

**UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 17, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT AT MEETING¹:

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CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON

CHAIR PRO TEM LYNNE L. HUBBARD – DISTRICT 1

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD

BOARD MEMBER KaSHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON – DISTRICT 2

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON

BOARD MEMBER JULIA BOTEL – DISTRICT 4

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL

BOARD MEMBER TERENCE DAVIS – DISTRICT 5

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS

MAYOR THOMAS MASTERS, *Ex Officio* Member MAYOR MASTERS

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CITY MANAGER HOSKINS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UTILITY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON

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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.**

(The following may contain unintelligible or misunderstood words due to the recording quality.)

[Before meeting chatter]

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: We're calling the Utility District meeting to order, September 17th, 6:10 p.m. May we stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Roll call. Roll call.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I'm sorry. We're going to do the roll call first.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Tonya Davis Johnson? [Pause].
Pro Tem Lynne Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Here.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Board Member KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Board Member Julia Botel?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: [Via telephone]. Here.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Board Member Terence Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Here.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Mayor Thomas Masters? [Pause]. City Manager Karen Hoskins?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Here.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Executive Director Willie Horton?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Here.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: District Deputy Clerk Jacqueline Burgess is present. District Attorney Andrew Degraffenreidt?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Here.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: You have a quorum.

[Inaudible dais comment]

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Councilman Terence Davis will lead us in the Pledge.

[Moment of silence]

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Shall we pledge?

ALL: I pledge 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.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Clerk, make the announcement that Councilwoman Botel is joining us by phone for the purpose of listening but she won't be able to, to vote on the Items.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Councilwoman Botel.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Why am I not able to vote [inaudible]?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Mr. Horton, did you explain?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: No. I, I didn't.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. The...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The, the...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...recent...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: If I may? My recollection is that the policies you adopted provides that a Member may participate in absentia and vote if they are ill and unable to attend the meeting at the time. It does not extend...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...to when you're unavailable and it's not a result of physical illness or inability to get here.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you. I'm sorry. I thought that Mr. Horton had went into the back to provide you with that information. But we'll move on.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: **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 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS, PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED ON THE TABLE DIRECTLY OUTSIDE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

AGENDA APPROVAL

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Are there any additions, deletions or substitutions, Madam Manager?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: No, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Any from the Board?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. [Pause]. Okay.

DISCLOSURES BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Any disclosures by Board of..., by the Board Members?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: None.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Can I... We'll adopt the Agenda at this time. May I get a motion, please?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Roll call, Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Board Member Miller-Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Board Member Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CONSENT AGENDA (THREE MINUTE LIMITATION)

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS A BOARD MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Madam Chair...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Does the...

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: ...we do have one public comment card for Consent Agenda and no further public comment cards will be accepted at this time.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Are there any Items by the Chair, or any other..., the Mayor or any other Board Members to be pulled?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Can I get a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Madam Chair, can we have the public comment first before you vote, please? On...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible]...

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: No, Item 1.

[Inaudible comment]

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: They didn't pull any of the Items.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible]...

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: [Inaudible] still like to comment on 1?

[Inaudible comment]

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Okay. You can vote. I'm sorry.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Well, he, he can still have his comment without us pulling it if...

MR. A. HENDERSON: I'm good.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...if that's the case. Okay. Okay. Madam Clerk, if [inaudible]...

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Board Member Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Board Member Miller-Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

MINUTES

1. **AUGUST 20, 2018 UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**

RESOLUTIONS

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED ON THE TABLE DIRECTLY OUTSIDE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF PRIOR TO THE ITEM BEING TAKEN UP BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISCUSSION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON EACH REGULAR AGENDA ITEM. IN NO EVENT WILL ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A COMMENT CARD AND SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE RESOLUTION IS READ OR ITEM CONSIDERED

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Awards and presentation?

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Non.

PUBLIC HEARING

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Public hearing?

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: PUBLIC COMMENT SHALL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. UNLESS THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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 SECTION IS ANNOUNCED

REGULAR AGENDA

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Manager, the regular Agenda.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: RESOLUTION NO. 29-18UD. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET FOR THE UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Can I get a...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Madam Chair., I mean, Madam Manager. Sorry.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, this Resolution is the approval of the FY19 Utility Special District budget. Mr. Horton is here to give a presentation.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Also, Madam Chair, we do have one public comment card. No further public comment cards will be accepted at this time.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. We'll hold them 'til after the presentation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Thank you, Madam Chair, Members of the Board, Madam City Manager.

This, this slide here is just showing the Or Chart of the Utility District. The Utility District is made up of, of fifty-nine positions, with three divisions in the executive administrative group.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair? Can you go back? So...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Ma']...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the City Manager... I'm sorry.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No. I was just saying recognizing...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: The City Manager, why isn't it underneath the Board Members? Why is it to the right?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Because the Board has never taken action as to who the Executive Director of the Utility District answers to.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That has been a discussion since I walked through the door.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: So, we..., actually, it's showing a dash line...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...from the City Manager to the Executive Director, but a direct report to the Board of Directors.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So, the Executive Director reports to?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: The Board.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: The Board Members, according to the way the chart is written, because nothing else has been put into play?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That's correct.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. We need to keep that in mind.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. That's it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Alright.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Anymore questions?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Nope. That's it.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Continue.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: This is an overview of the Department with the, the budget modifications, where we're adding six additional water tr'.., treatment plant operators. On this slide, we do have the eleven customer service employees, but we've dropped that from the budget. It is not a part of the budget, so as we go through the budget, you will not find a cost in here, relating to the eleven customer service workers. And then, at the bottom, of course, are the goals that we've established for FY19.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Councilwoman.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So, in here, the eleven are being moved, is what you're saying?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: No. They are not...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: They're...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...being moved.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...not. Okay. I kinda..., I was watching but I wasn't listening.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: This was...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I guess.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...on the original request, but as we...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...continued to develop the budget, we chose not to...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Not to move them?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Not to include it in this budget.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: We may bring it up midyear, or what have you.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you. [Pause]. That's it.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Go ahead.

[Pause]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Here, we..., you see our revenue..., our renewal and replacement funds. As you can see, the adjusted budget for FY18 totaled \$10,760,000 for the new Fiscal Year, upcoming we're a little bit less than that. A little, little more than a \$1,000,000 less than that at \$9,338,000. This does present a balanced budget based upon the revenue of \$9,338,000.

[Pause]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, Mr...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: [Inaudible]...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Mr. Horton, all of the projects that we have allocated in our capital budget, are...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: This is...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...accounted for?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...renewal and replacement. There's another portion for, for capital [inaudible]...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: But this is just renewal...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Renewal and replacement.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...and replacement of the...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: This will be the water meters, that are included in this. We have repair [stammer] and maintenance costs associated with this particular sheet that we're showing.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. It's just a little small for me here, so that's why...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am. I apologize.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No. It's okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Let me see if I can...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Let me see if I can make it... No. I can't do it...

[Inaudible dais comment]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...on this one.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Mhmm. [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: It's not letting me do it.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: It's in the book.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: This [inaudible].

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Madam Chair, I think Councilwoman Botel...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: No. I'm sorry. I'm talking to my [inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Is that right, Councilwoman? You were saying it was in the book?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Yes. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Alrighty.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: [Inaudible]. The next is the impact fees. As you can see, for.., in the adjusted budget for 2018, we had shown \$4,194,991 for the proposed Fiscal Year 2019. We're showing \$4,122,981. The [inaudible] in this is the raw water wells. We have two new wells that we will have to drill and install, within the next three years to be in compliance with the permit that was given to us by the South Water Management District. So, that, that's a part of that.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. So, the South Water Management District gave us a permit for?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: They actually gave us a permit for five years. I think we're into the second year? [Pause]. Third year. So, we have three years to go. We have year three, four and five to go in order to construct those two new wells.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. So, this is what we requested of them? A permit to drill two more wells?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am. This will bring us to a total of twenty-nine wells.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Alright. Debt service, FY2018 was \$4,261,525. For FY2019, we show \$4,265,400.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So... Question, Mr. Horton.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Which one of the debt services.., or is it the entire lot that we are increasing.., that we're paying back with the, with the 10% increase?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: [Stammer], Randy? What portion is it, the 2016 series? [Pause]. 2016 series.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The 2016 series. So, how, how are we paying the other, the other...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: We have...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...[inaudible]?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...we, we show an amount there of \$770,000 for the principal...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...and \$981,000 for the interest.

