comment.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

MS. M. SHEPHERD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, with that being said, I now that we need to move forward in the Agenda, but we ask about..., we talk about decorum and process and policy and I understand that Councilwoman Miller-Anderson is going to be moving forward in bringing some matters forward, but we've got to, we've got to display a level of respect for each other. We need to do it from this dais, and we also need to do it from this audience. We cannot attack Staff, we cannot attack each other, and I understand that there are concerns that each of us have regarding a specific issue that may be key and important to us, but what we've got to is, we've got to change the direction of these meetings, and how we speak to one another, how we respond to one another and what's actually being said. Ms. Cobb, I apologize deeply...

MS. M. SHEPHERD: No. You don't have...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...for that...

MS. M. SHEPHERD: ...to apologize..., you apologize for me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Ms...

MS. M. SHEPHERD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Ms. Shepherd, I'm going to ask you to, to just respect what I'm saying. I apologize, and you didn't give me an opportunity. I apologize that you have experienced some issues in the library, but we cannot come to the podium and attack each other, we can't attack our employees. We will address your concerns, Mrs. Shepherd, we will make sure that the City Manager contacts you, but I still, in this seat as Chair, stand to apologize to you, and also to Mrs. Cobbs. Because I believe that together, we can work to improve whatever the concerns that you are facing, and whatever issues need to be increased and improved upon, we can do that together. But we have to do it in a conciliatory manner and not one of attacking, because if we spent the time addressing the issues that we spent attacking each other, I believe that we would be farther along and, and much more successful in the business of this City. So, we've got to just really kinda reign ourselves back in and not go on the attack. We're here to be about the business of the City and we want to make sure that we, in fact, conduct that business.

No more public comments?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alright. During public comment, Chair Pro Tem wanted to make a statement and I also want to, to direct Staff.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you, Madam Chair. What I wanted to make a comment was, first, in reference to the SIU members and the comments that were.., that, that were made. I am, I'm disappointed that the, that the employees feel the way they do, and they feel that we, as a.., have not been operating in a genuine fashion. I, I know that they were expecting that everything would be resolved by April 1st, we were waiting on the different [pause] the, the, the pay study, and all of those things, to take place. What, I guess most con'.., most of our, most of our negotiations are done in closed executive session, and that's where I imagine that we will go back to, to discuss this. But what I think openly needs to be said, and I want the employees to understand that I, and I assume, and I will state, that the rest of us are operating in a manner of good faith, and if our representatives that are on our, our behalf ha'.., have fallen short, or even the negotiations have fallen down. I, I would even like to see us go back to the table, start over and.., so that we can operate from a position of honesty, a position of truth so that everybody'll know that we are willing, and we are able, to get the negotiations for SEIU, and all of the rest of the members of PMSA that are, are invo'.., involved in this because it's after April 1st and the one thing that I would like to see us do, is let's start over from scratch so that everybody can feel comfortable and know that we are operating from a position of integrity and in good faith, and in all good conscious. We are going to expect and demand that of our negotiating team.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I would like to request a closed executive session. I, I would like for Staff to convene a closed executive session with the negotiation team, if my colleagues are amenable to that..

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...in light of what was brought forward tonight. We can look at either April 11th or April 18th at 5:30 if you're.., if you could look at your schedules, and we will coordinate with them, of course.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Wednesday?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's a, it's a Wednesday.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Don't we have a CRA meeting on the 11th?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We have a, have a CRA meeting.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And you said at what time for [inaudible]?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: 5:30.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Madam Chair, you need to indicate for the record who is going to be in attendance.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, the, the members of the negotiating team, the..., our, our Attorney and Council.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: That'll be Jack McLean?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: It'll be Jack McLean, Eureka Irvin, Randy Sherman, myself, City Manager, City Attorney Andrew DeGraffenreid and the City Council.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, we will...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...confirm a date, we can just send that information to the City Manager for a transference.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The 11th or the 18th.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Which is next Wednesday or the following Wednesday. And we do have a meeting scheduled for the 18th, so if we want to do it at 5:30 before that meeting? Councilwoman Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: For the 18th?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: For the 18th. That works for you?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. What's, what's wrong with the 11th? Did we...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm asking...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: It doesn't work for...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...for con'.., I'm asking for consensus.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. Either one is fine with me because we have meetings on that day. I just, you know, wanna try to resolve it as quickly as possible. At least, come to the table as soon as we can, because I know it has been a concern.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm. That's the reason...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...for asking...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...for the 11th. I want to...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I'm okay...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...turn it around.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...with the 11th.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: 11th, Members of the Board?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: The 11th, as soon as possible.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The 11th at 5:30. [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms., Madam Chair? One thing I wanted to ask about in regards to the public comment with..., about the meeting not being posted on the webpage. I know it was on there for the Agenda, but on the main page, where it says news, or usually it has the dates of the meetings, it wasn't there until yesterday. The Agenda was there. You know, once you go, go down to where it says Agenda and Minutes, if you click on that button, it took you to the list of the current and the old Agendas, but on the main page of the City's website, it said, basically, no news, and that's typically where we have our meetings listed. So if, you know, someone went straight to the main page, it would not have shown that we had a meeting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So, Madam...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Ma'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Madam City Manager, if you would please ensure that Mr., I think it's William...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Will?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Marcelo.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Marcelo. And I know that Mr. Stephens manages the directional board out there, so if we could just make sure that those are current and up to, up to date prior to every meeting, that would be wonderful.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Council Member Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I just wanna confirm. Is it Mr. Stephens, or is it Will that manages the website?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: There's two things. Mr., Will, manages the website...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...if I'm not mistaken, and then Mr. Stephens maintains the board out front.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, okay. And those directors...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And TV...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...come from...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...18. Pardon?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And those directors come from the City Manager or the Clerk's office for the meetings?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Do you send the, the information directly?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No. I do not. I., if .., that's usually handled through the City Manager's office and it's usually located under events, not the news section. So, you have the news that's up top...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The second part.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...and then you have the, the...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The events.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...the events, which is events.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And it wasn't there.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: And it wasn't there.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: They usually handle that through the City Manager's office, in conjunction with IT. So.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...City Manager, I would ask that you have a twofold process of verifying, with the Clerk's office, as with IT.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Okay.

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REGULAR – OLD BUSINESS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. On to regular business.

15.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 15.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RULES OF DECORUM

CHAIRWOMAN KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON (561) 845-4095

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do have public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards for this Item is now closed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes, thank you. [Stammer], as most of you may recall, I've tried to have this on the Agenda a few times before and, due to time, me being out sick one time, we weren't able to get it done. However, I feel this is something, as Councilwoman.., Chairwoman Davis Johnson stated a little bit, is that we need to really speak to the decorum, and I want to start with us up here first, and then move out to the public. In the backup, we.., if you all would kinda draw your attention... I apologize for those of you that may not have it in the public, but I will reference it. We currently have rules of decorum governing the Council, as well as the public. And, there are several items on here that we do very well, and there are some that we don't do at all. And so, I, I wanted to bring this before us because it, it seemed that it may have been outdated or it may have been unknown to many people, of what was even in the rules of decorum, for the public, as well as the elected officials. We have Resolution 47-01, which is an amendment to the rules and procedures for the City Council. And in that particular one, it talked about the parliamentary procedure for City Council meetings, for the Mayor

and City Council, City Council Chairperson, motions that are to be made, the debate, Council voting and the City Council meeting Agenda Items, as well as the Agenda review meetings. And so, that is one section of it, and then the other part was the actual rules as it relates to public comments during official meetings and, and making sure that our Sergeant-at-Arms is able to do his job out there in the audience. I think maybe a couple months back, there was, you know, some issues going on in the, in the audience and it was very difficult for the officer to be able to manage that out there because there were issues going on up here on the dais as well. And so.., and as I said before, I understood it was a political climate and, as you all can see, it has kind of toned down up here on the dais because the election is over. And, I figured that would happen, but during the time in which all of this was taking place, it was very important to me that we brought this back because it had kinda got out of control, and we need to make sure that we, you know, live by what it was that we already had in place.

Now, with these particular Items that we have, and I'm sure this not something we can solve tonight, this may be something that we need to take a look at and maybe do during a workshop, so that we have a good amount of time to be able to maul over this and, and really massage it and fix it and make it the way that we can all live by. And, and providing some input from the public as well, I think is important too because we could all afford to critique each other. We may see one thing going on out in the audience, and the audience may see another thing going on up here on the dais. And so, with that, I do want to.., I, I think we'll be possibly having a workshop, I'm sure, at some point coming up and, if not, we could possibly add this on to our workshop so that we could have the necessary time to go over this and be able to make the modifications that are needed. You know, I would like to hear from public comments, if there are any cards, she just mentioned, and then see.., and then we could go from there.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Have you, have you completed [inaudible]?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I would like to hear from public comment and then I'll come back.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I understood what [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: John Miller, Bonnie Larson, J.B. Dixon.

MR. J. MILLER: John Miller, 1290 Manor Drive.

Yeah. This is something that really should be talked about. Me and TD even talked a little bit about this, uh, privately. Just talking about.., look, you gotta come up.., all of us have made mistakes, all of us say things that do we get angry and we do things. Alright? But, what we have to do is we gotta come up here and we gotta show one another respect. And, we shouldn't be attacking one another. Nobody should be getting up here and using Julie's name in vain, or changing her name, or throwing.., and that's gotta be stopped, Tonya. I, I think that what we need to do is have a.., something here to stop this mic, kill the mic, because bringing up about the.., bringing up about what

happened in the newspaper, which was false, as far as any involvement there was wrong. It shouldn't've been..., you shouldn't've been able to give her the time to continue to talk. That was wrong. And, and I think all of you's all know that up there.

[Inaudible audience comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: No, no, no.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Please.

MAYOR MASTERS: Somebody's talking.

MR. J. MILLER: I'm not talking about it, I'm saying that we need to stop these type of things.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

MR. J. MILLER: We need to show one another respect. A month ago I was at a meeting, and a woman got up and said something about Mrs. Hubbard, alright? And she sat down. Mrs. Hubbard, for 15 minutes, went on. 15 minutes. Now, let me say this to you, you get a three minute comment period, for the public, alright? And, you wanna get these meetings moved. If you wanna answer people back, respectfully, you should get three minutes. You shouldn't be able to go on and on and on and beat a dead horse. I'm asking you to show each other respect, move on, let's do the right thing. We had a good beginning of this meeting, we really did. Even though we didn't agree, everybody didn't agree because of Rybovich, you know, with the, Moree Family or whatever. It made sense, it made sense what you did. Other words jobs, growth, this, that and the other. And try to work something out for the Moree Family. We can show one another respect.

But please, whoever's..., Tonya, you're the Chair, somehow stop the people, don't let 'em do it,. Please. Stop them in their tracks when they go off and they..., when they're saying things to..., about other, other people. Especially people up here, sitting up here. Every single one of ya. If it's about the Mayor, Td, any of you's. Don't let 'em do it, just stop it.

Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bonnie Larson...

MS. B. LARSON: [Inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: J.B. Dixon.

MS. J.B. DIXON: I certainly agree that there should be a code of decorum for the Council and, obviously, for the audience too, but I would like to know whether or not you regard that as a code of conduct only for during these sessions, or in your role of representing the City as its elected representatives outside of this meeting?

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Please continue.

MS. J.B. DIXON: Does, does your plan include decorum outside the confines of the Council meetings?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We will definitely discuss it.

MS. J.B. DIXON: Pardon me?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We will discuss it.

MS. J.B. DIXON: I, I would urge Members to discuss that. And I think that certain actions in the past, that have come up, such as calling a reporter a racist pig and giving the finger to someone, have brought disgrace upon our City. And, I think that that needs to be very seriously addressed in terms of everyone's understanding that sits on this Council of being representative of the City, and of the City being judged by their actions, and by their lack of decorum. So, I would urge you to consider adding that to whatever code of decorum that you're going to suggest.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, that concludes public comments.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Commissioner..., Pro Tem Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible]. I agree that all of us need to carry ourselves in a certain manner and we..., and there should be a [pause] a, a title of decorum that represent within, within these Chambers, outside these Chambers also, but I think that it's quite false..., I, I think it's quite..., it's, it, it, it mirrors one throwing a rock and hiding their hand, when one antagonize, encourages, instigates, initiate and aggravate situations, and manipulate situations in this Chamber, at that microphone by way of our residents in order to do something totally opposite of what we're talking about, decorum. Once you have done all of those things, you have antagonized a situation, you've manipulated a situation, you've even initiated a situation to get someone so upset that they finally defend themselves. When so many of us up here have sat and we have listened, and we have taken so much, and when I..., when leadership has anta'..., has, has antag'..., helped to antagonize the situation, now tonight, we talk about decorum. I agree wholeheartedly, we all need to carry ourselves in a respectable manner, I agree we need to displa'..., display a manner of decorum. I agree with that, but I think that it is wrong, on so many levels, for leadership to initiate, design and encourage situations where one will get aggravated and finally defend themselves. It was okay when it was orchestrated and planned and designed to create mayhem in this Chamber. But when one get fed up with it, not to take anymore and can..., and decide to say something, then now, 'Hey, let's have a little bit of decorum.' Let us all have some decorum, but I think it's..., was very wrong

and is very wrong, for us up here to initiate those types of reactions, and then, then say, 'Oh, we need to behave better.' You..., people are human and it's really just so much that one can take. And I think for several months, everyone did a great job trying to hold their peace. But there was a cou'..., there..., surely, surely with me, there was a couple of instances where, where I felt like I didn't want to take anymore, and I have decided that I don't want to take anymore and will not because I think that it's wrong for us to behave in that manner and talk to other people like that. And if you don't want to be talked to in that manner, you shouldn't come up here and, and, and say some of the things that have been said.

So, when we talk about decorum, let's keep in mind how we, how we got everybody to do the things..., how we bated everybody, how we brought everybody up here to the microphone to say all manner of nastiness to some of the Councilpeople up here, and then..., and decorum was surely out of the window then. But yes, it's time to return to a state of civility and I'll agree with that. But, I, I would definitely go on record as saying, it needs to be twofold, and it definitely don't need to be initiated and manipulated and designed by fellow Councilpeople.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Mr. Davis.

[Inaudible audience comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Point of order. The..., let...

MAYOR MASTERS: Come to the mic.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No, no, no. No, no, no. No. I, I would like to... There are a couple of things that I'd like to say as it relates to how we handle decorum and protocol in these meetings. You know, my role as Chair is to make sure that the Agenda is carried out and that each Member has an opportunity to speak, but I would like to recommend, in addition to doing a workshop on decorum, we also need to include in that workshop, the Robert's Rules of Orders and how meetings are actually to be governed and handled, and once we have a better of understanding of what that animal looks like, then we should see a change in the way that our meetings are run. Specifically, Robert's Rules of Order dictates that you should address an issue, have two bites at the apple to have a conversation and not being repetitive. We've not employed that particular tenet of Robert's Rules of Order, we tend to belabor issues and restate facts and points, and once the points have been made, we need to address them and continue to move on, so that we don't have the long-extended meetings as was mentioned by, by a, a neighbor. It's important for u to understand what it is that we are charged with doing here, running the business of the City and so, therefore, when we set this workshop to deal with decorum and have an opportunity for the public to weigh in, we also will include on that Agenda, Robert's Rules of Order. And it may even be appropriate to bring in a specialist who presents information on how meetings are run effectively and orderly, but a lot of the

effectiveness and the order must come from this dais. If I can ask you to please silence your phones, that would be wonderful.

