

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 5, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT AT MEETING¹:

THOMAS A. MASTERS MAYOR MASTERS

CHAIRPERSON TONYA DAVIS JOHNSON DISTRICT 3
CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON

CHAIR PRO TEM LYNNE L. HUBBARD DISTRICT 1
CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD

COUNCILPERSON KaSHAMBA L. MILLER-ANDERSON DISTRICT 2
COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON

COUNCILPERSON JULIE BOTEL DISTRICT 4 COUNCILPERSON BOTEL

COUNCILPERSON TERENCE DAVIS DISTRICT 5. COUNCILPERSON DAVIS

CITY MANAGER KAREN L. HOSKINS..... CITY MANAGER HOSKINS

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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 5, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening. I'd like to call the Regular City Council Meeting of December 5, 2018 to order.

ROLL CALL

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

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK BURGESS: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Present.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK BURGESS: Chair Tonya Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Lynne Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Julia Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK BURGESS: City Manager Karen Hoskins?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Here.

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

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK BURGESS: You have a quorum.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Let's stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, will you include the memorial for President Bush since this is National Honor Day in his honor?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So noted.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

[Moment of silence]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I pledge allegiance...

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: **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 CHAMBERS AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.**

AGENDA APPROVAL

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

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

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, Madam Chair. I would like to reposition the Agenda and move the Regular Agenda Items to be heard after awards and presentations. Therefore, Item No. 25 will be listed as Item No. 15A, and that's a Resolut'.., Resolution No. 134-18. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida authorizing the purchase of electronic equipment from BSA to upgrade RBTv broadcasts of live meetings, utilizing closed caption standards to fully comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Federal Communications Commission Regulations, authorizing the transfer of \$42,000 from general fund contingency to the

general administration operating supplies, general account number 101-12102-55200 for same, and providing an effective date.

Item No. 26 on the Agenda will be moved to Item 15B, will be repositioned to Item No. 15B, and that's Resolution 135-18. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida recommending project Baden-Baden to be approved as a qualified target industry business for state incentives pursuant to Section 288.106 Florida Statutes, authorizing payments of up to \$27,000 as required as the local required participation for the qualified target industry tax refund program.

Item No. 27 will be moved to Item 15C. And that's Resolution No. 136-18. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera beach, Palm Beach County, Florida authorizing the renewal of liability insurance coverage with Arthur J. Gallagher of Florida and authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to make payments from various City departmental accounts in the estimated amount of \$1,725,286 for liability insurance.

Also, as it relates to Board appointments, I would like to move that under the Regular Agenda and that's Item No. 28.

UNK: 29.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: I'm sorry, 29, will be moved to Item No. 15D, and that's the Mayor's request to reappoint Mrs. Gladys Darville to serve on the General Employees' Pension Board with City Council approval. That's all I have, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Hoskins, why, why did we move those up?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair? We have visitors from each of these..., that will be presenting on these Items and since we have nine Ordinances to discuss, I would rather them waiting to the end of the Agenda to get to these Items, to move them up before we consider the nine Ordinances tonight.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any other additions, deletions or substitutions?

[Pause]

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any disclosures by Council?

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Motion to adopt the Agenda.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

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

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Does Mayor or Council wish to pull any Item from the Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'd like to pull Item No. 8.

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any other Items?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: I would like to pull Item No. 11 because the Attorney has already stated that there's no a need to ratify.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm sorry? You said the Attorney stated?

MAYOR MASTERS: The state., the., Mr. Degraffenreidt stated that there is not a need for the Council to ratify this action because the action has already been taken. Is that right...?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...Mr. Degraffenreidt?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: That is true, but there's some other issues that came up in discussing it with the City Clerk and my assistant that needed to be clarified...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Microphone.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...related to that issue. After [inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Your microphone, please, sir.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: There was some information that was missing in the record relating to those, and after consulting with the Clerk and my assistant, the better course of action was to have two separate Resolutions that clearly reflect what the Board's actions are with respect to those two street naming's.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's fine.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: And Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Manager, you're recognized.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: And the purpose of adding these Items was to ratify and memorialize what you.., what.., the action that took place on October 17th, you made a motion and approved the renaming of the two streets. However, the first Resolution was in draft form and there was not a second Resolution renaming the second street. So, we just wanna make sure the record is clear.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, does that satisfy you?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, it does, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, we will leave it as stated?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...with Item No. 8 pulled.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been moved and properly second. Do we have any public comment cards, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No, Madam Chair. We do not have any public comment cards for the Consent Agenda. [Pause]. Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD AUGUST 21, 2018.
2. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2018.
3. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2018.
4. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP HELD OCTOBER 15, 2018.
5. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17, 2018.
6. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 31, 2018.