[Inaudible dais discussion]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, my, my question is, if we.., we're using the 10% increase to pay back the 2016?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: And the other ones that we're still paying back... Are we still paying them back or are they paid?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: No. They're not...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...[inaudible] in total?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...paid. We're, we're still paying them back. The 2014 will not be paid off until 2034. And the 2016 will be paid off in 2036.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. So...

[Inaudible dais comments]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I guess because we got more?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Wh'...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: What was the question? I'm sorry.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: He said 2037 for the 2014 one, and 2016 is 2036?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: For 2016?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: That's what he said.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: 20'.., 2016 is 2036. Is that right, Randy?

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: 2036.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: And 20'...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: And 2014 is 2034.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: You said '37. So, '34?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible]...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Did I say '37?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. That's why...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I apologize.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I was trying... Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: '34.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: 20'..., 2014 is 2036.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Thir'..., 2014 is 2034.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: 2034. I'm sorry.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I guess...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: And...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: [Chuckle]. Okay. Thanks.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: And 2016 is 2036.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I guess the concern will always be until that point. We promised to pay this back based on the 10% increase of the resident's water bill every year. Is that the sole source of how we're planning to pay off this particular debt, at this time?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Well, it's based upon our revenue that we receive, and so, as long as we continue to receive the revenue that we have projected, we will have sufficient funds to repay the bonds, or the monies that we've borrowed.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The revenue that we're projecting is based on the 10% increase, inclusive of the 10% increase on the...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That is...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...water...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The water bill?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That is correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: What I'm concerned about with that is we have to figure out, or to see if there's any kind of way that we can buy down the debt so that we can pass it on to the residents, or we'll never be able to decrease the, the amount of the resident's water bills at this time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Well, that, that would be great if we didn't have so many needs within the Utility. I mean, the reason that these bonds were floated, were to meet the needs of the Utility both from the water.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Absolutely. .

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...and a wastewater perspective. So, until we get all of those projects complete, there, there would not be any extra dollars to pay down the bonds with, because we're, we're spending the monies based upon what we told the bonding agencies we would need the monies for, to use it for those projects.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: That... Okay. And, and I understand what you..., what, what you're saying. It's just that I just think that it's hard for the residents. There were a few people out in the lobby today that was just, you know, devastated with their water bills. And...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...with, you know, the increase. So, I hope that there's something that we can do. And, and like you say, we need the water to..., we need the water pipes replaced, we need all of the underground utilities done. And, and we do have those needs to meet to be able to provide water one way or another, but hopefully, we can figure it out somehow, how we can buy down that debt. And, if we can buy down the debt, we'll, we'll figure out, you know, keep our fingers crossed, that we can pass it on to our, our residents.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am. We're, we're, we're not at that point, at this point, but maybe in the fu'...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No. May'..., no, no. I, I hear you. We are not where we can buy the debt down at this time, but, I mean, I think that's something we need to have in the forefront of our mind that we'd like to do.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Mr. Davis.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mr. Horton, how many vacancies, currently, we have at the District?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: We have approximately eight vacancies presently.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And a total value, value of that.., those eight vacancies?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Of those eight vacancies? I'm, I'm, I'm now guessing from the top of my mind, which...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yeah.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...will be close to \$1,000,0090.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. Oh, Madam Chair? One last que'... So, we'll get into more of a detail presentation about that bond was taken out years ago, the previous Council, what was the intent? How much is valued and where is the money going? I think one of the things that we need to make sure we do is really educate the community on the money.., those rate hikes, and how significant these issues are and what DEP has put us on notice with and recommended that we need to get taken care of and what's the value to that? And where.., and what other options where the money can come from. People need to know.., we need to continue drilling down the educational process on why, why the Council at the time floated a bond.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, sir. As we continue through the presentation, you will actually see what the cost for the next five years will be, as it relates to funding. So, we, we have that in the presentation. May I continue, Ma'.., Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes, please.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: This next slide shows the specific.., the, the dollars, where they're going to be used. This is out of the, the 2016 proceeds. Is that right...

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...Randy? This is out of the 2016 proceeds, and these are just some of the projects that are shown. In FY2018, we had an adjusted budget of \$21,897,239. For 2019, there's, there's a balance of \$35,000,000 we show projected spending of about \$20,285,803.

[Inaudible comment]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Any questions on this slide?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Any questions for this slide?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Go ahead, Mr. Horton.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Alright. In, in our enterprise fund for projects, and I'm trying to bring all this up if I can. [Pause]. This needs to go away. But, I'll, I'll just go down.., well, bottom line, this, this total cost for the.., for, for the, for FY19 is \$45,705,595. And to the right, you see all of the projects that will be associated with those dollars. This.., for the, for the next five years, the cost is estimated to be \$85,596,235. That is inclusive of the...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Excuse me.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...\$45,000 I just spoke about.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Excuse me? Madam...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, sir?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Councilman.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mr. Horton?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, sir?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Did you mean \$85,000,000 or \$85,000?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Thank you. I'm so sleepy. I mean, [chuckle], \$85,000,000.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I told you...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...what to do earlier.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am. But the, the, the Honorable Councilwoman Miller-Anderson told me to go home and go to bed.

[Chuckle]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I apologize. But yes, it's, it's \$85,596,235.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: For the next five years?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: For the next five years.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Any questions from, from this slide? What the projects [inaudible]?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Continue, sir.

[Pause]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Okay. Hearing none. Madam Chair, that pretty much completes the presentation from the Utility District. This, this particular..., these numbers were already presented to the full Council at the first reading. There are no changes to what was presented in the first reading, so I would encourage the Board to adopt this so that we can move forward to Council on Wednesday of this week for adoption.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes, Councilwoman.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So, because nothing changed, that's why we didn't go through the other sections, the administration and water distribution and all of [inaudible]?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I didn't put the details up here, but if you have any specific questions, I will be glad to answer them.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Can you go back to that screen?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: It's not, it's not on the slideshow what she's asking about. She's asking on the detail...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Right, but...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...sheets, I believe.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...why, why didn't you include all of it though?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Well, I think I can pull it up from here. [Inaudible].

UNK: No. I [inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Um...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I have it...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Do...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...in the book.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, well, the public can't see the book.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yeah. I, I don't have those detail sheets on the thumb drive. We didn't do that in the original presentation when we presented to the full Council.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: We probably should. Can we pull it up on.., through the internet for the City?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Let me...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Through the City's website? So, while we're doing that though, I do have a question about the stipend that we had. Where would that be? I don't know if that's...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: You no longer have the stipend so it will never.., it won't show anymore.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So, the money has just been absorbed [inaudible]?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: General funds.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Let me...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Where...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...try to pull it up this way. Give me a second...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...please.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible] general fund.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: It's not allowing me...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: While she's trying to pull it up, Mr. Horton?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: It was distributed back into the general fund of the Utility District?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: It was absorbed back into the general fund of the Utility District.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. 'Cause I was asking Mr. Horton earlier about those dollars that.., being able to fund the lands'.., he said when, when we do our landscaping around all of those monuments, we would have to drop a meter and pay for those watering of those plants. So, I was thinking that we could use those funds to pay for the watering of those...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...plants, if we're gonna be asked to drop a meter and figure out how to pay for 'em. So, my understanding is that that.., that you ca'.., that we can't do it like that because the Water Utility District doesn't pay for water bills, only the general fund on the Cityside, you can pay for the...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: The...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...cost of water.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: The Utility doesn't give water away. We have to charge for every drop of water...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Absolutely.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...that we, we, we, we produce. So, and, and the rates are based upon the water that we produce. So, if, if the Council wanted to identify...