So, you know, there's a, a lot of work to be done. There's a lot of work here that needs to be done on all sides. We are in this together, this community, this dais and we've got to get to the point where we are working together and not in opposition. Because if we continue to constantly work in the state of opposition, we won't be able to function and to get the, the work of the, the City done. So, I commend Councilwoman Miller-Anderson because it was during the time, during the, then tenure of her Chair that she wanted to have this discussion and we couldn't have it for various reasons and I, I, I thank her for continuing to see it through because it's very necessary.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, moving forward, we would poll this Council to find out when we can do a workshop...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...so that we can further discuss, and we can identify a date and time, and I'm sure we'll probably either be here or over at the Marina?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I wanted to make a suggestion on something for it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. But it's..., that's what has to happen moving forward. And we understand that our citizens, you know, have various issues going on and that there are levels of [pause] just levels of discontent and just levels of disappointment, and so, before we overflow, we need to just either speak to each individually, let's bring the concerns to the City Manager so that, that they can be addressed prior to it becoming a full out blowout.

Madam..., Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, on..., I, I appreciate you bringing that up about the Robert's Rules of Order. I actually had a conversation with attorney Matthew Russell, and I know that he, he, he helps out the Housing Authority a lot with their Robert's Rules of Order, so..., and he said that he would be more than happy to come out and, and work with us regarding the Robert's Rules of Order. So, when we have the workshop, we can incorporate that. And I wanted to see if we could possibly look at April 16th, which is, I think we're gonna have a Utility District meeting on that Monday, possibly, and have the workshop with just these Items on it, which is the decorum and the, the Robert's Rules of Order. Are we scheduled to have a Utility District meeting on the 16th, Ms...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We are.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We are.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, if it's not, you know how long our meetings typically are, however, I think we are bringing the stipend back and there's supposed to be some reports and all of that, that will be discussed during that night.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Right.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, it may, you know, it may be a little bit longer but if we could make the workshop.., have the workshop on that night and include those two items and I can check to see if Attorney Russell would be available to come out and I could get with you, Ms. Hoskins and, and you all kinda talk it out. But he was very open to just coming in, being able to help out with that.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Would we start at 5:30 then?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Not enough time, that's not enough time.

[Inaudible comments]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That is not enough.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, before we finalize that, we will look to see what the Agenda is set for...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Mr. Horton...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...and once we have that idea we'll be able to better plan...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...the workshop. We may have to do it on a different day.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Because, what I don't want us to do, is to have to rush through it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And, yeah. I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...I want...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...don't want that either.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...us to be able to work through this and, and just really be transparent, be, you know, we wanna certainly have our respect in this, but we need to really have this conversation so that when we are prepared, moving forward, we won't have these types of instances.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. And I, I agree with you. I, as I said before, was going along with the history of our Utility District meetings not being that long, typically, so we would have had some time over, but I'm more than happy to have it on an additional..., on a separate day so that we can have all of the time that we need. So, once you...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...all you take a look...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Once we determine that...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...at that... Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...we..., we'll get back with Council...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...on the date.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And let me know, and then, we can get in touch with Attorney Russell.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. To piggyback off this entire discussion, I was in a meeting today with the Palm Beach County League of Cities and some of its members, and they made it very..., they're very excited to invite our Council, as well as others across the entire county, on April 25th from 1:00 to 4:00. There will be an elected officials workshop at that time, conducted by the Palm Beach County League of Cities, and it's free of charge. And they wanna make sure I get that information to you guys today. This something that was scheduled.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: What's the time of that?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's from 1:00 to 4:00. It's right after the meeting that we normally have with the League of Cities.

[Inaudible dais comments]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's gonna...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. They announced...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...be in Greenacres.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...it at the last meeting...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: No. Excuse me.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...we were there.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Stammer]. Excuse me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One, one moment.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...It's 12:00 o'clock.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What, what are we talking about?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: It., the, the...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: After the normal [inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: The Palm Beach League of Cities elected officials workshop is actually at noon.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: It's after the meeting.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's after the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: After the meeting.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: The membership meeting's at noon.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The meeting is at 12:00.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, the meeting's at 12:00, and then after the membership meeting, they will conduct the workshop.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: In Greenacres. So, they wanna make sure., right now, there's 162 people have RSVP'd already. And so, they wanna make sure., they're saying, 'Let's try to dri'...', they're trying to reach a number for about 400. The numbers are kinda low and they said do what we can. But there's another event going on with one of the Chambers down in Boca, which has an attendance a little lower than usual. So,

since..., this is great that this came up at this time, so I can definitely give this information to you guys, so you all know how to reach out to Richard Radcliffe and get your RSVP.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: As, as stated before, when you look..., this will be very brief, on page... And I did have a meeting with Mr. Miller, and we shared our concerns, one way or the other, and we have, you know, we have agreed on many issues and disagreed on [inaudible] have always come to a common goal, to keep our heat at a one on one session. When, when the temperature got hot in Riviera Beach, I consistently asked that the public to schedule meetings with anyone on the Board, as well as ourselves 'cause that's what our office hours are for, to sit down and have separate discussions and to really have folks to get all the proper information from your constituents versus hearing it through the street, or hearing it via social media, um, get it from the source. You know, there's a thing called fact check. If I'm wrong..., for, for not using the facts, then that's one thing. But..., and Mr. Miller, he, he agrees, that there's a lot..., and he stated from the podium today, he agreed, there was a lot of wrong on both sides. And, and he actually apologized for one of the things and, and we've had apologies back and forth about [inaudible] get in our discussions and he agreed, this should've been taken care of a long time ago. And, and I..., and I commend you Coach for coming to the dais and stating that we do need to move forward. I mean, we don't owe it to ourselves, we owe it to everyone. You know, we all come to work, others come to support, provide service, participate and work with us. I don't believe no one that..., or I would hope that no one comes to a Council meeting with the City in position to potentially fail or look bad. I don't think that's no one's intentions, but we have to be careful, all of us, to understand, okay, what we listen to before we come here, what we watch before we come here, and what we want before we come here. And how do we get all of these things accomplished? But, I look forward to... But I think, you know, we have a retreat coming up at some point that we normally do annually. I think a workshop..., 'cause this is gonna take maybe three, three hours, minimum to go through all of the items that we discussed and, and to really drill down on, you having someone like Mr. Matthews who's been..., Mr. Russell, who's been a pioneer in this community, great attorney. Very stickling when it comes to boards and, and I've seen him do it Park Manor and, and also Housing Authority.

But it's, it's quite clear when you look at Page 3, number six, the Chairperson shall preserve order and decorum with the Council Chambers, and the Board must support the Chair as the Chair leads, and if the Chair can't lead, you have a Vice Chair. And not to say that's not being done, but it is very clear in this documentation backup, on how we must function. It's up to us to take a step back and do what it says, not what we want, and I start with myself with that. And we just have to come to a common ground to, to get something done and [stammer] hold this City accountable, because this City is a wonderful City. We all talk about it in our slogan, 'The best City to live, work and play.' Let's not use on'..., let's use it all the time. Let's be proud about it.

And, and that's where I stand as a person that's born and raised here, not as an elected official. No..., a lady [stammer], a young lady came to the microphone to talk about decorum after the meetings. When we get sworn in, we take an oath, we take an oath of

office to act and conduct ourselves a certain way. You know? And, with that.., that's, that process is in place. So, to answer her question, we all take an oath and we have to follow that oath, when we get sworn in with our families.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. I also just want to state for the record, Coach Miller, you asked why can't I just turn off the microphone, because that would be determined that I have altered the record. And so, therefore, we cannot. Because, certainly, I asked that question. But it.., we cannot do that because we would be altering the record. Okay.

Is there any further comment or discussion with regards to the rules of decorum and the Robert's Rules of Order discussion?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. With that being said, Madam Clerk.

REGULAR

16.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 16.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 31-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM EVENING REPORTING CENTER, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do have one public comment card on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Presentation.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We need a, we need a.., we need a second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I made a motion.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So, there needs to be some consistency here, because it says to me that I am now to.., you closed the comments and then we go into discussion, and then there's a motion. So, do you want that before?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. I, I see that was put in the wrong order.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: You're supposed to get your motion right after the Resolution heading is made.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, if we could please make sure that this proper.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Will do.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Mr. Davis made the motion, who made the second?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly second. Madam City Manager, who will be making this presentation?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, I will be making the presentation tonight. Mrs. Grimsley is not feeling well.

So, this is an agreement with the Department of Juvenile Justice where the youth are brought to the Youth Empowerment Center in the evenings, those youth that are taken in by the Department of Juvenile Justice, just to stay during the evening, and it's considered a evening reporting center. And we currently have an agreement, and this is just an extension of the current agreement.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any questions or comments from the Council? [Pause]. None? Hearing none.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Dr. Phillip Dukes.

[Pause]

[Inaudible comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, that concludes public comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Madam Clerk, this has motioned and properly second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson? [Pause]. Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

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

17. **!**

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 17.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 32-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF FEES AT BARRACUDA BAY WATER PARK AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we have one public comment card. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'll entertain a motion.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly second. Madam City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, we have Director Richard Blankenship here to give a presentation regarding the Barracuda Bay Aquatic Complex Marketing Plan and a request for a fee increase. Mr. Blankenship.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Good evening, Mayor and Council. Richard...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...Blankenship, Parks & Recreation Director. Before I get into my presentation, I really need to address Ms. Paulk's comments earlier about Friday's event. That was a great event but that was a pure team effort, starting with Mr. Davis' direction. But, the success of Friday falls squarely on the shoulders of Ms. Franks. She did such a wonderful job. All I did was tell her to stop worrying about the money and do what you do...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, you [inaudible].

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...and to have.., we had a great event. So, it was a, it was a team effort, Chaney Brothers, again, above and beyond the call of duty. They provided the food. Not only did they provide the food, they cooked the food. We took almost 500 folks to Peanut Island. We had over 1,300 in attendance, but again, it, it was a team effort and, uh, Ms. Franks did a wonderful job in, in leading that effort.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair? I just wanna state one thing for the record, while he's on that topic. And I wanna s'.., there's one par'.., there's a lotta other folks along with our Staff through Parks & Rec, our police. And I wanna say something 'cause Ms. Duncombe's in the room, for years she has come to the podium by getting the U.S. Coast Guard involved with Riviera Beach and being [inaudible]. Well, Ms. Duncombe, they showed up, they participated with our kids, they offered a community boating program for our adults to get certified, and they also opened their facility up to our summer campers for the summer. So, that day is over now, the U.S. Coast Guard is opening their doors to all of Riviera Beach residents.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: They just have to give some jobs.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, they, well they...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No response...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...They been working on all that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...[Inaudible] the Board.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But I just wanna state because I never forgot that, when you talked about that back in 2013. But, to the Staff and Mr. Blankenship and the CRA, Scott, to all your Staff, you know, police, fire, the K-9 unit that came out, and Ms. Botel, you came out.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: It was very nice.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Ms. Anderson came out, Hubbard passed her regards, the Chair passed her regards, Karen did, Ms. Hoskins, the Mayor came out. Everyone came out. It was a great.., it was a great, great event for our City, and we actually did get

a brief synopsis, like, snap, on the local section of the Post talking about our health day. And, the day was designed for the Cunningham and the Wilson Family and honoring them for all the things they did in this City, and we actually did get some press from the Palm Beach Post. We didn't get a great.., a whole story, but we did get a big picture with our kids being happy, talking about Riviera Beach, talking about health. So, I wanna make sure the residents know that we actually did get some press from someone just saying, hey, we're doing some great things together.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Okay. Moving on to, to the presentation.

The issue, or the discussion tonight is, we're presenting a marketing plan for Barracuda Bay, and we're also recommending some fee increases. There's not many communities anywhere that, of our size, that have a, a facility like Barracuda Bay. We presently.., and I'm trying to [pause] – working on computer]. Sorry. [Pause]. Presently, we charge.., and if I can get this to scroll, I'll be able to show you some, some slides and stuff, but we presently [pause and inaudible discussion working on visual presentation]. Presently, we charge \$3.00 a head for residents and \$.4.00 a head for non-residents to get in. The premise of these.., of our fee increases is not to increase the resident rates but the non-resident rates. So, what we're recommending is that we raise the non-resident per head entry fee to \$5.00.., from \$4.00 to \$5.00. One of the recommendations is that, with the swimming lessons, we've done.., last year, we did 800 swimming lessons at the facility. About 90% of those swimming lessons were covered by the county's , um, the Learn to Swim voucher, which is worth \$30, but we've been only charging \$25, so, we're recommending that we now charge \$30, and take full advantage of that voucher, for the swimming. We're recommending that we add a non-resident fee for the swim team. Presently, the swim team pays \$85 per person. There's never been a non-resident rate, but we do have non-residents participating, so we're recommending a \$95 non-resident rate. We're recommending increasing the rental rate for the facility. As of today, you can rent that entire facility for \$200 for four hours. Plus, \$3.00 a head. So, what we're recommending is that we raise that rental rate to \$300 for residents and \$400 for non-residents. That provides you with all the lifeguards, the front gate staff, all the management of the event, as far as getting in and out of the facility, and we clean up. So, there really needs to be some, some adjustments there.

The.., you know, Barracuda Bay is never gonna break even, it's not designed to break even, it doesn't have the capacity to break even. We just want to start an incremental process of getting it to a respectable revenue level. This year, we generated more revenue than we have in several years, about \$80,000. If we have the same attendance this year, that we had last year, we'll increase our revenue about 8%, based on these, uh, fee increases. So, while they're not drastic increases, and we tried not to put them on the backs of residents, we think that is time that we do pro'.., project some type of, of increase so that we can lessen the subsidy that, that the facility presently receives.

We do monitor those folks that simply can't pay \$3.00 [stammer], you know, we.., whatever the rate may be, as far as the per head entry fee. And if there's those, those

situations where they just, we know, because they..., we know the kids, we'll, we'll make, we'll find a way to get them in there. But we do monitor that. I cannot reca'..., kids do get turned away but it's not because they can't pay, it's because they got blue jeans on, or they got blue jean shorts, or they're not in the right attire. That may be something that we wanna look at as, as having proper attire for them, or wait for them to get it, but that's typically why we turn kids away, is they're not dresses properly. And they have to be dressed properly to get in the water or it's dangerous.