CITY CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY (561)845-4090

RESOLUTIONS

7. RESOLUTION NO. 127-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT CITY CLERK ANTHONY AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR LONE PINE PARK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CITY CLERK ANTHONY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR RICHARD BLANKENSHIP (561)845-3411

8.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 8.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 128-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF TWENTY NEW VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$799,271.30 CONSISTING OF EIGHTEEN (18) ON-ROAD VEHICLES IDENTIFIED ON THE CITY'S VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN AND TWO PIECES OF HEAVY STORMWATER EQUIPMENT BY UTILIZING THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION CONTRACT NO. FSA18-VEH26.0, SPECIFICATION #6C, #27, #29, #31, #33, #42, #47 AND #60, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBERS 50330104-564000, 10121101-564000, 5021510-545500, AND 46032101-564000, FOR THE PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$799,271.30 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

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

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, we have Interim Public Works Director Terrence Bailey here to give a presentation and talk about the Item.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: Alright. As is, as is indicated in your backup, this is our annual allocation and purchase of new fleet vehicles. As mentioned, there are twenty vehicles in total. This was gone over, in particular, and allocated during the budget process and, as you know, each new fiscal year, we implement the vehicle replacement plan. There are multiple departments that are getting new vehicles as outlined in the table provided in the backup, for a total of just inside \$800,000. Here's a picture of one of the vehicles that is on the list for replacement and, as you can see why every year we are looking to eliminate vehicles of this nature from the fleet. And, with that, I'll take any questions.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Ma'...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I did not have any questions other than I just wanted a presentation done because of the amount being close to \$800,000. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Please, disregard.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis... Chair Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 129-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RIVIERA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A LASERSHOT USE OF FORCE AND TRAINING SIMULATOR FROM LASERSHOT, INC. AT A COST OF \$58,861.00; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO SET UP A BUDGET FOR THE SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERIM POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL MADDEN (561)845-4130

10. RESOLUTION NO. 130-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE CITY COUNCIL VOTE ON OCTOBER 17, 2018 TO RENAME THE RIGHT OF WAY PRESENTLY KNOWN AS WEST 30TH STREET SPANNING FROM BROADWAY TO AVENUE "T" AS "REV. GRIFFIN DAVIS, SR. STREET"; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERIM DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR JEFF GAGNON (561)845-4060

11. RESOLUTION NO. 131-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE CITY COUNCIL VOTE ON OCTOBER 17, 2018 TO RENAME THE RIGHT OF WAY PRESENTLY KNOWN AS WEST 28TH STREET SPANNING FROM WEST OF AVENUE 'S' CONTINUING TO BROADWAY AS "BISHOP JOHN D. ALEXANDER STREET"; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERIM DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR JEFF GAGNON (561)845-4060

12. RESOLUTION NO. 132-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO NOTICE AND PREPARE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019 AND RUN-OFF ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 26, 2019, IF NECESSARY; SAID ELECTION(S) SHALL BE HELD WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVES FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) 1, 3, AND 5 AND THE MAYORAL SEAT, RESPECTIVELY; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO DESIGNATE VOTING CITY CLERK ANTHONY; APPOINT AND SCHEDULE TRAINING FOR THE CITY'S ELECTION BOARD, IF NECESSARY; APPOINT THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH CITY CLERK CANVASSING BOARD; ASSIGNING THE CITY CLERK ALL APPURTENANT DUTIES THERETO AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY'S CHARTER AND CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY (561)845-4090

13. RESOLUTION NO. 133-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE TO PROVIDE FOR THE 2019 ELECTION RELATED SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO CITY CLERK ANTHONY FOR THE CONVENING OF THE CITY'S CITY CLERK CANVASSING BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 102, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY (561)845-4090