[Inaudible dais comment]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...projects that they want to irrigate, the Council can do that from a general fund perspective, and add a meter in that.., where the District can recover the cost for that water that's being produced and move forward from that perspective. But the Utility could not be doing it because we would be giving water away.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, if, if... So, if we were to.., say, those funds.., if we too'.., if we had given, or if we give those funds to the general fund to cover the cost of the landscaping, the irrigation to the landscaping because, you know, at the end of the day, we don't want it to become an excuse why we can't have aesthetically pleasing things on the westside of the City. We, we.., if we put those funds over in the Finance Department for general funds, is that a way to get that done? Or that's not a...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I'm sorry, I...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...feasible idea?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Please repeat. I'm sorry, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I was just thinking about the, the funds that Councilwoman Miller-Anderson was asking about, if we took those funds and we gave those funds to..., so they were our funds, still our funds and we say, 'Hey, as opposed to taking them for ourselves, we're going to give them..., we're gonna put our, we're gonna take all of our money and donate it to the general fund to pay for the landscaping, the irrigation to the landscaping on Riv'..., in, in Riviera Beach, on the westside,' then we could very well do that.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Madam, Madam Chair, Members...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...of the Board, they're no longer your funds. When the...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...Board voted...

[Inaudible dais comment]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...to abolish the stipend, those dollars went back into the Utility coffer. Now, what..., if, if that's..., what you said, if that's something you..., that you wanted to do, the individual Board Members would need to accept the stipend...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: And give it back.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...and then...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...contribute it to, but not as an, an enterprise fund. An enterprise fund cannot do that.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair? I think that may sound along the same lines as..., remember Dr. Botel talked about having a program set up for pay'..., helping the senior citizens with their water bills? And you said that we couldn't do that or we...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That is correct.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: We don't have it.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, I., yeah. But, it's only a little bit so it was something in addition to it. I don't know the specifics of it but something she

was speaking about and she can answer that, not me, I'm just mentioning that she brought it up. And you said we could not utilize those funds for that?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That is correct. The dollars that are used for that is the general fund pot...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: General fund.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...that, that, that, that funds that, not the enterprise fund.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes. Go ahead, Councilwoman Botel.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: I'm just wondering if we couldn't set up a separate fund, you know, separate from the City fund so that it would be Utility funds that would fund those seniors. I mean, I understand [skip] couldn't put that \$12,000 into the City, but what if we kept it Utility [skip] and then set up a different fund in the Utility budget, would that work at all, Mr. Horton?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: If we're hearing you correctly, Councilwoman Botel, that's what he's telling us that we cannot do. We would have to receive those funds back to ourselves, and then give them, and give them back where we wanted them to, to go. My concern is, even if we don't take, if we don't use these..., this particular monies to pay for irrigation and to keep the City looking nice on the westside, somebody, somehow, some way, have to find out how we are going to irrigate the landscaping of the westside because our objective here is to make it clean, to keep it beautiful and the only way that you can keep the plants alive is going to be to water 'em. I don't want, you know, if, if we wanna take the money back and we wanna put it into a general fund to, to, to pay for the water, than that's fine, but one way or another, we are going to have to pay for the irrigation of the landscaping that we're embarking on right now.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

[Background phone interference]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Ma'... Excuse me. Madam..., Councilwoman Botel? [Pause]. Councilwoman Botel?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Did you, did you want to say anything else?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Well, if it can't be done, I guess [phone call skips], can't use that money towards the seniors utility bills, but... It can't be done.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Councilman Terence Davis.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Thank you. Mr. Horton, correct me if I'm wrong, but I do recall when we were discussing the stipend at that time, that you did inform this Council of.., if we wanna take that position, keep the stipend in the budget so we can make that decision then, but [pause], is that what you would recommend to the Board?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: What I, what I recommended to the Board when Councilwoman Botel brought it up and I, I believe it was around the same time that we were discussing the elimination of the stipend...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...I suggested that if the Board Members wanted to receive the stipend...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...it's then the Board Member's money.

[Inaudible dais comment]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: They could then...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Disburse it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...ded'.., dedicate it where they want it dedicated. But, once it comes back into the coffers of the enterprise fund...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...we could not do it as, as a Utility.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Stammer] I just wanna say that for the record because when Staff gave us clear direction and clear options to achieve the goals that we're discussing, we must put our business hat on and keep the political hat off, because we had an opportunity to do that. And now, we're talking about potentially being in the newspaper again, 'Riviera Beach reaccepts the stipend.' They're not gonna say Riviera Beach reaccepts the stipend to give the residents a break, they won't do that. One of the things that we did, and Mr. Sherman, this is prior to you coming, didn't we adjust the millage rate at the time to hold off for a year, or did we take some of the vacant positions and then disburse 'em... They didn't get filled that year? 'Cause we had a year, I think it was 2015, where we did not increase [pause]... I'm trynna recall.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. I'm trying... Randy Sherman, Finance Director.

I'm trynna recall. I...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I can't remember what year it was.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I wanna say it might've been '15 that, that we rolled back the, the millage rate...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...slightly. Yeah. I, I think that was the right year. I think...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...that's the year that we did it.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I, I asked that question but one of the things that I would like to see Staff do at the end of this budget, is talk about what impact Amendment 1 has on the decisions that we're making, because, if it wasn't for the potentially Amendment 1 passing, we could take that into consideration this year, but we can't, and I think Staff need' to put that a part of the end of the presentation of all our budget decisions, because folks need to understand about, you know, when you're voting on Amendment 1, what that really means and how it will impact our local cities. So, it takes out of position from rolling that millage rate.

But one of the questions I would like to ask, that's why I asked the question earlier, if we got those eight vacancies, have they rolled into the general fund? You haven't rolled it yet, correct? They're still in the budget?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: You're...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: The money...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...talking about the vacant...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: The mon'...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...positions that...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes, sir.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...I have?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: The vacant positions that I have are, and I'll just tell you what they are. We have an engineer position that's vacant, we have the senior engineer position that's vacant, we have the assistant superintendent of water treatment that's vacant, we have the superintendent of collection and distribution that is vacant, we have two senior mechanics?

UNK: Three.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Three senior mechanic positions that are vacant. I'm missing one more position. And one plant operator position...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...is vacant.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, Mr., Mr. Horton, so, with those vacancies, are we allowed, since we haven't filled those positions this year to take that funds to pay down towards the bond? Is that legal for us to do?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: If, if the Board chose to direct that those positions not be filled...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No. This year they didn't get filled so the money was allocated for it in 2018.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That is...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Correct?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...correct.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, 2019, we're approaching a new year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: The only...

[Inaudible dais comment]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...the only..., of, of those positions, there are only three., out of those... all of those positions, there's only three positions that covered the full year.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Oh, okay. Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: You know, some were, were vacated throughout the Fiscal Year, so out of the eight that I've just named, I think there were only three, there may be four, positions that covered the entire year. That included the senior engineer position and the engineer position. And the, uh, and, now that I think about it, the assistant superintendent for water treatment didn't cover the full year because I came to the Board to add that position. I took a vacant position, reclassified it up to create the assistant superintendent for water treatment.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, it was a vacant full-time position...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: There was...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...that you [inaudible]?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...a vacant full-time..., but it was, it was a lower position...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm. Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...that we then reclassified.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So the amount was different?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, like I said, we don't have that exact number right now, but...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Correct.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...is it possible, if, if there was enough money, is it legal for, for this Board to make a decision..., the money that's in the fund, not for next year 'cause you definitely wanna fill those positions 'cause we need them, but the monies in the budget currently...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...prior to October 1 approaching, could we take some of that, take some of that money and pay down on the bond?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I think...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Or would it put...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...if, if, if...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...us in another...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...if, if we didn't touch those monies to make other adjustments as we went through the Fiscal Year...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...that would be possible. But, as we had savings, moving forward, we utilized those savings to meet other needs in the Utility.

Did I [inaudible]...

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's close, but no.

[Chuckles]

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Rand Sherman again.

In your bond documents, there is a flow of funds.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: So, the, the funds come into the, to the District. The first thing that they have to do is pay for operating expenses. Okay?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Then, the money that is left after operating expenses, goes and pays the debt service, and then it funds the renewal and replacement account, and it funds... But, there's a certain flow of funds, and I obviously don't have that with me tonight but, at the end of the day, no matter what the reason, whether it's vacancies or the flow is higher so you're collecting more revenues, at the end of the day, there's, there's two buckets that the money falls into.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: The money can either go to reserves....