I apologize for not being technically savvy with this, but if there are any questions, I'll be happy to answer them.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, Mr. Blankenship.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Oh, here we go. Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: What..., how much were we in the hole last years?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well, it's costing us about \$550,000 to run the facility. Now, that's, that's a, you know, there's a little bit of other stuff that's involved in that number, there's some administrative costs. All the administration for the department goes to that office, so there's some administrative costs in there, but, you know, it's a 13 or 14-year-old facility, it's expensive to operate.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, how much, how much are you saying that we were in the negative?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: About \$480,000.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Hmm. Okay. And, how do you determine resident versus non-resident?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Um...

MAYOR MASTERS: On what basis?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Utility bill, driver's license. Like we do for football or any other sport. Mostly, utility bill.

MAYOR MASTERS: And what happens if a person doesn't have a utility bill or a driver's license?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Some type of identification that shows their address, school ID, something like that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And you're prosing to increase the rental of the entire facility for residents from \$300 to \$400?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: No. From \$200 to \$300. And non-residents, from \$200 to \$400.

MAYOR MASTERS: And when is the last time there was a, a raise? A, a fee raise... increase?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: The, they entered.., we entered into the \$3.00... There was a time where we didn't charge anything. And then, about six or seven years ago, they entered into the \$3.00 range.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And also, do you [pause], as far as the, the kids that wanna swim, go to the this this on those days that you do.., they go in to swim, what is that fee? Is, is...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: \$3.00.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...there a charge?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: If they're...

MAYOR MASTERS: \$3.00 a head?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...residents, it's \$3.00.

MAYOR MASTERS: Now, what if a family has three or four children?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: That's \$3.00 a head. So, it could be \$9.00, it could be \$12.00, depending on how many people are coming in.

MAYOR MASTERS: Do you have a way.., I know you mentioned that you try to work things out, but do you have a system that, if someone has three children, or four children, that creates a financial hardship, are they offered something, like a scholarship or a...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Spons'.., we find a...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...some type of...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...sponsor or something like that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. They're, they're, they're not turned away if [inaudible]...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: I, I've seen Staff pay their entry fee.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. [Pause]. Well, [pause], if you don't raise it from \$200 to \$300 for residents, would that create some type of hardship, financial hardship, on the Aquatic Center?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well, I mean, we're losing \$450,000 now, a few hundred dollars isn't gonna make that much difference, but...

MAYOR MASTERS: That's what I thought.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...I think it's the point of the matter that we need to think about. We can have a resident that rents the facility because.., it can be rented for parties and that kind of stuff, they could conceivable make a lot of money by renting our facility cheaply and charging a entry fee, which they're allowed to do. They could make a business out of it.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, my final question, have you thought about any other creatively, alternatively, any other ways that we could generate funding of monies, instead of raising it from \$200 to \$300?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well, there's.., I believe that the best way to increase the fees is increase participation, or to increase revenue overall, is to increase participation, hence, the marketing plan. But, there is a, an.., a comparison that was done of other facilities in the area and we're, other than the warren Hawkins facility, we're grossly under market. Not that market is where we oughta be, but we should, you know, there should be some value to go into Barracuda Bay.

MAYOR MASTERS: One, one.., my final question, I'm sorry. Has there been any study to determine what area most of your children come from in Riviera Beach? Or what neighborhood?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We don't know the dem'...

MAYOR MASTERS: So...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...we don't know the specific...

MAYOR MASTERS: The dem'.., demographics. So, we don't know?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: No.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Blankenship, have you [pause], when looking at a three hour day, when someone's renting the entire facility, what is the cost associated with our lifeguards, someone at the gate and all of our Staff that would be required for the day, what is that cost for them for, for...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Depending on the projected number of attendees, it could be \$200 an hour. Depending on how many lifeguards we have to have...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...gate Staff, concession, if they want concession. All that.., it just depends on the type of event. But it.., I can say conservatively, it's.., we're losing money at \$200 an hour.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: We.., so, we have three hour event...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Keep in mind, it's \$200 an hour and \$3.00 a head. So, if they have 300 people, then it's a.., we're, we're making \$1,100.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: But...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: He said \$200 for four hours.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: But still, grossly under market.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Not \$200 [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No. 'Cause I just wanna make sure for folks at home when they hear this, they need to know how much it cost for, for the City to pay the lifeguards and all the Staff, so when they start comparing it to the number that they're, they're spending at this time, they need to understand...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...what.., where we lie in that.., in the time for our budget cycle to make a decision.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: And that doesn't include water, electric, the lights.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: It doesn't include any of that, it's just...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...the hard costs for that day.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. That's all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yeah. It's four hours. You, you said per hour. I think they thought you said per hour.

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's \$200...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...what it costs us.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh, per hour?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, for the four hours, its' \$200.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Depending on the numbers.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right. And then us, it's \$200 an hour. So we...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We.., there could be events where we have to have every lifeguard we have on, on.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Wow.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Just beca'.., based on the numbers.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Comments? Members of the Board?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible] I'll leave room for someone else.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Commissioner Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I'm good.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Nothing.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No further...? Okay. No further comments. Public..., were there, were there any public comment cards?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Norma Duncombe.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Norma Duncombe. My concern, and I know there's nothing free, but my concern is the fact that we have too many kids drowning in this area. And kids are, in other words, I know you have to pay for these things, but I think that the non-residents, charging 'em whatever you want., but when it comes to the kids in this City, because if it's a family of three or four, that might make the difference between those kids being able to get there to the pool. In fact, we need to promote sw'.., lessons from the very tiny ones on up, so that they will be safe if they go anywhere near water. Now, a lot of times, people., and I hear people talk about money. But I didn't hear anything about money with Rybovich, in terms of that property down there. I'm saying, this is crucial. I worked in the school system years ago, and what we did was, we pulled kids from..., during the school hours, in our to get kids to be able to be exposed to swimming, because of the situations where kids drown from not knowing how to swim, and the draw of water is always there when you have young kids. So, in terms of the place for a party, you can charge \$1,000 a night if you want. It wouldn't matter to me, but when it comes to our kids, I'm talking about the young kids, we need to figure out how we can get more of them over there for lessons.

And, and that's where I would go with that, in terms of the increase in prices. Non-residents, whatever you wanna charge them. And, in terms of the private parties, there should be no limit on what you can do with that so that you don't penalize the kids, and let's figure out how we can get more of them over there to have lessons.

Thank you.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: And, if I could clarify for Ms. Duncombe. Again, 90%., we did 800 lessons last year. About 90% of those were under the Drowning Prevention Coalition voucher. So, they didn't pay anything. We're just recommending raising that rate, so we can take full advantage of that voucher, and not leave \$5.00 on the table. So, we, we promote heavily swim lessons. There's no reason that a resident of Riviera Beach does not know how to swim. We'll make it happen if they wanna learn.

[Timer]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, if the kids from the neighborhood just walk over, whether they have actually applied for that voucher, how would they...

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

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...get the swimming lessons?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well, we would have..., we would help them apply for the voucher. I don't know that we've ever had a resident turned down for the voucher. Not since I've been here, we've not, so we would help them through that process.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: And, the group that I mentioned to you earlier that, that I'm, that I am questioning is, you know, you have the kids that don't go to summer camp, or they don't go to summer school, but they just hang around with each other and then they decide, hey, it's a pack of 'em and they're gonna over to the, to the pool, we wouldn't, we wouldn't be able to give them lessons under the voucher, and how would we, how would we incorporate them? Those would be the kids that needed the..., that we wouldn't need to raise the rate of entry on.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We would...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: That would be the select group.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Yeah. If they just showed up for lessons, they wouldn't be able to get in, we'd have to schedule it. But we would make it happen. And, by the way, we start lessons at six months old. And we go until [stammer], whoever want'..., there's no age limit. We start at six months old. But if there's, if there's [stammer] identified group that needs swimming lessons, then we'll work with them to make sure either they get the voucher or get 'em sponsored.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, the kids that just wanna come to the pool, you know, to come to the pool, what about that group?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Same, same...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: In the...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...situation.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...summer.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Same situation. We'll monitor it. Again, most kids get turned away 'cause they're not dressed properly. Not because they don't have the \$3.00. But, we will monitor..., and if we run across a, a group that is dressed properly and has every reason to be in there, we will make it happen within reason.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Final comment. I'm, I'm opposed to new raises for residents. Any raises for non-residents, I don't have a problem with. I just expect that the overwhelming majority of the children are probably title one, and I just don't want to see an increase. Especially, since you said it's not gonna make that much of a difference, and we're already \$450,000 deficit, or something like that, didn't you say?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Yeah. But the.., I think the context of that comment was as far as rental, and the kids aren't renting the facility, it's the, the adults, the, the, the, um... [Pause].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The parents.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Parents are doing it for a party or reunions, family reunions, private parties, that's the bulk of our rentals. That's where the resident rate.., that's the only place, other than swimming lessons inside the voucher, that the resident rate would be increased. Not, not the per head getting into the facility.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And this decision would not impact no one that's already submitted an application, correct?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: No. They're, they're grandfathered in.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further comments? Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

18.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Item No. 18.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RIVIERA BEACH SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

CHAIRWOMAN PRO-TEM: LYNNE L. HUBBARD (561) 845-4095

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The City Manager is going to start our presentation.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: And there is a Resolution that was provided to you all for..., with additional information.

This is the Summer Youth Employment Program for Fiscal Year '18. It will be administered by Mrs. Valerie Grimsley, and... Are you able to bring it up? [Pause]. You also have a handout that was provided to you with the organizational chart. The Summer Youth Employment Program is a program that will..., it's targeted to hire over 500 youth and provide job training and leadership for groups age 14 to 15, which will be the ACT..., ACT, SAT boot camp and then the Summer Employment Program. So, what's on the screen is the organizational chart. Mrs. Grimsley does have her own Youth Employment Program that's funded by the county, which is on the left side of the organizational chart, but on the right side, under the Summer Youth Employment Program, we are asking that we hire a program manager, a program coordinator, two developers and 25 advocates. If you turn to the budget page [pause], this is a 10 week Summer Youth Employment Program, and then there's the..., there's a 8 week piece for the leadership camp. So, total wages for the two job developers, \$10,000, program manager, \$6,000, program coordinator, \$5,000, 30 neighborhood attendants, and this is part of the beautification project. We would like to hire neighborhood attendants, that will be 30 neighborhood attendants at \$10 an hour, 30 hours per week, and that's approximately \$72,000. Twenty advocates, these are college juniors and seniors that will be responsible for monitoring the 500 youth..., I'm sorry, 360 youth that will be working, and the advocates will be in charge of those 360 youth. And that's the \$57,600, for a total of \$150,850. The remaining funds will be used for operational supplies and for hiring ACT, SAT prep type materials for those youth that have not passed the FA'..., FAS test, so, for a total of \$174,000.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam [inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Are you done? Madam Chair?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am. Yes, I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I just wanted to get some clarification. So, the \$150,000 is just for the, basically, the employees? That doesn't include the pay that the students will be getting for an employment ?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: No. The, the goal is to go to businesses within the City and see if they are willing to hire the 360 youth or so. Some of them will be hired through the City, some of them will be.., we're asking some, businesses throughout the City, to hire those youth.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The um. The, the neighborhood attendants, those are gonna be youth from 18 to 21, the 20 advocates, they're also going...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Speak into your mic.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I can't hear.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The neighborhood attendants, the 30 neighborhood attendants, they're all.., they're gonna be, they're gonna be used from the, from the ages of 18 to 21. The advocates are also going to be college students, sophomores and seniors...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Juniors.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...that will be in...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Juniors and seniors, right?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I'm sorry. Junior'..., junior and seniors. So, they, they are all a part of the, they're a part of the program. Those are definitely youth, those 50 are definitely youth participants.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I have a question about the... So, with the college juniors/seniors, is there an age on that? 'Cause, you know, we can have adults that are college seniors and juniors, will it be geared to...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The...

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You'..., I mean, young adults?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yeah. Yeah, young adults. Yes, ma'am, young adults. The..., and, you know, we might have one that might be 21, 22 or whatever. They are now in college. So, as you said, young adults.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And, I mean, I'm just kinda looking over it now with the, the responsibilities and everything, the tasks. First of all, I, I definitely applaud you on it, I would like to see this happen and, and, you know, we did it last year, but on a smaller scale and, of course, the more we can get the better, but are... [Pause]. With me just looking at this kinda now, with the different tasks and responsibilities, how..., is there any way to combine some of these, or is there a major work load involved with each of the positions? 'Cause I., it, to me, it just seems like there's a, a big amount that's... I, I appreciate the 18 to 21 year old for the neighborhood attendants, the college junior/seniors for advocates, 'cause I do wanna see them have the bulk of the responsibilities and get the money. You know what I mean? So, I'm just trying to make sure that we don't make it too top heavy, and the money isn't really going towards the kids like we want it to.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Well, I... Ma'am? Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The..., and that's, that's the gist of it. The first 50, the first 50 kids off the top, we know that that's a responsibility that we would have to take, and we would have to make sure that we have a solid infrastructure to bring these kids under. So therefore, that's why we are using this..., we're requesting that this be put in place out of our start up capital. One thing is that, after the two job developers are finished developing the jobs..., and, if we start out in a timely manner, one of those very job developers could also turn into that program coordinator that you see there. So, hopefully, we will get those jobs developed prior to the program actually starting so that we won't have to continue to go out and, you know, beat the bushes for the job. So, that is a, a very good point. One of those very job developers could actually turn into one of the pro'..., the program coordinator and, what see the other person doing, is being that lead advocate over those young people.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I also applaud the idea of this. I think it's wonderful to think that we could have 360 jobs for kids this summer. However, I spoke, for example,

with Randy Sherman who said to me, there's no program and no line item budget and you should table this until we do a budget analysis. And I also spoke with Valerie Grimsley who said that she thinks that it's unrealistic to think that we could get 360 kids employed in this community by businesses with.., given that we only have about 60 days between now and the start of the summer. So, I, I, I love the idea that we could maybe think of about getting 360 kids employed [chuckle] but I'm just wondering how realistic it is. So, I, I guess I'm asking you that question, [stammer], particularly because, last summer, Valerie had 76 kids placed for nine weeks in that county [stammer] provi'.., supported program and it cost us a hundred and eighty'.., it didn't cost us a hundred and.., how much did it cost? It was county funded, so it didn't cost us anything. I'm wondering if we couldn't just look at maybe expanding that program where, where the kids were provided jobs but they weren't.., we didn't have to look to businesses to provide those jobs.