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS ON CONSENT

14. INLET GROVE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL - \$1,000 - COUNCILWOMAN JULIA BOTEL FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

15. CITY CLERK ANTHONY: PROCLAMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF OUR CITY LEGEND AND HERO, RETIRED JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll ask Pro Tem Lynne Hubbard to come down to the podium and help me with this presentation. [Pause]. Madam Chair, the reason why I'm asking Chair Pro Tem Lynne Hubbard to assist me in this, this effort, because I think everybody knows that she had a very special relationship with Judge Edward Rodgers, particularly in his last months here, before getting gravely ill. She actually provided transportation for him to the doctor, this place to that place, and she was there when others weren't, including me. So, I wanted her to share because of the closeness of Lynne to the family. Councilwoman Lynne Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, honoring the life and legacy of our local legend and hero, Judge Edward Rodgers.

WHEREAS, Honorable retired Judge Edward Rodgers was an icon and mentor to many people in Florida, in Riviera Beach, the City he called home, and to the citizens that he faithfully and compassionately served here. He will always be our local legend and hero. Having moved to South Florida during a time when blacks couldn't sit in restaurants

to eat, swim in the City pool, or tee off on the public golf courses throughout West Palm Beach, Judge Edward Rodgers chose to live in the City of Riviera Beach, a community he dearly loved; and

WHEREAS, seeing Judge on the bench in his long black robe was an awesome sight on any given day of the week. It was his weekend court hearings in Riviera Beach that excited the Judge the most as he handed down humanitarian sentences to young drug offenders. Judge Rodgers believed that his Saturday drug court, where he sent youth to treatment centers instead of jail, was the best way to save hundreds, if not thousands, of families from the ills of drugs and alcohol abuse. The U.S. Supreme Court apparently agreed, awarding him the prestigious Jefferson Award for his initiative of benevolence. Judge Rodgers considered the establishment of his nontraditional Saturday drug court hearings his most satisfying personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, carrying both sides of this waterfront City, and first run for political office, winning a covenant seat on the Riviera Beach City Council, Judge Rodgers' leadership skills were on clear display. The Judge stately possessed the unique ability to lead with distinction and skillfully exercise compromise to achieve consensus among his fellow Council Members, therein uplifting the spirit of residents, businesses, visitors and other stakeholders which were always at the forefront of his decision making. Judge Rodgers introduced the practice of having an Agenda review session before the Council meetings, ensuring Members clearly understood every issue about to be discussed. He personally hoped the review sessions would be instrumental in curtailing Council meetings preventing them from lasting too long into the night because he said jokingly, 'I'm an old man, I need my beauty rest.'

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: WHEREAS, some life changes generations while others require little to no pondering at all. In 2003, his former classmate, a longtime Congressman, our longtime Congressman Alcee Hastings, proposed renaming the federal post office on Blue Heron Boulevard after our local legend and hero. In less than a year's time, it was complete. By spring 2004, the City rededicated the Judge Edward Rodgers United States Post Office, Riviera Beach, Florida, I was truly blessed to have been asked to give the Invocation by Judge Rodger's at the ceremony; and

WHEREAS, I would be remiss to not take this opportunity to acknowledge the Judge Edward Rodgers' efforts in a multitude of civic reformation prompted the highest acclaim. Accordingly, as an activist and legal eagle, he vividly championed human and civil rights, and equality across all racial, gender, ethnic and social economic groups. The Judge provided invaluable counselling on many issues in Riviera Beach. He was so diplomatic at expressing his opinions. One could often leave a conversation with Judge Edward Rodgers believing that his ideas were really your own. Case in point, height restrictions for Singer Island development is in large part, the results of Judge Rodgers' opposition to putting high rise condos on the public beach. Judge Edward Rodgers was also a strong supporter of renaming Old Dixie in honor of the 44th president, President Barack Obama Highway; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Judge Edward Rodgers was a close confidant to this Mayor and a good friend to Councilwoman Lynne Hubbard. Their relationship were resilient and emotional during the swearing in ceremonies that the Judge performed for each, after their 26th election, and I was honored to be sworn in, along with Councilwoman Hubbard, by Judge Rodgers. Yes, Judge Rodgers was revered as an icon by many people in this state, but to the City and to the citizens of Riviera Beach, Florida, as well, the Honorable Judge Edward Rodgers will always be our local legend and hero.