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay? Or, it can go into capital. Okay? In order to take money out of the reserves and pay down bonds, and I was trynna call a document up real quick and I, I didn't get there before [chuckle] you asked your question. You can only call bonds on certain dates. I mean, it's, it's not like your regular bank loan where you can...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...go in at any time and prepay it down. It used to be that you couldn't call bonds until the tenth year. So, obviously, 2016 you wouldn't be able to do it 'til 2026. And the reason for that is, is when people invest in your bonds...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...they're looking for the cash flow, over a long period of time, and they don't want people, you know, I give you \$30,000,000 today and you pay it off tomorrow. I mean, no... So, there's a timeframe and I'd have to, you know, look into that and figure out exactly when that is, but again, there, there's a flow of funds that you have to follow. When the money gets to those last two buckets, that's when then you can decide to, to do something. So again, just because maybe funds didn't get spent on a particular reason...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm. We still...

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: If flow is down and your revenues are down, maybe there isn't anything at the end of the day. You know? So again, you have to have a certain amount of revenue, you have to have coverages compared to the debt service. It, it's a, it's a pretty lengthy process, and at some point if you'd like us to come back and, and actually walk through that and show you how, how that actually works, we certainly could, you know...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I think it's...

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...be happy to do that.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I think it would definitely be appropriate at some time with you, the City Manager and, of course, Mr. Horton...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: [Inaudible]...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...[inaudible]... Yeah. Go ahead.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Mr., Mr., Councilman, I need to also indicate that, Staff has just informed me, there's nothing left there because we've used those dollars for temp services...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...and for overtime. So, there is no monies left. When those positions were vacated, we needed to cover the, the need of those positions being vacant to address the need of the Utility.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, that, that's..., I guess that addresses this year, but potentially next year, as we approach, we're gonna still have another year for this to increase based upon the contract, correct? The bond?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That's correct.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, I guess, as you all get through this budget, we can still take that into consider, based upon the time, the specific time, specification, that Mr. Sherman was discussing, so next year at the time, the, the Council..., the District can make a decision based upon..., if this... It may be another year, it may be another two years, we don't know 'cause we..., until they review the information. I think we wanna make sure we have all our options to the table 'cause you see what the Council definitely wants to do. You gave us one option, but we didn't do it and so, right now, we're at a..., we're kinda limited in what we can do...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...because we waited until this point to address it. So, definitely wanna do whatever we need to do, get creative if that's possible, you know,

give it to Legal and figure out what we could do, if anything. But if not, let's keep educating our people on what they're paying for because...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I think it's important to keep in mind that, you know, in this budget, I'm requesting six additional positions for the water plant.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That is to meet the staffing needs to cover 24/7 operation in the water plant. As we move forward, until those positions are filled, we have spent a lot of money in overtime in the water plant because we, we didn't have the staffing to do all that we needed to do. And, and a lot of people don't understand that the water plant personnel, not only operates the water plant, they operate the well fills, they, they pull all of the, the samplings that need to be done on a daily basis, both on the plant site and out in the community. There are, there's still five sites that, that we are required to pull samples on, on a daily basis and that has to be done. So, in.., on those days when I only have one person on shift, we have to call someone else in, in an overtime status, to provide those off site...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...support functions. So, those types of things will continue to exist...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...until we get fully staffed.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Madam Chair? Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: One minutes, Councilwoman Botel. Mr...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, Mr. Sherman...

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...or, or Mr. Horton.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I think it's very important that we definitely, as we move forward and address these issues in the budget...

[Phone noise]

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...redirect the, the Council and the public sometimes, back to some of the issues that came up in the Michael Brown report, the U.S. Water report, these are concerns. They talked about the fact that we were understaffed, about

the wells, and about the, the filtration systems. [Phone noise]. So, everything you're discussing now was in that packet that you see me keep bringing up, of, of potential...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: And we are still faced with...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...many of those issues which we are attacking [phone noise] in a very aggressive way.[phone noise]. We, in the last eleven months, have met [phone noise] as an example, with the Health Department, four times.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: And they are appreciative of that. We've even gone to them to talk about where we've made mistakes. And, and.., but, we don't [inaudible] about the mistakes we've made...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...we provide them with them corrective actions that we are taking, or have taken, moving forward so that those types of mistakes will not be made again. We've also met with the Department of Environmental Protection three times in the last eleven months, we've met with [phone noise] South Florida Water Management District twice, once at their loca' [phone noise].., no, twice at their location.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: And once, they came to our location. So, we've met with them three times. So, we, we are.., we have built the rapport with the regulatory communities...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...that they see that we're serious about addressing the needs of the Utility. With the action of this Board and the support that you all have given to this Utility, to bring on the expertise that we need to address many of the issues that we have. The, the, the, the regulatory communities are looking at that very favorably, as well as our rating agency, which is very important.

So, I just wanted to keep that before you. Everything that you do, makes a difference and, and it, and it impacts how we may be able to move forward to, to do whatever we want to do that, that protects the public health, health and safety moving forward, so.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And, and I say thank you beca'...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And I say thank you because that's important that the, the public understands what DEP was requesting of us, and when we do our presentations, let's redirect this, this Board, the public, back to, 'Here's what we were req'.., here's what's addressing these issues that we was put on.., put on notice with.' You know? We got some things that we have to continue to be aggressive on and those are things that we need to focus our attention on. [Inaudible] this Board, we as a t'.., we as a team must not lose focus on how aggressive we need to be because we still have more money that we need to get. No one wants to float bonds and do these things, but you see infrastructure all across the country crumbling, but... Because other leaders never made a decision, and they was afraid of making decisions and people's lives were lost based on it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: [Inaudible].

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And infrastructure was crumbling so we need to make.., let folks know we're in a position to not fail like other cities have done, we're in a position where we can really get behind you, your expertise, work with the entire Staff, Finance, City Manager, all your staff to put this City, in the next ten years, at a certain level, because that plant's gonna hold for another ten to fifteen years. But what's our long-term plan? We need to discuss that. You know? We must make a long-term plan in play and put this Council and the next Council in a position to move forward, and with a long-term plan presented.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I'm done, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you. Councilwoman Botel.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Thank you. I wanna make it clear, I have a question [phone skips] Mr. Horton. Mr. Horton, when we gave up that \$12,000, was there a discussion about whether.., if we [phone skips] for supplementing senior's utility bills [phone skips] the use of that for supplementing senior's utility bills [inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I, I...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I'm, I'm sorry. Try again, Councilwoman.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: The question of leaving the \$12,000 in place. When we gave it up, was there ever a suggestion that if we didn't give it up, it could be used at discretion for relieving the burden on seniors for their utility bill?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I don't remember us having that discussion, but Mr...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: I know, me either.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...Horton is...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...going to...answer your question. Do you remember?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I, I don't recall there being a stipulation when the Board...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...elected to give up the stipend.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: So that...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: When...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: ...was not an...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: When...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: ...option? That was not an option presented to us, am I right?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Well, what , what I, what I indicated...

[Inaudible dais comment]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON:to the Board was that you could receive the \$12,000 and then you, as individual Board Members, because at that point it is your money, you could dedicate it or, or donate to how you see fit. But, once...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Yeah, right. Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...but you all never made a decision on that, so...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...once you gave it up, the stipend went away, and those dollars went back into the enterprise coffers.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Two things to...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...that end. Let the Board reflect that Chair Tonya Davis Johnson has joined..., has joined us on the dais. And.., Mr, Mr. Horton, I don't think that if we're, you know, in our search for solutions to do something better for the aesthetics of the City, if we have to do something to be legal and strategic, if we take it back and

then put where it needs to be because we're dealing with an enterprise fund, then, you know, I think we can do that. I don't remember it ever being an option that, or, or specified that, you know, once it was done, it wasn't a done deal. It doesn't matter, you know, if it was or if it wasn't, we're looking for a solution to pay for the water that we're going to have to pay for on, on the westside if we're talking about maintaining the appearance, or stepping up the appearance of the communi'..., the interior communities on the, on the westside. So, if we have to go through those mechanics and those gyrations to put those funds in place then, you know, so be it, then that's something, I think that, that, that we'll..., that, that we can do or have to do.