And I'm, I'm also asking, did you say that the first 50 kids were gonna be provided jobs by the City, and is that something that we have in the City budget? So, I have a lot of questions. I guess that's it. Well, I...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Well, let me ask...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...well, I, I really would look forward to having that become a reality, I just have so many questions about whether or not it's possible.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One moment. We will allow Councilwoman to respond and then I'll take your questions, Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I think it's quite realistic and I can imagine that.., we have started, we have started quite early, we have persons that are interested, businesses that are, that are interested in it at this time. The two ladies that came up here to speak about jobs are only a sample of the kids that need jobs in our community. Your friend, Mr. Bishop Dukes, as he spoke of our kids being idle, kids kill'.., being killed, kids not exposed to career exploration. There's only one thing that we have to worry about in this instance, is failing. We have no reason not to try. We do have the money here for, for that. We have the hundred and [stammer], \$174,000 here that we spoke last year about using to foster this program this year. Our kids in our community need career exploration, they need employability skills, they need job training, they need a chance, they need an opportunity, and we have nothing to fear but failure. And so what if we don't reach 500, and we reach 200, and we reach 300? It's not, it's not going to be a problem for us to try for our kids. We try, we make a bet on big major companies, we make a bet on anybody and everything, but I think it's time that we bet on our kids. And, this a.., you know, it's.., I think it's realistic as anything else that we try to do in this City. Try, try again, and I don't think that it will hurt us to give it a fair shot. Let it fail or succeed on it's own, not because we're afraid to give it a chance, or we're [stammer] afraid to give our kids a chance.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. The reason the numbers, I think were strictly low is because of the last-minute effort. We were going through a lot of these same questions last year, before you got elected, and there's a lotta drilling down questions. The hybrid of this program was something historical for years, in the 80's and the 70's that we had a federally funded program where it's kinda created.., the outreach portion that Hubbard's presenting to you today. And that happened, of course, many, many years ago. So, the outreach is, is the key. So, it not.., it's gonna take not just the folks on this package, but we also, if we really care, we, we might have to really put some efforts with supporting Staff, with helping.., pulling some of our resources to the table, just like what happened last Friday. You know, who would ever thought that we had 1,500 people at the uplands Marina on last Friday night, on Good Friday. But, thanks to Aladia Franks, thanks to my Staff, thanks to Parks & Rec Staff, Blankenship, CRA and we had the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief. I mean, there was a, there was five weeks of meetings, coordinating to make sure that happened. There was a lot of phone calls, and a lot of those people that came on last Friday, the database that Parks & Rec have, are gonna be some of the same people we're gonna be reaching to saying, 'Hey, here it is. Come.., go to work, and,' you know, 'and get this exposure.' The numbers are there. You know? They are clearly there, and to shoot with [stammer] with the high expectations, I think is great. We, we have to try to shoot even harder. We tried it the other way, we saw where it got us. Ms. Hubbard's bringing... I shared concerns with it last year, so now, based upon what we did, I have no problem with trying something different to help even get more numbers out, at this time because we.., like she stated, this is a chance for our kids to.., our young people, and our college students, to come back and, and really mentor them as they work. You know, they're the ones, they're in college, they get a chance to talk to their peers and, and really see someone at their age being aggressive, fightin' for them to get jobs because, the minute that this goes out, I promise you, you're gonna see people continue calling all of our offices, calling the City Manager, calling the Mayor's office, calling Human Resources, and they're gonna continue to call, they're gonna continue to call.

So, to have... This is something, we just gotta give it a try. I mean, it's worth trying it. We tried it the other way last year, so, we saw what that got us, so let's try even harder to do something a little different. And, if that doesn't work, then we got something to measure it up against for the coming season coming up.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I wanna say, I have concerns about the way we're funding it, 'cause we're taking salary line items and moving it over, I have concerns because it's not realistic... Let me finish. Because it's not realistic that we can get 360 kids. I have all kinds of questions, but I'm gonna vote for it because I have been convinced that we need to try to work together on this. And, in the spirit of trying to do something together, in the spirit of trying to move something forward, because it's gonna employ 50

young people. We can maybe not call it the Summer Youth [stammer] Employment Program, but the Summer Young People [chuckle], Young Adults Employment Program, I'm gonna vote for it, so thank you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One, one moment, Councilwoman. Madam City Manager, did we not have a discussion about the appropriation of dollars for the summer camp, beyond what was left over? [Pause]. Do you recall?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: I recall, when we initially appropriated the budget, we transferred \$300,000 from the CRA, and then we didn't need the entire \$300,000, and I remember discussions about what they.., what was not spent would be used as seed money for the next year. However, the line item was not appropriated during the budget.., adoption of the budget. So.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. And is anyone from Finance, beyond you, here?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: No. Nydia Reynolds is here. Mr. Sherman is on...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: She would not be able...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...vacation.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...to have that answer. Okay.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alright. Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: With.., in regards to the manager and developer and the coordinator positions, would those be going through HR or are we going to be soliciting proposals for those?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: No. They'll be going through HR.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Human Resources.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And when would those positions be advertised?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Within the next 10 days.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. The next 10 days?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Mhmm. We're advising for 10 days, we'll try to get 'em out as soon as possible.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Right. Any additional comments?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. So, when do... I know we're looking at only the amount to cover these particular positions here. So, at what point will we be secure enough to know that we will have the businesses in place to be able to pay the students? So, we get the operational staff going...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...and then..., do we already have some sort of idea of how many businesses are looking to employ, like, the 360 number of kids that we have, is that based on businesses that we've had conversations with and we are pretty secure that they're ready to go? Or, are we getting this in place and then having to then reach out to those businesses to see if it's possible for them to employ them? 'Cause what I don't wanna see is us get all this here and then we don't have enough businesses to get on board to do it.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: We have a., we have a relationship with some businesses. Some businesses have really been reaching in to us, but the sooner that we get., that's why we wanna get the job developers on the street to go door to door. Also, we found out that there's the work opportunity tax credit, and every employer that is able to hire one of the students, they will be eligible for a tax credit for the summer. So, we reached out to Workforce Alliance to get the state information on that. Workforce Alliance doesn't handle the work opportunity tax credit, the state does, but they're just a, a, you know, the conduit. So, it's, it's more of an incentive than it was when we first started the conversation with the local businesses here in the City of Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And then also, is there a timeline., do you already have a timeline in place, considering we have about seven or eight weeks left before school gets out. Do you already have a timeline in place? To...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Well, we're hoping that we will start the., we will, we will., we're hoping to start on June 11th for the, for the summer, but we're really, we're really optimistic about getting the jobs in place because we have access to so much more media than we've had before. And, people from memberships., from their membership, organizations, you know, we, we expect, you know, a, a full community to, to help. One lady called and said that she has five., she's already identified five positions for, for five students. I was excited that she took it upon herself to go and have that conversation, so I, so I think that a lot of people will, will do just that.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, since this is under discussion and deliberation, will it be coming back with a Resolution or something at some point? And, with that, could we ha'., I know you said., did you just say there was a Resolution?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: There is a...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: There is a...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...Resolution.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...Resolution, just because we need to get those two people.., we need to get the, the.., we need to get these jobs advertised and if we don't vote on the Resolution tonight, then we, you know, we're, we're, we really aren't being realistic, we will run out of time, so we.., that's why the Resolution is attached. So, that we might deliberate over this.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Where is the Resolution?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One moment...

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: I thought she was finished.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Where's...

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm sorry.

[Inaudible dais comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's under the additions and deletions, the revision sheet.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I don't have it.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Really?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I don't have that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That's...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I don't have a copy of it. Can I see it for a second?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One of the things that I did want to suggest to you, Ms. Hubbard, is during the Palm Beach County Day and Riviera Beach Day at the capital, I had a conversation with Mr. Craig of CareerSource.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And they mentioned that they would be willing to provide some assistance, so we need to follow back.., follow up with them and circle that wagon back to make sure that if...

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...there are some additional funds out there that we can take advantage of, that we in fact do that. So, we should reach out to Mr. Craig tomorrow.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Absolutely. Absolutely. I talked with one of his staff, Ms. Hill concerning the work'.., opportunity tax credit for employers and we definitely will follow up with the conversation as to what assistance that they can provide for us a well.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One moment. Does everybody have a copy of the...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I didn't.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...the Resolution with the add/delete sheet?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I didn't...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: That was...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...have one.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: It was mailed out on yest'.., what's today? Monday.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, I don't have one up here.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So. Okay. So, I read the Resolution, but.., and I, I'm in full support of this. I mean, I recall being a part of this growing up and, you know, my children as well, and when they were younger, so I, I wholeheartedly support the program and I do believe our children need some sort of positive outlet during the summer time. What I do want to see though is a timeline and some concrete structure in place so that, you know, we know exactly what is going to be happening form this point to that point. I.., just reading the responsibilities for these positions [pause], and then with

the neighborhood attendants and advocates, I, I just want to see a little more of a plan for it. Right now, I just feel that it is a blanket, let's transfer and we can go ahead and hire these people and then we'll add the rest later on as we go. So, that's something that I would like to see. I'm..., like I said, I'm in total support of the program but I do wanna make sure that we have some structure in place, before we move on with the rest of it. Okay?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I agree. I think that we should, in fact, just have some deliverables in place and I think that's what we're thinking of. You know, we, we know what the plan is, we know what the timeframe is, just put that and make that a part of our backup documentation so that, as a Board, we can review that and see what the actual plans are.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Let, let me say this and..., the..., once the..., once the manger's in place with the, the developers, a lot of the other things of that nature will be, will be in place. I don't know the..., if you unders'..., as you said, we're up..., we're, we're within a time crunch that, that the, the job descriptions were in here. The things that the, the things that the, that will take place, was, was laid out in each job description as to what the persons would be doing. If we are genuinely going to give this a fair shot, we've got to get this advertised...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Like yesterday.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...we will give you an update, an update on the next one, but we, we need to at least get the jobs out and start receiving some of those applications in, so that we can..., so that we can start the program, so that e're..., so, that we can actually start the program. We know what the job developers are gonna actually do, we know what the program manager's gonna do, he's gonna go in and he's gonna structure everything..., or she, or whomever, they will, they will structure everything... We will present that again as an update to, to this body. So it's not, it's not nothing that we're going down the street and just running willy-nilly, it's something that we need to have this in place in order to, in order to get this done.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I heard Mr. Davis...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Ms. Botel and then the Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: You forgot about me.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I will be extremely brief. [Chuckle]. I think it's a good idea that everyone requires a lot of the information, but just like last year [chuckle], we kept kicking stuff around for some apparent reason and Staff just took so long..., and I'm not saying this happened under Ms. Hoskins, to even get this information to us. What I

suggest and I support is that we get this moving so we can advertise, but simultaneously, Councilperson Hubbard can continue working on it and keeping us up to speed each Council meeting, so we can seek.., get a lot of these questions answered that need to be done. But, the time is, is, is everything at this level. We had this discussion a year ago. You know, one thing I'm gonna do is, I'm, you know, you can fight against certain things, not saying that were fighting this, but it's, it's the fight for. So, the fight for , you want the transparency, you wanna see wants going on, but you also gotta give it a chance by putting it out but still requesting for that information so we still have enough time to get it out but still have Councilperson work with Staff, Hubbard, to work with Staff and bring the information that the, that the Council's just requesting for because the time we [stammer] stated it last year, and I'm gonna state it again, the timing is everything. We must give our young people a serious chance. And, if we make a few mistakes in trying to give them a chance, at least they see that we're out here actually trying, and I think that goes a long way with, with people. And it's not about votes, it's about the fact that they deserve a chance of somebody to take a chance, and even continue working through a process to make sure that we do for them that others did for previous folks years ago. And this is a program that, like stated before, people have been talking about it, and I hear people talking about all the time. I remember years ago on Broadway, when Walgreens was further, further north, you would see all the young folks hanging out, waiting to get their job placement, signing up, it was a great energy. I mean, I, I'll never forget it. I was a little boy walking up and down the street. I couldn't get a job, but I seen a lot of my friends' big brothers and older sisters, like, working, you know? I've seen folks walking in out of this Council Chambers that was a part of that program, so let's support getting it out and we'll allow Councilperson Hubbard to bring it ba'.., just keep updating us. You know, it's gonna require a lotta work. It's the first time we've done it this way, so let's work with, let's work together to work through this process. You know? And then at the end, we can have some necessitude for what we get this year versus what we did last year so we can make another [stammer], a different or the same decision year three.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further comments?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: He said what I was gonna say, only he took longer.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'll let you have that one.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just a couple questions. I'm really happy to see...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I was absent on [inaudible]...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I'm sorry, but the time is close.., you have one minute before 10:00.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion to extend the meeting?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I move that we extend, extend the meeting to the end of the Agenda.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a second? How long is that? What's your timeframe?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: How long?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...properly second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Hold on one second. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I have no problem [inaudible] the Agenda but we need to get.., start establishing a timeframe.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, let me just say this...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I have a FCAT...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...if we...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: In the morning.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...are not as verbose as we have been...

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...we can do that. If we limit our comments, we can, in fact...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I, I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...do that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I agree.

[Audience agreement and clapping]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yep.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So, where does that.., Mr. Mayor, your question.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Just.., I'm gonna try to make it brief for others may wanna say something in the next five minutes.

I, I wanna first, I'm very pleased to see the City adopt a summer youth job program. 'Cause, you know, we've been doing job fairs ever since I've been up here and it was, I thin, Madam.., Ms. Jones was the Manager, and we said then that we need to do what C.I.T.A., C.I.T.A. used to do, and other job programs, even with the, the government and get it done. So, I'm happy to see that we.., the City has finally embraced a summer youth program, period. Great. I have a couple questions. Liability, insurance, when we have the young people that are neighborhood attendants, are they.., will we, will we cover their [stammer], are they insured any.., at all? The City insures them? The attendants, those that are working in the neighborhoods? Madam Manager?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes. It would run through our liability insurance program. Now, we had talked about putting them [pause] either through payroll, of course, it would be covered, or through a stipend, for lack of a better word, type payment.

MAYOR MASTERS: And also, the.., is there any incentive that is being offered or can't.., well, we're gonna run with what we have, but is there any incentives that are being offered to the employers to employee our young people? Are we doing.., is there any,

like, any discussion, like, a match or any type of anything that we're, that we're offering the employers that hire our kids? I mean, even if it's a dinner or something, at the end of the program, or cer'.., certificates or, or something? Do, do we have anything that will want them to pick our kids up and we give them something, any'.., anything at all? I'm just asking a question.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Tax credit.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Great. There ya go. That's good.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair, just a very good last question. So...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...the money, the money is only coming from this salary line item because it was not put in the budget this year, but going forward, if the program is successful, and I have every anticipation that it will be, and hope that it will be, then it will be in the budget for next year to be continued as a regular line item in the budget?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It certainly should be put forth as an in'.., as an independent line item. And we certainly will get...