And I am assured and thankful for his endearment, his everything, that he did for our City with the drug program, the court, and I'm sure in his spirit, he would be well pleased to know that on December the 13th, at 10:00 a.m., we're having a special job fair only for ex-felons and those lives that have been wrecked by drugs and alcohol, who deserve a second change and a job; and

WHEREAS, AND NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Bishop Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the residents of this great City, I do hereby proclaim to our residents, on behalf of our residents, RESOLVE Employee No. 5379, and proclaim the week of October 22nd to October 28th, commencing in 2019 in perpetuity, as the Honorable Judge Edward Rodgers Week, in the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, to reflect and remember the life and legacy of an accomplished public servant, our believed Judge Edward Rodgers. An original of this memorial Proclamation shall be placed in the hands of the Rodgers' Family, and an original will be placed by the City Clerk in the official records of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida to be affixed on this 27th day of October, 2018 A.D.

And I would like to ask at this time, those of you who personally knew Judge Rodgers, would you please stand.

Attested to your standing, I, Bishop Thomas A. Masters, have signed this Proclamation as Mayor of the City, signed by Claudene L. Anthony, CMC, City Clerk.

Thank you. Let's give a hand please, in honor of Judge Rodgers.

[Applause]

[Pause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, are you ready to proceed?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Please.

15A.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Where now onto Item No. 15A.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FROM BSA TO UPGRADE RBTV BROADCASTS OF LIVE MEETINGS, UTILIZING CLOSED CAPTION STANDARDS TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION REGULATIONS, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$42,000 FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OPERATING SUPPLIES, GENERAL ACCOUNT NUMBER 101-12102-552000 FOR SAME, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Second.

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

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, this Item is to address needed equipment for RBTV 18 so we will be in compliance with the ADA...

MAYOR MASTERS: Requirements.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ADA Act. As stated in the backup documentation, a complaint was filed against the City of West Palm Beach concerning noncompliance, so this Item is to purchase needed equipment for RBTV 18.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Do we have any public comment cards on this Item?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do not have any public comment cards for this Item.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any questions or comments from the Board?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I have a question that's somewhat tangential, not exactly related to this but we've had a problem on Singer Island that some of our condos not being able to get Channel 18. Is that something that's being worked on? Do you know?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am. And it's not a.., as you stated, it's not related to this. I believe it has to do with the cable company or what that they're using. I know Walter has been working with one of the companies to get that, that Item fixed.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So, that's gonna be resolved...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...in short order? Thank you.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: No other questions.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

15B.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 15B.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING PROJECT BADEN-BADEN TO BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS FOR STATE INCENTIVES PURSUANT TO SECTION 288.106 FLORIDA STATUTES, AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS OF UP TO \$27,000 AS THE REQUIRED LOCAL PARTICIPATION FOR THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Second.

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

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, we were recently contacted by Gary Hines of the Business Development Board, and Baden-Baden is the code name. There's a company that's looking to move to Riviera Beach but they are..., they wanna keep their name confidential. So, Mr. Hines, if you don't mind, if you can..., would come up and answer any questions that you may have. They are looking to bring jobs to the City, move their company to the City. Average paying job is \$58,000. They're looking to bring..., hire approximately forty-five..., forty-five employees. Mr. Hines.

MR. G. HINES: Thank you, City Manager. For the record, Gary Hines, Business Development Board of Palm Beach County. It's actually not to bring you forty-five employees, it's, it's..., if they locate...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Hiring, I'm sorry.

MR. G. HINES: ...their expansion here, they would create forty-five new jobs. And, obviously, the hope would be they will hire locally to fill those, those good paying jobs. This is an expansion. We are..., we're working closely with Enterprise Florida, our state partner in economic development. They have validated this to be a bona fide project and our competition, serious competition, is Atlanta, Georgia. I don't wanna lose this project to Georgia, I wanna win it here for Riviera Beach. And, the, the Enterprise Florida is already approved a, a QTI incentive but per the state statute, creating this incentive program, it requires a local match. Obviously, the, the community is gonna get benefit of the capital investment and, in this case, it would be a \$30,000,000 capital investment they will spend if they locate this expansion here, and the jobs will all be for this community.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON...questions?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes, please.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem, you're recognized.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Where would, not specifically, but in what general area would they be looking to move?