But we talked about the Utility District and Public Works and Finance coming up..., coming up with a way to pay for the water that it takes to make our City look nice. And, we can't, we can't hide behind the fact that we don't have money to water the arterial streets, you know, or the, the swells or wherever we have landscaping on the, on the west side. We've just got to, we've gotta step it up and make it cleaner and more, more pleasing.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, in... Madam..., Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Were..., if you're finished. Are you finished?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I am.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. The positions that you said have been vacant. What do you foresee being the reason why we can't get those filled?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: We..., I'm gonna address the engineering side for a moment. We've held..., we've scheduled..., selected and scheduled interviews for people to interview for the senior engineer position, as an example, and we would schedule three interviews, and when we get to the interview date, none of the candidates showed up. I've, I've, I've heard things, and I can only go on what I hear, when they see..., you know, people will look at the full makeup of the City and one of the things they look at, are our Board meetings, whether it's the Utility Board meeting, which I think you all have conducted yourselves very well since I've been here in the Utility Board meeting, but when they look at the City Council meeting, it is a different take. And, and when people see that, they paint a broad stroke for the City that we are that way. If you recall, I made you all aware of some comments that I received from New York...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...for that same thing. So, I, you know, I think that, based upon what I've heard...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And so, that's what you think is the main issue?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: It could be.

[Inaudible dais comment]

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And I, and I can agree with you but I also can attest that it goes both ways, because there are a lot of things that are said about different department heads and things that are going on in departments where employees aren't exactly being treated very well, and so, I think that is an issue too. So, we all need to look at ourselves and figure out how we can make this a better City, and, and a place..., a nice place to work, live and play. And, I think that's a part that we all can fix too., Like I said before, I've said it numerous times, I'm sure that's why we're having some issues with getting qualified City Managers, I'm sure that is probably the same reason why some people are not applying. But, at the same time, there's somebody out there that needs a job, even if we got people applying who may not be qualified, people are still applying and they're gonna show up, because people., I'm not saying that., suggesting that, that is always the right thing, which I don't agree with, but I just don't see people applying for a job, and getting and interview and just don't show up. That., now that is a big stretch for me. And I'm not saying that it didn't happen but that is a big stretch. You would get unqualified people to show up, apply, show up, interview, and get the job. So, I just, you know, I just wonder sometimes how..., why are we [pause]. 'Cause, like, in, in the develop'..., Building Department, I mean, the same thing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Well, Ma'..., Ma'...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: You know?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Madam...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And so, like I said, I, I, I agree with you on your point, but I also agree there are some things that need to be done on the inside of some of the departments as well, so that it is inviting and, and warm and people have those..., the employees are able to go out and say nice things about what's going on in their department, so they can..., they could recruit people as well.

So, that is something we need..., we all need to work on.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: In addition...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I agree with...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...if I many?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: There., other issues also include the competitiveness. What we're finding across the board with a lot of positions, is that it is so competitive, we, in Riviera Beach, aren't as competitive with some of our sister

communities that..., as we should be. But, that doesn't excuse the fact that people don't show up for a scheduled interview.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Right, right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I mean, I, I had one.., I've, I've had this to happen to me in two separate interviews. I had one person when I was recruiting for the Assistant Executive Director of the District, had him set up by Skype, by Skype, and they didn't show up.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And, and the flip side of that too, I've also, you know, spoken to a few people that have applied that, according to the criteria in their resume, they did qualify and, and they were qualified for the position but they were not called for the pos'.., you know, for an interview. So, I don't know whoever...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: In the Utility District?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Not necessarily in...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Oh...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the Utility, I can't speak to your specific, just in general, different departments where people were like, 'I put in applications,' you know, 'I meet the qualifications,' and, and they just never got a call. So.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Maybe in their...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we go...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...mind they meet

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...through everybody? I mean, you...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Maybe in their mind...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...[inaudible]?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...they meet the qualifications but when it comes.., when, when...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And your speaking from your Department.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Well, I mean, we, we have to look at the best qualified. I mean, that's what we're doing, we're...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Of course.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...shopping...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: That's what we want.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...for the best qualified people to bring the best quality to this community. So, you know, they, they may or may not be aware...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I think it's just based on the, the criteria that's stated, based on what's stated to even get to the point of getting a call. They meet that criteria now. What they do in the interview is a whole different story, but they didn't even get a call based on them meeting the criteria., And so., and, and this is not to this., any of the positions that you may be over, but, you know, maybe when they're going through the list, are we making a serious effort to try to bring in as many people as we can? You know, especially if two or three don't show up, do we move on to the next? And, as long as they're qualified, do we try to get 'em in?

I just., [stammer], it's almost like we can't give a job away. And, I know there's a lotta people out there that need jobs. So, I just question as to what's going on.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Ma'...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Councilwoman.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What I would suggest is for those individuals who have indicated to you that they met the minimum qualifications, have the City Manager take a look at that because, you know, folks may feel that they have met the qualifications based on some, some piece, part or parcel of a job application. I would like to see those who have said that they've met the qualifications, have the City Manager take a look at those applications and those., those applications along with the job announcements to make sure that we are, in fact, doing what we should be doing by way of screening. I would also say that at some point, you know, we have not had faith, shall we say faith, or belief in the abilities of our Staff, and it just seems to me that, in addition to individuals maybe not showing up for, for interviews, and that is not outside the norm. Folks just don't show up and I don't nec'., necessarily know that that is a negative reflection upon us, but I do know that there has been quite a bit that has been going on throughout the City with the involvement of Council in selection and with regards to, you know, how things are actually laid out, and, and that just crosses the line of interference for me. I'm just seeing where there is just this al'., there's always this hand involved in the day to day operation, and that's certainly not our role. If we believe that the folks that are employed by us are not competent, then we need to move and make some changes. And in addition to us not being able to get., you know, I was just sitting listening to the Councilwoman's points, you know, we, we have to take some responsibility for why we may not necessarily be getting the people that we want, based on the actions that permeate and start from this dais. And so, until we clean up how we operate, we're going to have this continued disconnect, as it relates to [pause] excuse me, as it relates to selection, interviewing and those who may be expressing an interest.

Now, what I can say, because I'm a member of the Palm Beach Partners, we..., our counterparts, which are the City of West Palm, City of Lake Worth, we are talking about Solid Waste Authority, we're talking about South Florida Water Management District, we're all having the same challenges. Colleagues, we're all having the same challenges as it relates to being able to get folks who are, number one, qualified, but who are willing to accept the salaries, as though salaries are being presented. So we've got to take a look, and I believe that we were taking a look at how we were offering our positions, how we were pricing our positions and, and, you know, what structures we were putting in place. And so, as we do that, I think that universally and throughout Palm Beach County, we're going to see competitiveness, but we're going to see more people applying for the positions that we have. Have we had challenges? Absolutely. But how do we move...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...to success and hire'..., getting these vacant positions filled?

Now..., and I want to..., I'm done with that, but I wanted to come back and, with regards to the use of the stipend for, for covering the cost of assistance, we didn't put that in place when we initially removed the stipend, but during the budget process, we were..., we asked that question, and I recall being told that once those dollars went back into the USD, we could not pull them out for our individual uses or special...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Program.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Program.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That is...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is that...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...correct, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Was that correct?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, [inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, are we now..., and I'm coming in on the tail end, but are we now wanting to utilize those dollars for...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...something else?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: One, one minute....