UNK: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...to that bridge when we get to budget.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alrighty. With that being said, do we need to.., we need to entertain a motion to approve the Resolution?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...I need to read the Resolution heading into the record, please.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: My apologies.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 33-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING A TRANSFER OF \$174,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND CITY MANAGER'S SALARY AND WAGES ACCOUNT TO THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR QUALIFYING RIVIERA BEACH YOUTH TO THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ACCOUNT AND THE GENERAL FUND FOR SAME, AND APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH

MANAGER, SUMMER YOUTH DEVELOPER AND SUMMER YOUTH COORDINATOR FOR SAME, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.,

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second. Ma'..., um...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been moved and properly second.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: She left off one, the advocates.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm sorry. Did you read all advocates? She thinks you missed an advocate.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: It's not included in the heading of the...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's not in your heading, ma'am. Madam...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: It may be included...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Chair Pro Tem...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...in the body of it.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. It's in the body. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly second. Are there any other comments regarding this Item? [Pause].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I don't see advocate in the, in the body. Of this? The Resolution, is the same thing as in the top Resolution. The summer youth manager, summer youth developer and summer youth coordinator.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: There should be an ad'..., a summer youth advocate in there also.

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: It's not in there.

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I would like to amend my motion with that included, the summer youth advocate positions.

UNK: And attendants.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And ...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The attendants.

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What it says?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Attendants.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: The, the attendants, neighborhood attendants.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, there should be a motion to revise this Resolution to include it all.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: How do we handle that, because this is your official document and it's...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Correct.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mr. Davis...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...[inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...made the original motion, he can make the motion to amend and, if Ms. Hubbard so desired, she can continue...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I, I make the...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...the second. And, the City Manager will ensure that the Resolution is amended appropriately and, what we can do is, not have you sign the Resolution tonight, make all the changes and then give it to you for signature. If you so desire.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is that the pleasure of the Board?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's fine.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Can I...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...just say one thing about the titles that are up there? If they could match, 'cause some say summer youth developer, that's a

job developer. If we can just figure out which one we wanna use so that it matches exactly what, what's there?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Right.

UNK: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You know what I mean?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, Mr. Davis, you are making a...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...motion to amend?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm making a motion to amend the Resolution, with the positions being consistent with the neighborhood attendants and... [Inaudible]?

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Advocate positions. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And to make sure that those titles...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Make sure everything's consistent with what we have...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Your motion still stands? Chair Pro Tem?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes. My second still stands.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Your second to that motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes, ma'am. The second still stands.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you all.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Congratulations to the children.

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CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 20.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, since the election, the, the former City Councilperson Dawn Pardo held a couple of positions and those positions have now become vacant. So, I wanted to bring that to you all's attention. I don't know if you want to go through the process of reappointing someone to these various committees that she served on or how you would like to handle that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What I would like to have done is to take a look at the alternate appointment and find out if there is any interest by the alternate to be placed on these committees. And then the other question would be, do we need to go through the respective organizations to find out if there is a process that we need to engage in in order to do so. So, with that being said, on the North County Intergovernmental Committee, Councilwoman Miller-Anderson is the alternate appointment. Do you have any interest in serving on that committee?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No. I was going to ask..., I know, usually every year we just go through 'em all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And so, there are some that I may want to change up, but I'm not interested in being the lead for that one.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair, given the hour and the fact that we have other Agenda Items, can we table this 'til another night? Do we have to do this tonight?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, I would like for us.., we, we extended the meeting to complete the Agenda, so we may as well move forward...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...with it.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: It's just that we have other...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We have two other Items remaining after this. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: They could be long ones.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What's the pleasure of the Board?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm okay with...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, I said...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...going through it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...before, so.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible] finish [inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...pleasure of the Board is to move through it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We already extended...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...it, we'll finish it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It won't take long. About five mines.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, here we go. North County Intergovernmental Committee, who's interested in serving? The alternate has indicated she has no desire, is there any interest from anyone else on the Committee?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: If there's no interest, I, I will serve. Only if there's no interest.

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The Metropolitan Planning Organization. The regular appointment is...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair? My apologies. Ms. Miller-Anderson, are you gonna still serve as the alternate?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No. I, I don't want...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. So, we need a...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...to serve.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So we, therefore, need an alternate as well, serving.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I'll serve as the alternate.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Botel will serve as the alternate on the North County. And then we will vote on this..., we will vote on this as [inaudible]? Or, do we have to...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: If. No one else is interested in serving, there's no nec'..., necessity to vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: My, my question is, do we take this, once we've completed this, do we just take this one, in one vote or do we not have to...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: You don't have to vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Okay. Metropolitan Planning Organization. Lynne Hubbard is the regular appointment, Terence Davis is the alternate appointment. Is there any interest in anyone else or...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...to serve?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I would like to not be the alternate.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Chuckles].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. I will serve as the alternate.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh you'... Okay. [Stammer] so, you're next. [Chuckle]. Please take me off that list.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Ms. Hubbard, you wish to remain as the, as the regular member?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alrighty. Palm Beach County League of Cities. That is selected by the Palm Beach County League of Cities, and I believe that the meeting is coming up in May. Palm Beach County League of Cities General Members? KaShamba Miller-Anderson is the regular appointment, Tonya Davis Johnson is the alternate.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I would like to keep that if no one else is interested.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And I would like to remain [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Palm Beach County School District. Councilwoman Miller-Anderson is the regular appointment, Tonya Davis Johnson is the alternate.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I would like to keep that being that we already have some things in motion. But, what I will ask, and, and I kind of.., I had it last year but, because I was the Chair here, I was unable to attend the School District meetings 'cause they're the same time as ours.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Right.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: With me not being the Chair now, I may, you know, wanna be able to try to attend theirs for a brief moment, you know, from time to time, so that I'm able to keep, you know, keep in touch with them and give updates.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, because I am serving as Chair, I would like to release.., relinquish that seat and I see Councilwoman Botel chomping at the bit.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Chuckle]. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, you would like to be...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...that appointment?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. You will serve as alternate on the School District. Coastal Council. That was..., the regular appointment was former Councilwoman Dawn Pardo and Mayor Masters was the alternate appointment. Mayor Masters, do you wish to continue in the alternate capacity?

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is he there?

UNK: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: He is not there. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I would like to be on that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You would like the regular appointment?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Coastal Council. The North Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce. That was held by the former Councilwoman. I would like to have that as the regular appointment, and I believe Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson is the alternate. Are you interested in remaining or would you like relinquish that?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I will maintain that if no one else wants that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Port of Palm Beach. Commissioner Davis is the regular appointment, Pro Tem Hubbard is the first alternate, Tonya Davis Johnson is the second alternate. Mr. Davis, do you wish to continue on?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem Hubbard, are you interested in continuing as the first alternate?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I will relinquish the second alternate seat. Is there anyone that is interested? Botel is interested as second alternate. Riviera Beach Education Advisory Committee. That is Councilwoman Miller-Anderson. You wish to retain that seat?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis? Are you interested in serving as the alternate? That is the Riviera Beach Education Advisory Committee.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I., if someone else is interested, [inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I am, Mr. Davis.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Actually, I, I too am interested, and let me tell you why. We are working on the Education Coalition and we are working now, and so, I would like to continue on so that I can maintain that cohesiveness and continuity.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I don't want it. You can have it.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Chuckle].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I already done did it. Two boards is enough. [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Bioscience Lan'.., Bioscience Land Advisory Board. That, that seat was formerly held by former Councilwoman Pardo. Who is in'.., is there any interest in the Bioscience Land Advisory Board?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I have no idea what that is...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's fun.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And I would love to do it...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And...

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: It sounds very interesting.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Stammer].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Sounds interesting, right?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's a lotta fun.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: You can put my name down.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You are interested?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Sure. I'll find out what it is. I'll figure it out.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's a different group.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Riviera Beach Business Council. I wish to remain the regular appointment, Chair Pro Tem Lynne Hubbard is the alternate appointment. Do you wish to remain?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes. I will if no one's interested. I'm more interested in the Economic Development Council. [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: They can do both.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'll take it...

UNK: Yep.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...if she don't want it.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I'll take it if [inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: If she don't want it, I'll take it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible] wants it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No. I, I have two already, regular. So, I'll let Councilperson Botel have it. [Inaudible].

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I will relinquish my alternate positions.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: For the.., for both?

]COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The Government Affairs Committee and the Economic Council?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's what's coming up.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alrighty. So, Palm Beach Northern Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I thought that's what the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee was.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, you have two things. You have the North Palm Beach Chamber, and then you have the Inter'.., the Government Affairs Committee.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: And the Intergovernmental...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But they're, they're the same group.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, if you all remember, last year, you received correspondence from the...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: They're the same.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...Chamber of Commerce North Palm Beach County, where they split into two separate committees aside from the first one that you all entertained. The, the meetings are held on different days, at different times and different locations. Whether or not the responsibilities are the same, I'm not for certain, but that's why you have that listed that way on that list.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I understand.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alrighty. So, Palm Beach..., the Palm Beach Northern Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee. [Pause]. And who is interested in serving as the alternate appointment?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'll take it.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Who was the regular?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The regular is Botel.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Oh, okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The alternate is Davis. The Palm Beach Northern Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council. [Pause].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I'll take that one.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And I will take the alternate appointment. Is everyone... You have them?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We have everyone covered.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Can she..., once you get it typed up, send it out..., email it out to everyone?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, that's...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...was what I was going to...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...request. I want to request a email of all of the committees, but also, if you could provide information on the description of the committee, that would be helpful as well.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You will have to get it...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I, I have to do some...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...from the organization.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...research. [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We can contact all of the organizations and get that information.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.

DISCUSSION OF CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Next, Madam Chair, we have the discussion of the City Manager's contract. And we do have public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Discussion?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. Alright. So, I did..., on last week, I did ask for this to be brought on to the Agenda. I do realize that we sent out..., well, Ms. Hoskins sent out the timeline for the City, the actual City Manager hiring of the one that we're looking for. I know that there's been a lot going on and, and I know Ms. Hoskins took this position [pause], she probably was more or less assigned to the position but she willingly took it on and we were going to have it be very temporary and it kinda spun out where it got to be a little longer than expected. I believe that she's been working very hard and keeping it, you know, trying to hold things together. And, you know, I had a conversation with her in terms of what her expectations, or what it is that she wants to do,

does she wanna hang in there for a little bit longer? Because, during our last meeting when we talked about the City Manager position, we, we wanted to extend it a little bit. And, some of us, including, mainly myself, was not very comfortable with the candidates that we had in the batch. So, in, in looking at all of that, I wanted to really see if in fact Ms. Hoskins is, is going.., she's gonna hang in there because I know there'.., we've had the, the contract with the SEIU being an issue, we've had a number of positions that we have open and that was something that we, you know, asked for, you know, to not fill those top positions until we got our permanent City Manager. And, you know, there have been some other issues going on within some of the departments, and at some point, you know, it, it's not just about holding things together, we wanna make sure that we're able to make these.., she's able to make these tough choices and decisions when it's needed. And, and with us not really.., hopefully, we're able to get through this and pick someone or identify someone who's qualified to do the, do the job. But, in the meantime, I just want to make sure that, while Ms. Hoskins is in the position, that we're not just holding things together, we're actually making, making sure that things that need to be taken care of and the hard decisions are being made.

After speaking with her, I think that was yesterday or the day before, we did have a conversation, and, and like I said before, Ms. Hoskins, you know, she willingly took on the position and it wasn't exactly one that she asked for but she certainly stepped up to the plate to get it.., to, to fill in the need. But I, I just want to make sur that she comfortable enough in tackling those tough decisions that need to be made, addressing issues that need to be addressed, so that they're not able to fester into larger problems. I know there were some situations going on over at Public Works several months ago, and then also, you know, I've had some questions regarding the SI'.., SEIU contract with some of the employees being very upset and, as we heard tonight, what some of those issues were. But I just want to be comfortable enough in knowing that we're not just holding things together, and I appreciate the holding together because it could truly fall apart, and she's really done a good job in mai'.., in holding things together but things that need to be addressed, I want to make sure that she's comfortable in addressing issues that need to be addressed, and not allowing it to fester, and turn into something much larger that could be avoided.

And so, I ask for the contract to be put on, more or less, to make sure that one, this is something that she still really wants to do and, and, and get it done, and then also, for us to, hopefully, be able to come to some kind of conclusion in terms of hiring someone so that we can kinda get things totally back on track, like they should be. And so that, Council, and my colleagues here, that, that's part of the reason why and, like I said, I spoke with Ms. Hoskins regarding this and then she knows, you know, some of my issues that I've had regarding a few things recently. And so, I just need to know that, you know, we can make sure that things are being handled, not just being held together.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, let me say this, I believe that Ms. Hoskins is very capable of carrying us through and not just hold us together. One of the things that has to happen from this dais, is we have to pull our hands off and allow her to manage, and if that means discipline, if that means termination, whatever that animal looks like...

[Audience clapping]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...we need to be able to give her that authority.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: If we, in fact, want her to carry us through and get us over, then we've gotta take our hands off of her and allow her to, to manage. And, if we are willing to do that as a Board, I think that we're going to see greater successes under Ms. Hoskins leadership. So, that means she has the full authority of this Board to, to suspend, to terminate, to run this City in a manner in which she sees fit, of course, taking into consideration the policies that we set from this dais. So, if we're willing to do that, I believe that she will not just hold us together but actually get us to resolve.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I wanna be clear, on the record, that at no point have I ever overstepped my boundaries in terms of trying to manage her and, and she knows, I talk to her all the time in regards to that because there are some of my colleagues that do get their hands into it. That has never been something that I've done, not with any City Manager. I don't have time to manage the City, so I expect for the City Manager to be able to do that. But, what I am saying is, when I, I, I would hope that would be what it is that she would take care of and get done, but there has been issues that have been brought before us., and, and I know that many people speak to all of us, whether we get involved in it or not, we hear what is going on. And so, that has never been my management style, my City Council, style, my no style of crossing the lines and trying to manage employees because that's., I just don't have time to do that. That's not my role. My role is to set policy, and I stand true to that with former City Managers and the current one. However, that is not the way every Councilperson operates, and so, I hear what you're saying, Ms. Davis Johnson, but that's not my issue because I, I don't cross that line.

I do know that there has been situations that has not been addressed. And so, with that, I'm., because she is the City Manager, I wanna make sur that she's comfortable enough to do that. That's, that's, that's where I am. I just...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And, and because she's the City Manager, I wanna make sure she's good with getting that done because I'm not going to be the one to do it, and that's not my role.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Right. And, and please don't think that my comment was directed. It was a general statement...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right, I hear...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...for the entire dais...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...not to set you apart, because certainly I hear things too, but when I hear those things, I say, 'You have a City Manager, that is not my role and you need to address it there.' So...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And I take it to her too.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That wasn't...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...take it to her.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That was not intended...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...in that manner. I'm simply saying that, as a Board, as a body, we have to remove our hands.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I agree with you...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...on that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...I'm saying that, but Ms. Hoskins would like to make a comment.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes. If you are not satisfied with my performance, then I recommend that you make a motion to send me back to Finance. I am doing the best job that I can for this position, for this City. I., yes, I did volunteer to do this, but if you're not satisfied with my performance, send me back down to Finance.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And, Madam Chair?