MR. G. HINES: Yes, ma'am. They have identified the Blue Heron Boulevard corridor, which is [stammer] light industrial business district.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: West or east of 95?

MR. G. HINES: [Pause].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: That's my concern.

MR. G. HINES: I believe, I believe it'd be east of ni'.., east of 95.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are you done, Chair Pro Tem?

MAYOR MASTERS: No. Go ahead. I'll come back.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The.., okay. Would it be out in our [stammer], more an industrial area, you would say, as opposed to the Australian, Barack Obama area? Just trying to not get so.., not to bog you down specifically, but to show you what I'm.., where I'm going.

MR. G. HINES: I'd love to say more but I'm bound by confidentiality also, and I just, you know.., they, they, they have.., the state and I have signed a confidentiality agreement that we will not...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes. And [stammer]...

MR. G. HINES: ...disclose it.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: And again, that's why I was telling you I did not.., I wasn't trying to get you specifically because, depending.., when you say light industrial, I was trying to determine whether it was, you know, more toward Barack Obama or we have a bona fide industrial area, which we consider Garden Road and all out there, that's a commerce industrial area. So, I was just trying to get to the point of where, and what type of area it was going in.

MR. G. HINES: And I'm, as we said, you know, that's the general area that they're looking at, for, for this expansion.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Gary, good to see you again, tonight.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

MR. G. HINES: Good to see you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: You did... I, I did hear you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I heard his voice before I heard yours earlier.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: May I proceed?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You may proceed, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. It's always good to see you and thank you for having the opportunity working closely with you as we have worked together on projects in the past in bringing businesses to our City, as well as expanding businesses in our City. You've done a good job and I look forward to the expansion and relation of this business to Riviera Beach, particularly as it is going to.., and I know you know how the Mayor has always stated, 'Bring local jobs for the residents of, of our City.' So, we look forward to that. And also, I'm thankful that you know that Riviera Beach is better than Atlanta, isn't it? So, we're gonna keep it here, and not go...

MR. G. HINES: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS...to Georgia. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: For the jobs, would they be jobs where the people will automatically, if they're qualified, they can go? If there are individuals that are in need of training, would they be providing training?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That was my question. [Inaudible].

MR. G. HINES: I do not know the answer to that. I would think, if there's certain basic skills, they.., there would be on the job training, possibly, but I, I.., that's a question we'll have to.., be forwarded to the company should they select this area.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further questions? Comments?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you so much. Thank you, Mr. Hines, once again choosing Riviera Beach.

Just like before on previous projects coming to the City where we provide a local match, typically, there's a training.., there's a plan of action, being very specific about that was presented to the Board on what type of route you will be taking on a training program, or what would be some of the local partners we will use to make sure that there's an effort to make sure the people are qualified for a specific type of skillset without compromising the project. I would like to know why hasn't that taken place at this time, for this particular Item?

MR. G. HINES: Again, the company, from what I know of the company, they, they train and, and offer, offer the opportunity for employees offer mobility once, once they're onboard.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Does that conclude your questions?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah, just to digress one moment, but still on point. I, I'm not for sure if you realize, but we do have a, a new business...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...that just opened up in Riviera Beach and when you get an opportunity, please stop by the next couple of days and get them connected with your Business Development Board. It's a new dialysis facility that we've never had in the City, and I know you always like to know so I apologize for not letting you know, but we cut the ribbon about a week ago. See...

MR. G. HINES: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...the Chief of Staff.

MR. G. HINES: Thank you. I'd love to meet with that company.

MAYOR MASTERS: I thought so. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

15C.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 15C.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER OF FLORIDA, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENTS FROM VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$1,725,286 FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, this is the renewal of our annual liability insurance coverage. As you note, I think the last couple of years, we moved the date from October 1st to December 15th to get out of not having the renewal during hurricane season. So, if you have any questions, we do have representatives from Arthur J. Gallagher here to answer any questions you may have.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any questions or comments? [Pause]. I do have a question, please. The various accounts that are spoken of, what are those various accounts? I...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: We have accounts set up in the general fund, where it's transferred to the liability insurance fund in order to pay for these expenses. So, those

are the operating accounts in the general fund, the enterprise funds, which would include Utility Special District, stormwater and the internal service funds.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So there's no breakout when it says from various departments? I know that there's a centralized area. I'm just interested in...