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Can I...,

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...Madam Miller-Anderson, give me one minute. The, the question was this, Mr. Horton had stated that any water that we use to irrigate the landscaping that we're planning for the westside, we would then have to drop a meter and ha'.., figure out how those waters would be paid for. So, the question became can we take those dollars to fund that purpose? And, he's, he's stating, from where those dollars are sitting right now, you cannot do that. You cannot do that from where the dollars are sitting right now. So, just thinking and trying to come up with solutions, one of the things that we banter up here was, if we receive the monies back as stipend, and then gave them to the general fund where he indicated water have to be paid from, was that an.., that.., was that an option? Also, Madam.., Councilwoman Botel asked, and Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, about paying.., helping the senior citizens out with more assistance on their water bills with the same dollars. So, we were talking about, how do you get those dollars from an enterprise fund into the general fund where they can be used, because they cannot be used for anything where they're sitting now.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And the option would be to return the stipend to us and then we return the stipend to the general fund? For a purpose?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is it the...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...You, you would...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...administrative...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: You would.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's just an administrative function?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Well, you would actually be receiving an income for the \$12,000. And, and I think it's important to understand that it's not just the twelve, twenty-four, thirty-six, forty-eight, sixty, seventy-two, \$72,000. When you add the fringes to it, I think it came to a total of about a hundred and...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: [Inaudible]...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...forty thousand?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Yeah. It's a hundred and ten.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: \$110,000, is what we're talking about. So, yes. You would have to.. I mean, the Board would have to reestablish the stipend, receive the stipend, and then donate it to where you want it to go.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Chuckle]. [Inaudible]...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Wow.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We're not [inaudible]...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: It's just... Madam...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm good. I was done. No.., yeah. I was just [inaudible]... I'm good.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. The.., so, so... Madam Councilwoman, so that, that was it. That's what the discussion was about and do you have any more to that?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Has the.., [stammer], have my Cou'.., my colleagues weighed in on the probability of reinstating the stipend for that purpose?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No. We, we, we didn't. We were just talking about it and we didn't vote on it or anything. Everybody just, you talked just.., was trying to get information as how it could possibly be done, because as Public Works was stating earlier, they didn't have the money int heir budget to pay for the watering, and, you know, and my concern is this, and I'll, I'll say it again, one way or another, we have to pay for it so.., because, I think, the westside deserves to look nice as well. So, and I don't want anybody to think that it's an accept'.., acceptable is to just tell us that we don't have the money to pay for water on the westside so there won't be any watering of the plants there.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there irrigation currently in all of our main thoroughfares, or would that be a part of a cost that we would have to absorb as well?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I would have to.., I refer to the Public Works Director.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Bailey.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: He's outside.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Uh-uh. I don't think it's there in all places. I don't think it's...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: It's so wonderful to be in the Utility District meeting, it's so different than... [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening, sir.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: Good evening. Terence Bailey, Interim Public Works Director.

The majority of our major thoroughfare medians have irrigation. There are a few, I believe that there are a few projects in the last few..., in the previous few years for some upgrades, but I don't know..., I can't swear that every single median has irrigation. I'd have to investigate and provide a report back.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And what's the standard cost, best guesstimate for the installation of irrigation along MLK? I think we have some at Australian, we have some along Australian...

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...all the way down to Blue Heron. So, what areas outside of Blue Heron Boulevard, the entryway to the City from, from Lake Park on both sides, on Congress and President Barack Obama Highway? Do we have irrigation there?

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: I believe there was a capital sheet a few years ago for irrigation and I don't remember if..., remember if it was new irrigation or replacement to the tune of two or \$300,000 for Obama. And I believe it was split up into two phases, north of Blue of Heron and south.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: But I believe that there was an issue with that and it, it may or may not have gotten completed. I'd have to research where that ended up, but most of the medians, the major medians have irrigation. It would be simply looking at..., it depends on availability of water. If you have to cross..., imagine if you're looking at the median for Blue Heron. If you've gotta cut into the asphalt to get to the water main to bring in a new tap, it gets extremely expensive to tap the main, bring water over to the median, a meter and backflow preventer and then do distribution inside the medians for the irrigation in the median or at one of the welcome signs.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What are we paying annually for water to the sites that currently have irrigation? Do we know?

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: I do not have that number handy.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Sherman...

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: But, I could...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...do you know?

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Not off hand, I don't.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: No. It's spread across multiple general ledger accounts for the different divisions in Public Works, but we could provide a report on that quickly.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Because it makes no sense for us to plant flowers, grass along these areas and there is no irrigation to sustain it, because we would just be, you know, putting in landscaping, snatching it out as it dies. For instance, we have irrigation on Australian at 1st Street, but we've got issues.., I believe we have irrigation there. I've seen water in the median, so I'm thinking about at the entry.., at the entry sign. So, we have flowers and plants...

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...that are perishing. So, we would have to rip that out. You know, we're going through this process, we've got to be more cost prudent, but we want to make sure that we uphold the same level of service and, and visibility and the look and feel, the aesthetics Citywide. So, we've got to figure it out.

So, the question for me is, how much money are spending for water? Because that's going to determine whether or not the dollars from the stipend.., and I don't know that the stipend reim'.., reimplementing stipend and doing that, because that.., you put that back in the check, then that affects the bottom line number of the payroll, so we've gotta think about the residual outcomes that will happen as a result of us trying to do that. Mr. Sherman, you...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...were up here earlier... Yes, ma'am?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: In the general fund, you currently have budgeted, in Public Works, all of it's coming from Public Works, correct?

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: Um...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: That irrigation cost?

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: No. Remember, you have elements that come from Parks as well, for the...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Parks.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: ...areas that Parks has responsibility over.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Okay. You have \$377,000 budgeted, just for Public Works.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: For Utilities?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: For Utilities' water.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. We.., the, the.., irrigation, when we did 1st Street, the, the sprinklers were not included in that?

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: I was not affiliated with the project. I would have to go down there and inspect it to determine the level of irrigation or...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I was...

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: ...support.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...certain that there was [pause] water brought to that site when, when it was done, so maybe, maybe.., maybe not, maybe it needs to be checked or to see if the sprinkler system isn't coming on or isn't, isn't work'.., isn't working. Find out, I guess, from the Staff, was it manually done? But, the areas that I'm, that we were.., that I was referring to is the entryway to the City, like 1st and Australian. The neighborhoods, the community neighborhood signs and the monument signs that we have that there is.., when we install them, that we're installing the irrigation necessary to... And because, in looking at the cost analysis sheet, there was an RFP that would include irrigation, as well as the landscape, the monument and the design. So, when you put it back out, you'll be putting it out for the irrigation along with the landscaping?

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: For the.., the current project, for the welcome.., the larger welcome signs, did include landscaping and irrigation at the seven signs that were installed.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Right.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: Not at the twenty-three community signs.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, when you put the community signs, the irrigation... I know you gave us a price, like, two hundred and something thousand, it would be for irrigation and landscape for the, for the neighborhood signs, and that's what I'm saying. The neighborhoods have to look aesthetically pleasing because it becomes infectious. When, when the residents see us doing our part, they're gonna do their part on their street, in their neighborhoods and that's why we have the nice signs there, but they have to, you know, be a little bit more pleasing.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: No problem.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, tho'.., that's where I'm talking about dropping the, the, the, the wells for the.., the meters rather, for those, for those twenty-three signs, as, as well as the entryway sign. That's.., I'm not really talking more or less about the perimeter because that's all we do. That's all we do, is the perimeter. I'm talking about the arterial streets within the neighborhood and the community.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: [Inaudible].

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes. So, there is no other means or measures available to us in order to allocate dollars for water and irrigation?

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Cur'.., in, in this current 2019 budget, it has not been budgeted. What I mentioned to the Manager at one point, 'cause we were looking at getting whole new street crews and everything else is, if you're going to do it, I think what we have to do is try to find a dedicated type of revenue source to that type of project. One thing we had talked about last year was using any funds that we brought in from Code compliance, and actually dedicating those dollars into a separate fund. You know, it, it's just a matter of, of finding a source that we can dedicate. I, personally, don't think the whole stipend thing [chuckle] works.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: It's not enough.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But again, it's a matter of, of getting the capital dollars, 'cause some of these areas are not irrigated at this point, so you'd have to get the capital dollars to put in the irrigation. So again, Public Works would have to go back and identify every area that you're looking at, and then we would have to come up with the cost. If it's \$300,000 now, maybe we're only looking for another \$100,000 a year, you know, to, to water. I, I don't know, 'cause I don't know how many areas don't have irrigation at this point. But then, possibly trying to find something. I know, Mr. Gagnon had looked at, you know, putting in something. And, and really then dedicating, creating a special revenue, putting that money aside and, and making that project work. It think it's wor'.., you know, worth taking a look at, but in, in the '19 budget, there's, you know...