[Audience clapping]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair? Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One, one moment. Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I will say that we have a Human Resource Department, and the responsibility of the Human Resource Department is handle all Staff issues. Years ago, the Human Resource Department was up under the City Manager's Department, but the Human Resource Department must operate independently. It's their

job to do the investigations, it's their job to make the recommendations to the City Manager. We have a Civil Service Board that we've been fighting to improve and finally it got done. The old..., we have resources that do all these things that we're talking about, the City Manager's job is to do what we do as far as giving him or her a vision, in this case, we have Ms. Hoskins. The research, investigations and all that stuff, it's Human Resources. And, once it hits that level and it doe'..., and it becomes an issue, that's why we approve and fought so hard for a Civil Service Board. It is our job to support our City by supporting our City Manager with being open with our responsibility, and that's it. And just know who does what? Human Resources. At no point have we ever discussed what Human Resources role do. That's their job to do investigations, that's their job to address Staff complaints. When Staff have an issue with me, I always say, 'Please go to Human Resources, fill out the proper paperwork, follow the appropriate steps,' and then, from there, they would direct you in the right direction. That's how we have..., now, the Human Resources Department with their legal risk management and our City Attorney, not our City Manager with those type of issues. That's not her ro'..., that's not her responsibility. Ultimately, it would end up in her desk once our other departments complete their investigations from an independent standpoint, without any interruption from any elected official and anybody from the public, because they are the ones to protect this City seal . And that's just the roles of what we have to do. So...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...that's it.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I believe Councilwoman Miller-Anderson and then Councilwoman Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. So, with Ms. Hoskins..., and, and like I said, we had a conversation and I know that you are very more than happy to go back to your position. At no point did I say that I'm looking to remove you, and you know the conversation that we had, had nothing to do with that. It was exactly what I stated. And I hear my colleagues speaking about Human Resources, but there are some issues within that Department that has caused some issues too, so to say that..., I understand that is the process, but if the process sometimes is broken, you can't just go to the process because that is the process. It has some issues as well, which has to be addressed, but it won't be fully addressed until we have our permanent City Manager as we stated. So, I understand how it should be, but we need to be real'..., be realistic in terms of what does happen and how it supposed to happen.

Like I said, Ms. Hos, I, I'm sure you're okay with going back to, to your Department, and I appreciate that. At no point did I say I wanted to terminate the contract, but what I would like to know, is to make sure that you are okay with doing..., making those tough decisions. And, I know that there has been a number of things that we've talked about, and we've been open and honest and talked about them, and [pause], being in this position, I know, sometimes, it's, it's pretty tough. And so with that, I just wanna be

comfortable in knowing that you are able to make those decisions, and it's not a matter of you..., yes, you are doing your very best, and I agree with that. I'm sure you are. And it had..., there's no slight on your performance in that respect, but I know there are some things that take place and it, it can be an uncomfortable situation to address, but it still has to be addressed.

So, no. I'm not willing to make a motion to terminate you 'cause that was never my intentions tonight, but I do want to make sure that, if we're going to keep you in the role and you're gonna be in the role, that, you know, the full scope of things are taken care of. And that was my whole intent, not to terminate your contract. Because if that was the case, I would've had that conversation with you off line.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Are there any further comments? What? Are you done?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No. I wasn't done but you can go to Ms. Hubbard and then we can come back.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh well, you, you paused, so please forgive me.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. I know 'cause you were coming to the mic, so I wanted to make sure...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Continue, Councilwoman.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...you had a chance to do what you needed to do. So, like I said before, we do have our timeline and, with the timeline, I'm hoping that we're able to identify someone. Otherwise, we'll look at extending again, beyond the amount of time in which we already have on the record. So, Ms. Hoskins, my question to you is, I understand that you do..., you're more than comfortable and happy to go back to Finance, if that is the pleasure of the Board. That is not necessarily what I'm trying to say tonight, but are you, are you feeling that you're comfortable enough and capable of getting everything done that needs to be done and addressing the issues that may be pretty uncomfortable for you?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh boy.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, I believe I have 'dre'..., addressed the concerns that you have brought to me in a professional manner and, without going into detail, like I said, I'm doing the best job that I can. I don't believe I am moving fast enough, in your eyes, to get things done, but you have to understand, I have a vacant Deputy City Manager, a vacant Internal Auditor, we have several directors that are serving as interim. So, you know, if I'm not moving fast enough, then [pause], like I said, you can talk about my performance, but I believe I'm doing the best job that I can, and I am comfortable with making tough decisions.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I, I do.., I do feel that Ms. Hoskins is doing a great job. And, I think what it is, is, likes she pointed out, the vacancies double and triple and quadruple the roles that she have to play, from Internal Auditor to Deputy Manager. I think, not allowing her to hire some of those heavy positions, kinda tied her hands behind her back. Saying that, I'm still not saying that she's not doing a great job, I think she's doing the best job under the circumstances. For her not to have a Deputy City Manager, for her not to have an Internal Auditor, to.., for her not to have a permanent HR Director, for her not to be able to hire those heavy positions that take a lot of responsibility, I think we kinda tied her hands behind her back. at the very least, she should've been able to put out for a HR Director and to bring on a, a, a Deputy City Manager, or some kind of assistance. So, to.., you know, she might.., there's no way she could, you know, I could see her moving any faster than she's moving when she's playing Deputy, Internal Auditor, HR Director and, and all of that?

So, we have a timeline, and I think, sticking to the timeline, we will comfortably arrive at where we plan to be, we will [pause]... And, Ms., Ms. Hoskins will be able to get to where she want' to be, based on the timeline that she has presented us with. And I think if we, you know, if want more, we're gonna have to give her more. We're gonna have to give her some bodies. We have not allowed her to hire any, anyone at all, and I think we're gonna have to give her some human capital, we're gonna have to give her some help, we're gonna have to give her some assistance, if we want her to do, you know, a little more than what she doing, if that's the, the issue.

That.., those are my comments concerning that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. I will say this and be extremely brief. Ms. Hoskins, as City Manager of this City, someone who come' up the ranks from the entry level, all the way up, you exemplify, and you give hope to every City employee in this City, showing that you can work your way up that.., the ladder. Folks talk about City Manager's not having experience. Well, you didn't have City Manager experience and you, I got so much respect for this young lady because, with all that's going on in this City, she exemplifies that I hope that someday that my daughters can be like. This is your ship, you made it this far...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...do what you need to do. You will not get no interruptions from me but nothing but support. This is your ship, this is your City.

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You're ready to run, do what you want. Like I've told you behind the scenes, my job is to be your cheerleader and push, and push you to be excited about the opportunity to have that flexibility to do what you [stammer]. I will never

get in the way, and you know the conversations that we've had. I just encourage you to enjoy this experience because of the posturing of the way our City's been going through is almost, uh, criminal to our.., to someone like yourself because you are an amazing professional, and we need to embrace you and allow you to either hire a Deputy from any department, or go outside and get who you want and run this City because if you can make it, other employees can make it. And I'm not gonna get in the way of that. This [stammer], we have to support our City, and I'm not saying.., I'm... We just gotta do the right thing. The politics...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alrighty.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...are over with.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Any further comments? Are [stammer]...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So, with that being said, we are in agreement that City Manager Hoskins will continue on through the selection of a permanent City Manager.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do have two public comment cards on this subject. J.B. Dixon and Tommy Walker.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: She waives. Mr. Walker? [Pause]. Okay. He is gone.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We can move on.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. We are at consensus.

22.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 22.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: DISCUSSION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do have public comment cards on this matter. The acceptance of public comment cards is now closed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Presentation? Discussion?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. Alright. Madam Chair and Council, I have, again, brought this before the Board on last week in terms of bringing up the contract for City Attorney. I do know several months back, we, at one point, were talking about doing an evaluation, and it was [pause] for.., I think we ran out of time one time, and then another time some Councilpeople said that they could evaluate him, you know, behind closed doors, on their own and it wasn't necessary to bring before the Board and do it as a public meeting in terms of the evaluation. I know the contract is up in July. I, I know on last week, with the stipend issue, there was a concern regarding some of the advice that was given by the cou'.., by the Attorney. That, for me, was just one of many issues that had occurred and, again, I will never bring anything here before the Board that I haven't already had a conversation with the people about.., who's involved. That I've had an issue in terms of communication, getting the updates from particular cases. If I do not ask a specific, and I'm speaking for myself 'cause that's the only thing I can do is speak from my experiences, maybe some of yours are different, and I would encourage you to share them, but I can only speak from my experiences. The status updates are very generic in terms of the advice that was given on last week. I know I asked many other attorneys their opinion on it in term of was that something in terms of us not being able to bring it back, unless you were on the prevailing side. I did not find one person that gave the same version that was given by our Attorney. Also, just the behavior.., and I think spoke with Mr. DeGraffenreidtsome time ago in terms of his, just his tone of voice. I.., and I, I told him, I said I know, you know, this is a little new for you being, you know, an employee again, especially when you worked for yourself and you've had your own business and you're your own boss, and you, you.., that comes with experience and that comes with time in, in doing that. But then, at the same time, to have to change gears and then now are working for a Board, it's a little different. And, I told him I understood, back then, that, you know, it might be an adjustment, but I think at some point, it has kinda gotten to be just straight out rude. I know there was a time in which a resident was at the podium speaking, and Mr. DeGraffenreidt yelled out, 'Shut up,' and, you know, those types of things are just unheard of and not acceptable in no ones eyes to respond to someone in that tone, or to say those particular words.

Now, we just spoke about decorum. I mean, that was very much appropriate and that probably, had we had all of that in place, that may not have happened that night. But I, you know, I, I have had some issues in terms of getting straight answers. I've, I've dealt with situations in which the ad'.., legal advice has favored three Council Members, or the majority. I won't say three in particular, but just the majority. So, it wasn't about what was best.., what was in the best interest of the City, it was more in terms of what was the best move for specific Council Members or the majority. And, I just thing that if, if we're gonna have a City Attorney, to see that the Attorney has to work for the City, not for individual Council Members. And then, in terms of just giving legal advice that [pause] his is legal advice, not a spin on it to satisfy the spin that he wants put on it. And, in the year and half, close to two years that I've been working with Mr. Degraffenreidt, I know that his assistant does a lot of the work. I know a lot of times when he's here, and if we ask, you know, a, a question, it's, 'I'm not sure. I'm not...' you know, and I can respect that if you don't have it and weren't prepared for it, but there are times in which it's something that's on the Agenda that we don't get a clear message on.

And so, I have had a serious concern, and I will be the first to say that I was one of the yes votes that hired him two years ago. I will honestly say, over the past year at least, that has been one vote that I have regretted. And I, I don't mean to say that in a disrespectful way but I say that in that I, as a leader, as our City Attorney, I expect the City Attorney to give legal advice based on what's in the best interest of the City, and not working for special interest parties. And, that has just been my experience. Now, I'm sure there are some may get up here and say, 'Well, he's the best City Attorney, he's done well, he's done this, he's done that.' That would probably be your experience. I am bringing it before the Board because of my experiences. Just the sheer nature of the legal advice that's been given has been disputed over and over and it's just, it's gotten to a point where I cannot trust what information that I'm being given, and I shouldn't feel that way with our City Attorney. I know there, an example going back to when we, when he was working on a separation agreement, and it was [pause], because that was his friend... And we had this conversation, that was his friend and he said to me, you know, 'Well, that, that's my friend, however,' you know, 'I'm doing what I need to do because I, this is my job, so I'm gonna do what I need to do,' but just to say that it, it implied, you know, 'Well, I can make it this way, or I can make it this way.' And so, I just need to know that there are some sort of commitment to giving straight legal advice because that is what is correct, not because there is a spin being put on it. Or, doing play on words in terms of responding to requests, or responding to questions that may be asked.

I have truly lost all faith in our City Attorney. And that, that's just where I am with it. I have no intentions of voting to renew the contract when it comes up in July. I do hope that between now and July, that we can see some sort of effort to correct some of the things in which have been put out there, especially things that have been disputed. And that, that's just where I am with it. I mean, if, if I wanted, tonight, I, I probably, if a motion was put out to terminate tonight, I would certainly be in favor of it. I've probably been in favor of it for quite some time now, just because I have not had any faith in the legal advice that I have received, or any status update, any communication that has been given from Mr. DeGraffenreidt.

So, Madam Chair, I'm not certain if Mr. DeGraffenreidt wants to respond, or if you wanna go to public comment, but that's where I am with it, that's why I did ask for it to be put on the Agenda. If my colleagues want to chime in, maybe your experiences haven't been the same as mine. You know? I would like to hear from you all and, and see if, 'cause I know at one point we talked about doing evaluation but that kind of faded away and we never talked about it anymore. Maybe that was because he was satisfying everyone's criteria, in terms of performance.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair, do you wanna go to public comment or...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: If, if, if you all will give me just a moment...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes. [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...I will get to public comment, but I would like to weigh in.

I conducted a evaluation of the City Attorney and I had my conversation with him as it related to performance, response, decorum, demeanor. So, when we address those issues, I., the expectation was that there was going to be some change, and I have seen some change and there has been some manner, some, some mannerisms that have not been, um, handled in the most professional way, or the responses have not necessarily been handled in that way. I, I believe that, you know, each of us should have an evaluation, if there is, in fact, you know, a desire not to renew, then we handle that and we move forward with a desire not to renew, but there, you know, we have to keep in mind of all of the things that we need to have done, and we certainly need to have you on point, Mr. Degraffenreidt, as it relates to rulings that you provide to this Council.

We can either..., I can go to my colleagues for comment or we can allow the public comments at this time, and then come back to the Council, if there is any other comments that you would like to make.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I can wait.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: May I please briefly respond?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes, sir. Would you please pull the microphone?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, ma'am.

You know, you had that conversation with me about how I speak and my demeanor with people, and I've tried to make that adjustment. My personality, I am direct, and I don't think anyone would hire a lawyer who can't even defend themselves.

With respect to the advice that I've given you at our last meeting with the Utilities District, please recall, I didn't give you an opinion. I read the rules that you adopted. The appropriate motion would've been a motion to rescind, but that's not the question I was asked. It was how do we do a reconsideration? The people who were subject to lose on that raised the issue of whether or not it had to be done in a certain fashion, and the rules you adopted said it had to be done in the fashion that they rose. I did not take an opinion. I merely read verbatim what had been adopted.

When I was hired, there was a concern, because I represented Ms. Hubbard that there was going to be some partiality on my part, and I've just been accused for what I promised you I would do, I would represent the interest of the majority, and that's exactly what Mrs. Miller-Anderson said I did and that she finds offensive. I told you that when I move, it's on a majority vote [inaudible] 'cause that's what the Charter says, and I've been compliant with that.

That's all I have to say.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Public comments, please.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: J.B. Dixon, Horace Towns, Bonnie Larson.