[Inaudible background comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON...knowing the specific departmental budgets. Am I...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON...understanding...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: The, the budgets are.., if you... In the budget document, each operating account has an account and it's called [pause] liability insurance.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So [Inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: For example...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON...directed back to the document to identify those department'.., those departmental lines?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes. If you'd like, I can send you the details.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I would. Please, if...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON...you will. Thank you. Were there any public comment cards?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No, Madam Chair. There are no public comment cards for this Item.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Please proceed.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

15D.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item 15D.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: MAYOR'S REQUEST TO REAPPOINT MS. GLADYS DARVILLE TO SERVE ON THE GENERAL EMPLOYEE'S PENSION BOARD WITH CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been moved and properly second. Any public comment cards on this?

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Comment from the Council?

UNK: None.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDNANCES ON FIRST READING

16.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we are now back to Item No. 16.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ORDNANCE NO. 4119. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER PURSUANT TO THIS COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD, AS SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED, REVISED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 166.031, FLORIDA STATUTES, SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING NONINTERFERENCE CLAUSE AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019, PROVIDING NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION, PROVIDING FOR BALLOTING AND ELECTION PROCEDURES, PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second.

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

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do have public comment cards on Item No. 16. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed. Edwin Ferguson.

MR. E. FERGUSON: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening, sir.

MR. E. FERGUSON: Very briefly. In regard to the Charter Review, our goal, and I'm speaking as Vice Chair of the Board. I'm, I'm looking for our Chair but I.., I'm sure he'll be here shortly but, in any event, the goal of the Board was to try to attack those areas of the Charter where there inconsistencies. In speaking with, with ya'll, we had a workshop, I guess it woulda been back in August now, or...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: October.

MR. E. FERGUSON: ...September. October?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: October.

MR. E. FERGUSON: Time is flying for me. October. This seemed to be one where there was a, almost a consensus amongst you as far as shaking your head in the affirmative that this is something that we need to implement. So, keeping in mind of the fact that no part of the Charter can be looked at, at a microscope, you have to kinda look at it holistically. I will submit to you that if, if this is presented to the voters, that No. 19, which would be the one in regard to the Mayor's ability to suspend, must be presented as well. Because, to give the Mayor the ability to suspend, any Mayor the ability to, to suspend, would be tantamount to interfering with the City Manager's executive duty to hire, fire, suspend or what have you. To me, that's no different and, when I say to me, I recall that the majority of the Board, I remember the exact vote, but it was overwhelmingly that we presented this to you, but to have the Mayor to be able to suspend but then not have you all to say.., go and speak to a department head or speak to the City Manager and say, 'Hey, you need to do this or do that,' that is kind of an inconsistency. So, I would request that you all consider that if you present this interference clause to the electorate for consideration, that you also present to them, for consideration, the removal from the Charter of the Mayor's ability to suspend because that is, potentially, [stammer], potential interference. And I believe the language of the interference with the administration specifically says that neither you, nor the Mayor, can do those things. Thank you for your time.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair that completes the public comment cards on this Item.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any comments from the Board?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I was.., I'm glad the Attorney is coming. I was gonna ask him, is that your understanding?

MR. D. WOLPIN: No...

MAYOR MASTERS: Of that?

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...Mr. Mayor, I do not...

MAYOR MASTERS: I didn't think so.

MR. D. WOLPIN...agree with the Vice Chairman's assessment. If I may, I'd like...

[Inaudible background comment]

MR. D. WOLPIN: David Wolpin on behalf of the Charter Review Advisory Board, Special Counsel to that Board. Would you like me to address...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible background comment]

MR. D. WOLPIN...the revision to the noninterference clause that was made as directed at the November 28th meeting?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Briefly, sir.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Excuse me?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Briefly, sir.