[Inaudible comment]

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...it, it's just not there. And again, to, to come up with the money to water before you have the infrastructure in place...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: And Madam Chair?

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...you know, we, we just gotta get it in the right order.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yeah.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: And, and this is, just as Mr. Sherman has stated, having the infrastructure there first, and then coming up with a plan to water, I mean, they have watering trucks that we can purchase to, you know., instead of putting in irrigation, we could purchase a water truck that would go around and, you know, water the new areas that we are in'., installing and then, you know, at some point, go back and, you know, have a dedicated source.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Perhaps it's encumbering upon us to take a look at the various scenarios. You know., Watering trucks versus infrastruc'., the cost for infrastructure, the cost for water versus the cost for the truck to come around. And then, the question will become, who's going to be responsible for driving the water., the water truck to go around and handle that? Do we have sufficient Staff? We're going to have to look at several scenarios in order...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...to make this work.

I did have a question as it related to the stipend. If we were to, since it was a unanimous vote, if we were to... Has it., is it just too, too far from the matter to...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Add it in?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...to reconsider and add in that the dollars go?

[Inaudible dais comment]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: For, for this coming Fiscal Year?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: For this...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I would think that they could...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is that, is that a probability...

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: [Inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Madam Clerk?

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...have to cut something else.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: When..

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I'm sorry. Yeah.

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: [Chuckle].

[Inaudible discussions]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: We...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm just asking if that's a, if it's a thought?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Really?

[Inaudible comments]

[Phone noise]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yeah. We have a balanced budget right now, so in order to add another \$110,000, we..., we'd have to determine...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Excuse me, one minute. Commissioner Botel, could you...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...could you mute your...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Sorry.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...phone for us? Until you get ready to speak? Thank you so much. We were just having a little trouble hearing. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yeah. We, we would, we would have to find something to cut in order to accommodate the stipend by placing it back in the budget.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Well...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. I tried.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam, will that be it? The..., of course, you know, I would like Staff to think that we were talking about putting in irrigation before we were, you know, before we tried to flow water. We know that it takes pipes and irrigation to flow water, so I, I think that's an oxymoron to think that we were trying to do the cart before the horse. We definitely talked about this in, in the beautification discussions that we've been having and, like Jeff said, with the constructions that's coming on, there's..., we did a, a program called MEAHOP one time, and that's something that, you know, we might be able to look at as far as setting aside a source of revenue so that we can water these particular areas. But I still think that it's not something that we should be so comfortable getting away from not letting our community look any better than it has, than it has be'..., been looking.

And, our, you know, our, our, our..., if we come back for our money, it's our money to come back for, so then we could give it to, to the community so it can look pleasing.

So, you know, \$40,000,000 for this, and \$40,000,000 for that, and all of these millions and millions of dollars that...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: We're only talking about \$100,000.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...these companies are, are, are getting from us, you know? We want clean drinking water, we want safe drinking water but we still deserve to have a pleasing community. So...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...there's that.

Any more comments on the budget? Or the stipend? Or the irrigation? [Pause].

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Madam Chair, you do have a..., still have a public comment card.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Madam Clerk, can you call the public comment card, please?

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Andre Henderson.

MR. A. HENDERSON: Good evening, Board and Madam Manager.

Yeah. I had something planned but with everything going on, uh, me and Mr. Horton had a pretty good discussion on your bond agreement, and no free service. There is a paragraph in there that says, and I'm paraphrasing but he can read into the record if he needs to, but there are..., for situations you have like this, you can create a subclass, it says from time to time, the Utility, the District, can create a subclass or class, in which they can modify rates..., or, not modify but adjust rates in anyway, or fees, if it's for the purpose of the betterment of the community, for the health of the community, so and so forth. So, this issue that we're discussing, as far as the stipend and those things and you wanna give it back to, you don't have to do that. You have a..., you have a bond agreement in which it's pretty, pretty locked tight when it comes to, if you take anything out of that bond agreement, you're gonna be in violation with those shareholders. So, in order not to get into any kind of [pause] burn my time up, that was one of the things I think you should consider and have a robust discussion about because that issue was in there under, 'No free service 4.29.' That's where it discusses that. I read it before into, into the Utility District's meeting when we had a issue, I informed a couple of you about it, and me and Mr. Horton talked about it. I think this can alleviate some of the stress that you guys have about accepting this and there's no need to accept this agreement when you have it in there. It's kinda reinventing wheel.

But also, when Mr..., another thing that I found amazing is, and I hope Mr. Horton doesn't take this personal but, the fact that he has all these vacancies and he's Assistant

City Manager, whew, I don't know how he does it. I, I don't think he has the time for that. I think he needs to fill these spaces because we've talked before about people you need to hire and you can't get. And, ultimately, it falls on his head. If he can't fill his positions, then he needs to bring it up, but he's responsible for it. He needs to fill these positions. And so, my, my position is, is that you do not accept this stipend, you have it in your bond agreement where you can, from time to time, and this one of those times where you can allocate funds, if the District., you can't, but the District can, and I suggest you look at that.

Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Are there anymore comments, Madam Clerk?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I'm sorry. This is public comment. I'm sorry, I apologize.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Are there any more public comments?

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: No, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. That ends public comments. Mr. Davis, Councilman Davis, go ahead, please.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mr. Horton, could you please clarify what this Board can and can't do? As it relates to addressing the bond?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes. This Board can request establishment of a special class, but in order to do that, we would have to get with our, our [stammer] rate consultant to do it., a rate study and determine how those rates will be spread over the entire user base. That takes time. That would take six to nine months to do. I don't, I don't see irrigation of a median being a special class. When they talk about special classes, they're talking about end users.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I'm not sure that, that the irrigation of a meter., [stammer] irrigation of a median would, would, would fall into that special class. I guess you could. I would have to get with, with bond counsel to talk about that and see if, if it, if it could be done.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, how often do you guys meet with the bond counsel?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I've only had one discussion with, with bond counsel since I've been here. We are in, in need of having a second meeting to resolve some issues that we do have.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: We still have the, the rate study that the Board has yet to approve, and we need to now go in to revise that. So, there, there will be some opportunities to have some discussions. I could bring them up at that time.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, what, what's been the issue of why we haven't met with the bond counsel?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: The last time we met with the bond counsel was to address a, a class of, of wholesale users. And that something has not yet been resolved yet. And so, we, we're, we.., and we had so many other things that we were having to, to address that we've not gotten back with bond counsel on that, that particular issue.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Here's.., I don't know if this is taking place, and here's my concern. As we are, are working on this budget cycle, and I think it's very important that any decision we make, the bond counsel should.., we should have some kind of report from the bond counsel to know which way we're going. To know what our flexibility is. That's something that shoulda took place well into the new year, I believe. I'm not gonna point any fingers at anyone, but just, I think it's very important that we get the bond counsel to the table right away, for a potential midyear budget review. We need to have some things in place. So, if we need.., if we have.., are in position to make an adjustments, we can do it at that time but we definitely need to be having a conversation. The bond counsel really need' to come before this Board at some point and give a report. You know? [Stammer] the residents need to know, hey, they're paying for these services and it's their dollars that are working for them, they need to know what, what's going on with the, with the bond, how is it working, you know, what flexibility we have and just.., we need to know all the options that we have in place, 'cause right now we're making decisions as if [pause]. I just would like to see report by mid-budget year, I believe, so we can discuss any potential...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: And just keep in mind...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...we, we can get.., have the bond counsel to prepare a report.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: But in addition to that, we would then need to look at our rate consultant to look at this to determine what the actual rates should be.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Which is something that we st'.., you know, we still haven't voted on.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That is correct.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And that's been pending now for how long?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Um [pause]. Six, six or...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: February.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...seven months.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: February [inaudible]...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, will you...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: No.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, we'll be addressing that, that matter on that rate s'.., I mean, is that so'.., that's something... I think folks need to really.., I think we need to tell the public how important that rate study is and what it means. And what impact it has on, as we talk about the bond and all these other decisions we're making. We're gonna make some extremely tough decisions in, in this, on this Board and we must have all the information, and we make all our decisions based upon the information that you guys, Staff, present to us.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: [Inaudible].