MS. J.B. DIXON: I have felt, from the very beginning, that Mr. DeGraffenreidt had severe conflicts of interest in terms, not only of his past representation of some Council Members, but also of at least the perception, and some people say proof, that he was representing three Council Members under recall, when he was supposed to be representing the City. He's not here to represent, he's not being paid to represent Council Members, he's being paid to represent the City and to act in the best interest of the City. I also was very offended when he told someone to shut up. I've never, ever heard [chuckle] that kind of behavior from anyone, and I would hope that the decorum policy, in the future, might also cover the City Attorney.

Three.., the legal opinion that he gave when he just now said that he read the rule about the word reconsider as opposed to rescind, when he could've also said, as most counselors, not only in the law but in other fields do say, 'Yes, here's the rule as it has to do with reconsideration. If, what you are trying to do is to rescind, here is the rule,' and he did not do that. The other thing that I took enormous offense at was when the Cou'.., someone on the Council asked him what had happened in court, on the last court date of the recall suit, he gave an explanation that I could not even understand. I think I'm of, of average intelligence, I could not understand a word of it. Luckily, I had been in court that day. No one else sitting around me could understand what he said either. I told them what happened, it was very simple. I'm not a lawyer but, again, I understand the English language, I was able to say what happened in court, and I believe that that was deliberate obfuscation on his part. Either that or an inability to explain to people, of average intelligence, what happened in court today. So, if I were sitting on the Council, I would Mr. Degraffenreidt, as somebody earlier did from this podium, to resign.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Horace Towns, Bonnie Larson, Margaret Shepherd. [Pause]. Horace Towns? [Pause]. Bonnie Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: I'm beginning to get a complex, Mr. Davis left again just when I'm gonna speak.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Ms. Larson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Ms. Larson? Wrong mic.

MS. B. LARSON: Pardon me? Oh, other... Can you stop it 'til I get over there? [Inaudible].

Alright. I don't even know where to start with this. You have to be able to rely on your Attorney for what happens, and if they tell you something ridiculous, it's up to you to say, 'This is not right, Attorney,' and if it still doesn't work out, you gotta get somebody else. You cannot have bad advice and you're getting it all the time. We were sitting here when Mr. DeGraffenreidt walked right..., no, it was at the Marina, he walked right in front of all of us and said, 'You,' the Council, 'fired Mr. Evans without cause.' 34,000 of us were left with our mouths hanging open. That was not what happened. You can't rewrite history, no matter who you are. It has to be in the best interest of the City. One of the most..., another recent thing was, we had a contract written from the Alpha group and I asked, 'Was it in the best interest of the City? And, you asked him and he said, 'Yes, it was.' Absolutely it was not in the best interest of the City. Absolutely not. I can give you about 15 examples, but I got 2 minutes to talk here. They wrote the contract themselves. Who does that? Nobody does that. There was a, there was a problem with the legal description on the Ocean Mall, he shoulda caught that, he didn't. There was a problem with the legal description on that Maritime Academy property, he didn't catch it. A volunteer had to catch that. This is not the way it should be working.

This job was not advertised. It says here in the employment agreement, there was a special meeting held on July 11th. It wasn't a special meeting to hire an Attorney. In fact, it wasn't even on the Agenda. And, it was brought up, he was there, and another gentleman were there who wanted to be the City Manager. Ms. Tonya Davis, you were shocked. You said, 'Well, what's the rush? Why are we doing this tonight?' It wasn't even on the Agenda, it wasn't advertised, nothing. It was just..., there was a, there was an agenda to hire Mr. Degraffenreidt. Mr. DeGraffenreidt worked for the City before, he was fired, he sued the City. So, Ms. KaShamba Miller, you said that he had a little hard time getting back into the groove here. He was a City Attorney before. There shoulda been no, no, no time to get back into the groove here.

Who wrote this contract for him? Who wrote this? I really want an answer on that. There's just so many things here. [Pause]. You approve Mr. Pope to be the City Manager. What, what was that all about. Channel 5, less than 24 hours, told us all the things Mr. Pope had been arrested for. Mr. DeGraffenreidt said, 'I'm fine with him.' No. No. Falls asleep at meetings, have we noticed that?

[Chuckles]

MS. B. LARSON: Okay. We're laughing because it happens quite often. I was in a meeting at the Marina, he was asleep, a question was asked, he kinda, like, shook and kinda woke up and said, 'Could you repeat the question?' People thought that was funny. You're shaking your head no, it happened, I was there. They thought that was funny. That's not funny for your City Attorney to fall asleep...

[Timer]

MS. B. LARSON: ...not paying attention. I have about 30 more minutes worth of comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you...

MS. B. LARSON: But...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Ms. Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Margaret Shepherd. Madam Chair, after Ms. Shepherd, that concludes the public comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, ma'am.

[Inaudible comment]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: Margaret Shepherd.

Maybe I sit in a different light. Ms. Miller-Anderson, you said something last week, you said I am a lady, I will always be a lady, I will keep my composure. I literally cried, I [swoosh sound], you know, because you kept that commitment.

Mr. Degraffenreidt, I think, in my opinion, I don't know him that well, but I think he's from the old school, and when he's giving the rulings, and I said maybe I don't understand it and I have to go to him and ask him to explain it. Sometimes, people just need a chance in their own comfort zone, explain with they're saying. I think the pressure of what's going on here sometimes get the best of us, sometimes we get to talking and people, they just nitpick at every little thing you said, just blew it way out of proportion. That's my opinion. I, I don't know about Mr. DeGraffenreidt sleeping, but I know we do kinda nod our heads and we be in a deep thought. I, I've never seen it happen. If it happened, I, I'm just saying, I never saw it.

So now we're going to get rid of the City Manager, we're getting rid of Mr. Degraffenreidt, we're getting rid of this, getting rid of that. When are we, when are we going to heal? The jiggling and the stabbing, today was one of my worst days, my worst days, that I exploded because I'm tired of the just nitpicking. The City is not moving, we're not expanding. Thank God we have you, Ms. Botel, fresh, fresh eyes. Fresh pair of eyes that maybe you could step away and give us another opinion. You just got here. You were in the Academy, so I was close enough to kinda mingle and get some of your thoughts. I know pretty much, you..., you know, I know. But, at the height of this animosity that's going on in the City, with the newscasters here, another flash, 'Well, they just [stammer], they just fired the City Manager. They just fired the Attorney.' The Interims have no place to go. The Interims are just, like, sitting like birds on a log, ready to fly but

where the hell..., heck are they flying? I'm pretty tired of it. For the first time in just about eight years, I'm...

[Timer]

MS. M. SHEPHERD: ...tired of it. And I assume that you guys need to move the City forward. To fire him right now, Ms. Miller-Anderson... And I understand. Please don't get me wrong, I understand where you're coming from, but let us settle down just a little bit after election, and try to move this City forward.

Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Ms. Shepherd. [Pause]. Are there any further comments from the Board?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I, I have a laundry list of things, but I think almost everything has been covered and, given the hour and given my extreme desire to be succinct, I will only address this one, and that is the most recent ruling relative to the rescinding of that motion that I attempted to make to, to do away with the \$1,000 a month stipend that we gave.., that the Council.., that the Board, the Utility Board, gave themselves. I felt very strongly about that that night. I think that the advice that we gave.., that, the advice that the Attorney gave us was completely wrong. I don't think it was a matter of just reading, as was mentioned earlier, it should have been good counsel, its should've been good advice. It could have, it could have been, 'Well, this is what you said when you, when you addressed it, but let me tell you what you can do now to make that happen.' That's what a good attorney should have done, so I feel very, very strongly about that. I agree completely with my, my colleague, Ms. Miller-Anderson that, that something needs to be done, but perhaps tonight is not the night to do it. And we can, we can go forward and maybe tonight, we can rest and think a little bit more about this and act on another evening.

Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I heard...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I can wait.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Council'...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem.

UNK: It's late.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: You know, I want to.., I wanna make a, a couple comments. The Robert's Rules of Order is, is something that we spoke about. We spoke that we were going to follow those. The.., it is a rule, it's in Robert's Rules of Order states that someone on the prevailing side has to bring that back and they have to bring it back at the next meeting. We will, we will be able to confirm that when we go through the workshop. It's not by design, or not by makeup. Also, what Mr. DeGraffenreidt read to us was the Ordinance, the Resolution that we, not to say us individually...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...but the dais at one time or another, adopted. So, once we put that in place, that's what we were going by. We talked the other day about the word 'shall' in May, that we may have a Civil Service Board, or we shall have a Civil Service Board. Our Ordinance again, our Resolution again, stated, which was codified in our Charter that we shall have, that we shall have a Civil Service Board, so we don't get to make that decision. Those are certain types of things that, you know, that we might not feel comfortable with what's happening to us at the time. There's been times when I didn't agree with what Mr. DeGraffenreidt was, was, was doing or saying, and I was on the losing end. And, I, I didn't agree with it and I didn't, you know, I didn't like it but it was what it, what it was. Especially, like when the situation went down with the Ocean Mall, I was on the losing side, and I was not happy, I was not happy that I had to follow the rules that were.., the law that was in place, that didn't give us any wiggle room for us to come out of it and try to take the Ocean Mall back. That's what I wanted to do, but based on the law, I didn't, I didn't.., no one could support me within, ;within, within that spectrum.

So.., and, you know, we say.., and someone said that Mr. DeGraffenreidt sleeps. We know that he has this particular thing that he does, when he closes his eyes and wheels back and he gets in deep.., and he holds his head up, you know, in thought. That's.., he, he, he does that. I've even seen that in court. That is not him sleeping, that's a idiosyncrasy that he used to do. I haven't seen him do it a lot of late, I guess because people have mentioned it and seem to be turned off by it, if you will. So, I, I think that he, you know, people are often rubbed the wronged way. A lot of people are rubbed the wrong way about, excuse me, by a lot of us, but I think that he's an intelligent Attorney, I think that he's wise, I think he's respected in.., respected within his field, and I think that, you know, we all should make sure that we sit down and take that opportunity to do the evaluation. I know that, you know, I've completed the evaluation and I think the improvements that I have seen are, are, are worth working with.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Let me correct the record, please. It is absolutely clear, absolutely without question, that Robert's Rules makes a distinction between rescinding

a motion and re'., and reconsideration of a motion. One can reconsider a motion if one is on the prevailing side, during the course of a meeting. If I make a motion and I'm on the prevailing side in that motion, and I think during the meeting, 'Hmm, I wanna make a change to that motion, let me ask for a reconsideration,' that's fine. I'm on the prevailing side, I can do that. If my colleague is up., not on the prevailing side, she can't do that. However, and that's, that's Robert's Rules... I can, I can look it up because I have a copy of it that the City Clerk gave me when I sworn in, however, there's a difference. If, at a subsequent meeting I want to rescind a motion, as long as it's on the Agenda, whether I'm on the prevailing side or not, I can bring it up and it can be rescinded by a simple majority vote. And that's the way Robert's Rules is written and you could look it up.

[Inaudible audience comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

[Audience clapping]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I think at some point...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...we will address all of Robert's Rules and, and the Resolution in our workshop, which you agreed to do. You know, at some point, we got, we gotta come to a meeting without, without boxing gloves. We gotta [inaudible] lay 'em down. I'm not calling nobody's name, but I said we. Alright? If you wanna find fault in some individual, all you gotta do is look. I've seen in previous meetings, where Councilwoman Hubbard didn't get, you know, what she wanted, from all of Staff. The Ocean Mall was the, was the tipping point. I s'., I mean, she as extremely upset, but she kept making professional decisions. Now, we all talked about, over the last two years, of having an Agenda review, an Agenda review where... I, I'm not saying no one didn't do it, but we discussed it. Now, it may be in the group, some of said we would do it as individuals. Now, I only can speak for me, I sit down with all the Staff, whether I agree with them or not, on all there [inaudible], but I ask my questions ahead of time, and if I'm not comfortable with them, I submit 'em in writing so I can get an answer in writing...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...so I can hold it to the card. Alright? Legal has a responsibility. He's up under the Florida Bar. There's certain things he can, and there's certain things he can't do. If someone has an legal opinion to challenge that, I have yet to see anything before us that says he was wrong in writing. No one's done that. We all can say who we spoke to., not to say you're not wrong or right, let me be clear, not to say that you're not wrong or right, but as., I've done my evaluation, we talked about it, Madam Chair, you brought it up a while back, you asked to do it. I've done that. You

know? [Stammer] I've done, I've done what I was supposed to do, just like you asked us to do.

Now, I think about this whole process. You know, we got all these department head positions that we need to encourage our City Manager and get back to our City Attorney to, to run it, and the only thing that's protecting her, if not us, is the Legal Department.

[Chuckle]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right? And if they're protecting us, they're, they're protecting the employees, and the opportunities that they have to continue to work in the City. You know, I think about previously when we had Ms. Ryan. You know folks..., and I disagreed with Ms. Ryan. I'm gonna tell ya, I was ready to fire her the day I got elected, but I sat down with her and I, and I, I did a real evaluation. I wasn't comfortable all the time, but we went back and forth and I worked through the process to get what I needed to get accomplished, a, a le'..., a real legal opinion, professional opinion. I didn't always agree with some of the politics, but when it came down to a legal opinion, I did what I had to do. Now, folks wanted me to fire her but I didn't do it because, 'long as my legal opinion was correct, I can deal with the personal stuff at another level, at a later date. You know? And then she also had an assistant that we had to consider on what was gonna happen with her. People said she wasn't competent, she didn't have enough experience. But, just the other day, Ms. Stubbs that we had, our previous City Attorney, now, here's a 'did you know' fact. She's got a major job with Bethune-Cookman University. Did, did you all see that announcement? It was the deputy counsel and the Director of Human Resources of Bethune-Cookman College, and she came from Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right? And so, reeling back to Mr. Degraffenreidt, you know, there's something wrong when we try to take care..., we try to give Riviera Beach a chance, folks that's from Riviera Beach, to exemplify and has the origin of Riviera Beach, there's always a challenge on those folks, but when outsiders come to Rivera Beach and try to do what they want, they're given a pass.

Now, I had some disagreements, and I, and I shared them in my prev'..., in my evaluation with Mr. Degraffenreidt, some improvements, and a lotta the improvements, once you look at the evaluation scale, it will require all of us to have dialogue to talk about the decorum and all those things. But, to the fact of decorum, yes, he was wrong for what he said that day, but you look at the [inaudible] and what Ms. Hoskins went through on this day..., up here today, prior to that for six months...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...no one was... [Stammer] no. No one was protecting our Staff, and no one was protecting our Board, they was going through an aggressive,

abnormal, um, environment. You know, we are pulling things together so we can have a culture that creates great professionalism, creates new leaders, creates new City Managers, new City Attorneys, new department heads and, and [inaudible], but we still have to figure out a way to put the, put the boxing gloves down. You know, everyone likes to win, but if you're winning, is the City winning? And you gotta weigh both parts out. You know? Yes, he represents the City, but someone folks are saying, 'Well, he represents the majority of the.., those three Council Members.' Well, three of the Cou'.., I, I know with me, I can't s'.., and, from her professional opinion, what she sta'.., stated on, on record, the Chair, she's always been very clear on all departments and making sure she sit' down and have her meetings. And I, there have been times where I had to wait extra for her to get out of her meetings, so I can get in my meetings.