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...and we have to trust them...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: I'm, I'm gonna need [inaudible].

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...because we got that water, that water plant over there [phone noise] that has.., Staff is doing a wonderful job with what we have, but there's a lot more money need' to be taken and placed to protect this City, and we've seen presentations as a, as a Council, as a Utility District Board that, hey, we're on notice. So, we.., when you're notice, even though it's a political, hot political season, we still gotta make these tough decisions. And when you ha'.., elect folks to make tough decisions, that's when the people need to know that we're not afraid to do that. Not to say anyone on the Board is afraid, but we need to let folks know, your life's safety is more important than anything in the world. And some of these decisions.., the rate study is gonna demonstrate that, and in any presentation, I think that need to be drilled down on the life safety issue. We need to drill down on that, that's very important.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you. We definitely want the public to know that we are interested in the life safety issues of the water. We're gonna do'.., we're gonna talk about the rate study, we're gonna talk about how we're going to irrigate the westside of Riviera Beach and make it aesthetically pleasing. We need to fill our positions and we're gonna, you know, expect Staff to robustly go after doing that, but [stammer] at this point, we are.., thank you, Mr. Horton, Madam...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Before Mr. Horton goes, I have one question.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The...

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'll take it back now. What say you to Mr. Henderson's contention that 4.29, No free service, suggests that we can make the adjustments?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I, I think that his interpretation is, is not correct, but I would refer to our District Attorney and ask that he respond to that from a legal perspective.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: In looking at the provision that addresses that issue, I don't think we have that flexibility, and the lack of flexibility is consistent with the advice I've gotten from bond counsel about the obligation of the City to protect the, the money stream in order to secure the promises made to the bondholders. I think the issue that you got before you tonight is not necessarily whether or not it's permitted by the provisions, you want us to come up with a way so that we can provide water to those streets, you know, irrespective of how it's done, you want us to find a way to get that done.

UNK: Thank you.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And it does not have to be the Utility District's money. Okay, fine. But it would be difficult to use the Utility District's money for that purpose. Usually, the maintenance of streets at the level of something that's driven by the general fund.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you. Madam..., Councilwoman. Madam Chair, [inaudible].

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: No, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Are there any more questions and comments from the dais?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. We're at the point of...

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: We need to vote on it.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Oh...

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Vote on Item No. 2.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Board Member...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible]...

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: ...Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Board Member Miller-Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

[Phone noise]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible]. Oh she's, oh she's just on...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Mhmm. Okay. [Pause]. Are.., we have.., do we have any public comment cards?

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Yes, we do and the acceptance of public comment cards has closed for public comments. We have Andre Henderson and Tommy Walker.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

MR. A. HENDERSON: Yeah. I guess this can.., we're, we're conversing. Mr. Horton, I, I would like it to be read into the record because it's very specific under no free service. There's no point in putting this under no free service unless you're going to allow some reasonable request for free service, you would put it somewhere else. So, if it was possible, instead of commenting on it, to read it into record where it would very impli'.., it's very implicate when it says, 'from time to time, the District may create classes, or subclasses, pertaining to the free.., pertaining to the rates and the fees.' And, and it says for the betterment of the community, for the health of the constituents. So, I think instead of us commenting on what it means, we should read it into read so.., it was very specific, and whoever put it in there, put it under no free service because this would come up. But also, with the idea of allowing medians to be built without water...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. A. HENDERSON: ...irrigation or to put in signs without electrical and irrigation, I think that, that's part of what I, I think we're gettin' at is, sometimes decisions are made that are not... , the foresight probably isn't understood. So, we make decisions to build a nice sign then, therefore, we find out if we can put in lighting at night. So, I have one of the issues on Monroe Heights, it signs on both sides, but when you're going to Acre Homes, it, it indicates you're going into Monroe Heights, so I don't know if that's a mistake or.., 'cause when you come into Monroe Heights, it says Monroe Heights, but when you exit Monroe Heights, it says Monroe Heights. So, I'm not sure how.., who was over or what happened because some of the decisions that were made in the electrical and the irrigation and the planting of, of foliage, whatever, whatever was given, it doesn't seem like somebody put this in the right order. So, my, my point of contention would be for us to have foresight in that view. But also, when it's no free.., and I'm not a fan of free water, just so you understand, I don't think we should be giving free water away in the City, what I do think is that we can create some subclasses in which we can reduce rates for the elderly, military or disabled in that we have 1,700 military veterans in the City of Riviera Beach. We have three [stammer], 300 of 'em which are, are Purple Heart veterans, and I think they deserve a special component where they can receive a reduced rate. I don't want 'em to have free rate, but a reduced rate. So, I think if we read that in, I think there's an allocation for us to be able to have that view and put everything else...

Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLERK BURGESS: Tommy Walker.

MR. T. WALKER: Tommy Walker. Good evening.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MR. T. WALKER: I wanna talk a little bit about the water bill. I, I've heard the discussion but it, so it seems that the Board, that we are kinda helpless over the rise, the increases of the water bill. As a elected official, it seems like we should have some type of control over the Utility District and the way our water bills inflate. I, I, I've, I've heard the conversation about the bonds, and all of that. I heard the conversation about the buyback. But, for the future, I see 2019 is already closed, but as elected officials, I think it's imperative that we get some type of control over the increases of our water bill. Point and simple, I'm not gonna beat that dead horse to death.

And Karen took my thought exactly, down... I'm done with that one. But down Martin Luther King, did FDOT put in all that grass with no irrigation, and we..., it came a drought, and it burnt up and it's still looking ugly. I think we should invest in, in a truck, for the time being, until we figure it out. I've seen \$377,000, somewhere we need to figure out how we can get us a little small water truck to take care of all the things that we need to take care of, until we can get it into the budget next year. It, it's, it's not really that hard, it's, it's just that simple. Let's find that money so that we can beautiful here on the westside. It's real simple.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you, Mr. Walker. The..., two... [Pause].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Ms. Hoskins, if you can speak to Mr. Henderson's comments and Mr. Walker's. It's not that we thought that it, it's, it's hard to do, it's that we have to discuss how we're gonna do it here in the, in, in the City. It's not something that we can plan, you know, behind the curtain.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, as it relates to the comments that Mr. Henderson made and the community signs and the, the neighborhood signs, the original RFP, when those signs..., when it was issued, it included the watering and components of electrical. However, the vendor, after he installed the community signs, he kinda walked, he walked away from the project, so we have leftover roughly, \$200,000 from that project that we will be using to go back and..., to go back and fix those, or add those two components to those neighborhood signs. So, we..., it was not that we did not think of those items, or, you know, plan without thinking about the water and the lighting, we did, however, as I stated, the vendor did not finish the project.

And, as it relates to the medians, most of the medians, City medians, include irrigation, however, when we're talking about beautification, we are looking at ways to fund the..., install the plants, beautify the neighborhoods and have those items watered

and continued maintenance of those items. So, we're not planning without thinking ahead and making sure all components are included.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you, Madam Manager, because I don't want the public to thin that we went through such an exercise of putting in the monument signs throughout the City and in the community without adding water, lighting and irrigation, to bring the water there. We are going into phase two because of the fact that the vendor walked away, as you said.

Okay. Let's see.

DISCUSSION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT OR THE CITY MANAGER

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Is there any other discussion, Mr. Executive Director?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. The.., I was gonna give a brief presentation but I did provide Members of the Board with my handout, of a question that was asked by Councilwoman Miller-Anderson. And so, unless there's questions, I'll yield back to the Board.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Madam City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Just to remind you, we do have a workshop scheduled immediately following this meeting. So.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

KM: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Guess I should've said it earlier.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

[Chuckles]

STATEMENTS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Any comments from the Board?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Did I say something out loud?

[Chuckles]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Any comments from the Board?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: None.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: None for me.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. In that case...

[Gavel]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...this meeting's adjourned.

[End of video/audio]

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