So, we all have room for improvement and someday we're gonna have to make a decision, in the future, and Mr. DeGraffenreidt has said way beyond and when the time come, he's willing to help us with that [inaudible] process. You know? And be very clear on that. So, he's, he took this job to help the City. You know? He said whatever the wants, he would do whatever he can to help the City. The City. Not folks that are flying by just wanna do something, but folks that have been here, trying to give back, volunteering, wanting to see folks do well. And anytime you can.., if you fail trying to help, at least you tried, and that's all I can say.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: When.., one of the things that I do want to look into is seeing whether or not we may need to, or may desire to go down the rout of getting a law firm to represent us. I know that we outsource a number of our cases out, and that's something that I will be requesting, which I did actually already request some of it, but there's another component that I'll be a'.., adding to it, to find out the total number of cases that we have, and those that have been issued out and how much we have paid other law firms and attorneys to handle those. If I'm seeing where we're putting more out than may'.., that may be something we need to consider looking at doing a solicitation for a law firm to represent us. Like I said before, I am not in favor of extending the contract beyond the date that is on here, so I'm sure, at some point, we should be bringing this back up anyway because of it about.., being about to expire. And so, once that comes back up, that will be something that I would not be in support of, and I've had numerous conversations with Mr. Degraffenreidt. So, like I said before, what I'm saying here is not new to him, he.., we've had conversations, numerous times. And, and I could say sometimes there may be an improvement, but one minute it may be back to business as usual. So, it has not been a consistent change for me, where I'm comfortable enough to say, 'Well, I know things have changed,' because they have not.

And in terms, again, about the legal advice, I do not get the full story from Mr. Degraffenreidt, and I have made that very clear to him on how I get half of the story or

half of the truth or half of the legal advice. And so, whenever you bring this back in the next couple of months, I would assume it'll be coming back up, I would want to entertain looking at, once we get the numbers and the figures on how much it is that we're putting out, entertain the idea of possibly getting a law firm. And also, in regard to the law firms currently that we're issuing out the cases to, Mr. Degraffenreidt, would you mind explaining how do you come to the conclusion of which law firms do you reach out to? Or, I mean, is there a particular field in which you send the majority of the cases to or?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: No. Absolutely not. Most of the cases that currently are in litigation, are cases that preceded me and, and they've been assigned to law firms that have had long associations with the City, and who have been recommended by Gallagher Bassett.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And what about any new ones that., you said some of them have preceded you, so in terms...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I have sent...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...of those...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...cases to new people. Richard Riles has been assigned a case, Michael Brown has been assigned a case, Steph'., Olds & Stephens have been assigned cases.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So again, like I said, I would like to entertain looking at getting a law firm, once I get all of those figures and the case numbers., the case numbers, along with the figures that we've issued out along with the law firms that have been doing the work.

And, and that's just, that's where I am with it. I don't think I could be any clearer that I do not intend to support an extension of the contract.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: With that being said, we will discuss, as a Board, which way we want to handle the legal services of the City once we bring this Item back on the Agenda. And with that being said, your, your position is on the record and the comments of other Members are on the record as well. I would encourage, if you have not had an evaluation of Mr. Degraffenreidt, I would like to encourage that to be done at this time so that it can be made a part of his file. And, and that's where we stand with that. I don't think that we need to have any further comment. All comments have been received and put on the record. And so, thank you for bringing this matter forward.

Were there any... Okay. We're done? Okay.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Board appointments. [Pause]. None?

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Discussion by City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am. Just one gentle reminder that on Monday, April 9th, the City Council's required to send their top 10 City Manager candidates to Human Resources. That's Monday, April 9th. And then, as it relates to the top five candidates, on Monday, April 16th, I know we had talked about having a workshop, and there is a Utility Special District meeting scheduled, but we need to have a workshop to narrow the pool down to your top five candidates. For City Manager. So, would you like to talk about that now or...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, with that being said, we talked about the 16th for our workshop on decorum and Robert's Rules, so we can suspend that and, and identify an additional date so that we can address this issue, which is time sensitive. So, we will make sure that that is on the Agenda for April 16th.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Also, we need to schedule a closed executive session for PMSA.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Did I give that to you?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: I'm trynna find my paperwork for... Ms. Irvin.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, while Ms. Hoskins is looking for that, I need to know the time of the workshop for the 16th. Is it immediately after the Utility Special District?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Immediately...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It'll be...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...following.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...immediately after.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Thank you.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: This is the workshop...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We will conduct a formal workshop to narrow down the pool.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Okay. We need to schedule a closed executive session for PMSA, either next week or the following week of the, the City Council meeting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Would you like to submit some dates for the... What's that? The 11th?

UNK: Yes.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: The 11th or the...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The 11th or the 18th?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Or the 18th.

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Do you all need to take a minute to look at your calendars to see if you're available at 5:30 to do a closed executive session?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: On the 11th or the 18th?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: We have the 11th.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The 11th is a, is a, is a scheduled CRA meeting.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Closed executive...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Closed executive session

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Inaudible] closed executive session [inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We said closed executive [inaudible].

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Closed executive regarding PMSA.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: We already have...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Earlier in the meeting, you all made the decision to have a closed exec...

[Inaudible dais comments]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...regarding the SEIU.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: SEIU.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Right. So, this is PMSA.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So, it has to be the 11th or the 18th?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It, it can... We can hold it on the same day, can we not?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible], yes you can. Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So, I did reach out to Mr. Evans to find out if there., if, if we were going to have a meeting on the 11th and that meeting may be cancelled. If, in fact, that meeting is cancelled, we can then utilize the 11th for both of those closed executive sessions.

[Inaudible dais comments]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, we can confirm that with Mr. Evans tomorrow, the City Manager will notify you all., I'm sorry, notify the CRA Dir'., CRA Director, and then the City Manager will notify you all with regards to the status of that meeting.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Okay. And then, as it relates to PMSA, those that will be in attendance is Matthew Ransdell, attorney, Eureka Irvin, Interim HR Director, Randy Sherman, Finance Director, Andrew Degraffenreidt, City Attorney and myself, City Manager.

[Inaudible dais comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam City Manager.

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Discussion by City Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Nothing for your consideration at this [inaudible].

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any City Council Committee reports?

[Pause]

STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Statement by the Mayor and Council. We will start with Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Thank..., thank you. Just to reiterate, to call back again, on the 25th of this month, Greenacres, we have the elected officials workshop directly after the Palm Beach League of Cities Board meeting. We're at Greenacres at 1:00 to 4:00. Of course, our meeting's at 12:00 o'clock.

Also, once again, I'd like to say thank you again to all departments that participated in the Nelia Cunningham and Don Wilson Fun Day at the Marina last Good Friday. Like I said, the children did a wonderful job, the dance competition was fun, the rock climbing. And to the K-9 units as well, themselves. It was a wonderful event for all those who came out. It was just a beautiful day. It was great to see folks, not just from Riviera Beach come out, you see we had tourists, we had folks that came from the hotels, we had folks that came from all over that just happened to be doing something else and changed their mind to come and really participate in what we were doing. Yes, it was an event that I initiated but, as you notice on the flyers, it said the City of Riviera Beach. I didn't want this event to be about me, I wanted to make sure it's [inaudible] so that we can do something good as a community and honor Ms. Cunningham and Mr. Don Wilson. Mr. Wilson was a former Councilperson and Ms. Cunningham was an amazing lady who went through a tough experience when she tried to go into the City of Riviera Beach Library and they wouldn't allow her to do it. She tried to go over to the Peanut Island, and they wouldn't allow her to go. And so, that's what this day was truly about, you know, and her efforts of just pushing on and moving on and really having a chance because, because of the color of her skin, she wasn't allowed to do those things. And, so many folks had a chance to really get to see what Peanut Island had to offer, right here in their backyard. And they talked about it [inaudible], Ms. Paulk even talking about how excited she was, and many other people that came from the Lindsey Davis Center. I heard groups say they wanna go back over and do some senior activities on Peanut Island. And I just wanna say a special thank you to Mr. David Hall, Ms. Aladia Franks, Scott Evans, Blankenship, my Assistant, Ms. Williams, Cheney Brothers. They were to the rescue, they didn't hesitate. Cecil specifically, he sat there, he cooked, he didn't say much, he was just happy to be a part of it. And Walter, I can't forget Walter, he did come out there and take some photos.

MR. W. STEPHENS: [Exclamation].

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: He don't get many thank you's. [Chuckle]. Walter is never off duty. Right? We all require a lot of his time and energy but he never complains about, you know, being there because he said, as long as it's for the people, he'll always be there. And thank you so much, Walter, for being there. Thank you for everyone who supported it.

I'll let Councilperson Hubbard talk about the neighborhood cleanup, that's coming up shortly ahead on the southside, as well as in.., to Monroe Heights Park.

I will also close out by stating that it was stated on a particular social media website that Councilperson Davis second the motion before he heard it, and I wanna be very clear here, that my response to that.., as I second that motion was in response to what the Item was read and to supporting workforce housing, affordable housing for our residents. I understood what was stated by the Clerk, what kind of motion was looking for, so when the motion came, I didn't hesitate to second it. But there's some news media outlet already putting that out on the street, as if it's a potential Sunshine violation and I wanna make sure, no longer I'm not gonna be quiet anymore 'cause I always felt that you leave negativity alone, but I will no longer be quiet anymore on behalf of my, my integrity and behalf of this City because we had an Item that came before this Board to give our employees, our school teachers, everyone in this City a chance to be a homeowner. And a Resolution was.., an Item was spoke about and the Clerk said what the motion should be, and when she stated that, Lynne Hubbard made the motion, and I second it [inaudible] because I was so excited. This is a project I'm proud of. I grew up two blocks away from it on S Avenue, and this must stop, this posturing from the outside. You know, I don't have no problem with the press being here, only I encourage they do, they start telling some good stories, stop.., and start telling some factual information. Now, I don't usually address it, but enough is enough. Alright? I saw Ms. Shepherd and she talked about the way she exploded tonight. You know, some folks won't be happy until something bad continue to happen. I'm not one of those folks. I wanna see my people do well. When I say my people, anyone that lives in this City or work in the City. I wish the best for everybody on this Board, I wish the best for everyone that come out tonight, that they.., they did not come out for one individual, but they come out to see something great happen, and that they're participating and give back. And the way you can give back, we have these Boards. Another way you can give back, we have a neighborhood cleanup. I would like to see folks take that energy and come out and help Ms. Rogers, help Ms. Wooten, help Ms. Hubbard, help those young ladies that's been working in this City, volunteering for over 44 years, and giving back to this community. We must channel our energy to take care of our City, and you can't go wrong putting your energy in the right direction. 'Cause if we do that, we won't be shootin' at each other anymore. We have to stop doing what we're doing. Don't allow people from the outside to keep us push'... We may disagree, but don't allow it to push us in a, in a, in a way that it's embarrassing to the entire City, 'cause no one person look' bad, we all look bad. So, if one person look good, we all shall look good.

And I'm done speaking.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I'm gonna have a Singer Island town hall meeting on April 12th at 6:00 o'clock in the Ambassador Center.

Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm.., I only have one comment, and that was regarding the Charter Review Committee. I wanted to see if, at some point, we can readdress that. I don't think I was on the prevailing side, however, if that's something that Board would like to look into again, I would like to see it come back and hopefully get that going again.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Just so that you'll know, it's scheduled to be.., it's...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...being scheduled to come back.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Did I miss it or?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No. I'm putting it on the Agenda.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh, okay. Great. You read my mind.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The.., I want to, as Councilman Davis said, I wanna remind everybody that on the 14th, we will be having the Great American Cleanup , he and I will be assisting the Monroe Heights Group, Neighbors United, Mrs. Wooten, Ms. Rogers and the women of that particular group. There will also be another cleanup on the twenty'.., on the 21st, if you can't make that one, down with Councilwoman Davis Johnson, on the...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: On the 14th.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...south end.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: On the 14th.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: They're on.., they're gonna be on...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Southside Coalition...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...the 14th?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...is the 14th as well.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. CRA is the 21st. Okay. They're in the District 2.

The other thing is, on the, on the 7th, we'll have our final weigh in for the Greatest Winners, weight loss competition. It will be from 10:00 o'clock to 2:00 o'clock. You can come and weigh in. We will have to [pause] announce the location because there's gonna be an event at the Event Center, so I'm gonna have to get with Mr. Blankenship to see if Wells Recreation is available, and we will put it on the marquee, on Facebook, on the website. So, come and claim your money at the weigh in for the Biggest Winners Weight Loss Challenge. And then, 30 days after that, we're going to start another challenge. So, look forward to you coming out, just weighing in. It won't take long, we just wanna see you out there, see how you did and, and we want to be able to honor the person that lost the most weight.

Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: As regard'...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I know, I know you're hungry.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Sorry. [Chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: As regards to the, to that event, could, could we use Barracuda Bay if not?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: They can work [stammer] let's...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...work that out with the Parks & Recreation Department.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: What, whatever place that he gives us, we'll take it. Okay?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Anything further?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible] announce it tonight.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Anything further, Councilwoman Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes. I think Mr. Blankenship is saying that Barracuda Bay would be available for the final weigh in for the weight loss competition. So, on Saturday, the 7th, from 10:00 to 2:00, come in for your final weigh in at Barracuda Bay. We will be there waiting for you.

Thank you very much for your participation.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I am pleased to announce the inaugural District 3 initiative, Talk Back Tuesdays. This initiative is our opportunity to discuss City government issues and a presentation of resources. Our first resource partner presenter will be Ms. Jeanette Gordon Marshall, project director of Healthier Neighbors. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to come with your, with your suggestions and also your resolutions. And then, there's also an opportunity for us to present a community resources so that we can share opportunities and access to the various resources that are available to our community. We look forward to seeing you there, and that will be at Jays Outreach Ministry at 2831 Avenue S and that's on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

I wanted to make you aware that the next City of Riviera Beach Small business Workshop, entitled 'Are You Back Office Ready', will be held on Thursday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m. Registration will begin on April 9, 2018 and additional information will be forthcoming.

We too will be joining in on the Great American Cleanup on the southside. We will be working in conjunction with the Southside Coalition and Concerned Citizens on April 14th at Sadie McCray Park.

And then finally, April 13th has been our reassigned food distribution through Living Hungry and the Palm Beach County Office of Community Revitalization. Staff will work to pick up the items and we will provide you with a time for pick up. We know that the distribution point will be Barracuda Bay, but we will establish that time once we have all of the items in place. And, if you are interested in.., if you are a organization, a daycare, an assisted living facility, we want to hear from you, so please call the office of Chairwoman Tonya Davis Johnson at 561-845-3687.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And with that being said, there being no further business, we stand adjourned.

[End of video]

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