MR. D. WOLPIN: I'll make it very briefly. Basically, on Page 2 of the Ordinance, they added a few sentences to the noninterference text. One addition says that this provision shall not prohibit advising appropriate City personnel of the need for a assistance with City assigned computers or equipment. Another addition was to clarify that, in the cl'.., the sentence that says it is the express intent of this Charter provision that recommendations for improvement in City government operations by individual Council Members or the Mayor, be made solely to and through, through the City Manager, along with recommendations we added, or suggestions. Later on down, we added to the following, the Ma'.., where it says the Mayor and Council Members may discuss with the City Manager, any matter of City business, we added, 'And may notify the City Manager of problems.' Finally, we added a last sentence that said, 'However, a malfeasance shall not be found to exist under this Charter provision, unless due process, including notice and an opportunity to be heard, is first provided to the alleged violator in accordance with procedures established by City Ordinance.'

I'd be happy to answer any questions at this time, otherwise, I would request the Council to adopt this proposed Ordinance on first reading. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir. Any questions or comments from the Board? Madam Clerk.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh no. He answered. Basically, I just wanted to know that you didn't agree with the previous speaker.

MR. D. WOLPIN: That's correct. Those are two separate Items...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I'm sorry.

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...and, in accordance with the...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...Council direction at the last meeting, each of the nine Charter amendments is separately presented.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, your understanding of it is different from what the previous speaker said. Is that...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: ... right? Thank...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...you, sir.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: That was it for me.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem, you're recognized.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes, thank you. In., one thing I think about the Charter, as with our Constitution, it's not supposed to be something that we can willy-nilly change. I think that, as [stammer], as this type of government that we have in place, the Council Members, as well as the City Manager, knows what Items have to be brought back to the Council, so we all may go and request different things to fo'.., to, you know, too move our agenda, or our District, but certain things the City Manager, even herself will say, needs to come back before the Council. I don't think that we should try to put everything into the, the City.., the City's Char'.., Charter. If there is something that we need to deal with up here and our own separately, or we need to bring out, I think we should, but to take everything and try to put it into the City Charter, I don't think that would do us good in the, in the, [stammer], in the long run. Those are my comments, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Any additional comments?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I would like to ask the Attorney that's, that's presented before us, in your analysis of how we move forward with this particular Item, how many cities' forms of government are very similar to the way we are structured, City Manager form of government, still has the Mayor with suspension power? Have we done an assessment?

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right. That, that's a separate Item. That's not part of this Ordinance, that's come' later..., that comes later in your Agenda. So...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. D. WOLPIN ...so I'd be..., I would respectfully request I answer that at that time, 'cause this one, you had me break up the Ordinance into nine separate Ordinances, and this first one just deals with the noninterference clause. As far as his sus'...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, okay.

MR. D. WOLPIN...suspension power of the Mayor, it is unique, but...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

MR. D. WOLPIN...it's been in your Charter for a long [inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So, you're talking about suspension..., no, I'm sorry, noninterference.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right. This is a clause that really...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I, I, I get what you're saying, but here's what I...

MR. D. WOLPIN: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I do believe that the majority of the Charter is very tight, the way it's already structured, it's very clear on what people can do when you're talking about interference or noninterference with the City Manager or any department head in the City. As far as addition or deleting anything from it, I think it's very clear to where it's already standing. This is an Item that I think, to be discussing it, I think it's cool to discuss it, but it's already clear what we can and can't do. So, to take this back out to have the voters vote on something that we're already clear on what we can do, is..., we need to focus on Items that has that gap of confusion about moving forward. Like, for instance, when you talked about a later Item, term limits, that's something that we never really discussed. But this, I mean, it's very clear what we can and can't do. There's some things in place that monitors that, that has controls on that, [stammer], there's outside agencies that's already doing that job. But...

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS...that's where I stand when it comes to that. It's already..., it's very clear that we do not need to monitor each other, there are agencies in place to do, do these things, already in place. So...

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you. Could I please have a reminder for myself and my colleagues about what our decision was the other evening, with regard to having conversations about each of these nine items? I believe we said that we would discuss them that evening and just have a simple yes or no vote for this evening. Is that not what we decided?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No. No.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes. She can reread it from the Minutes if you want her to..

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I think in..., excuse me, I, I think in, in, in the essence of time, we decided the other evening that we would have our conversations that evening so that this evening we could spend the majority of our time discussing the important topic of hiring a City Attorney and move through these quickly, so as not to have a..., extensive debate on each topic. Is that not what we decided?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, of course we decided it. However, what we do and what we decide are two very different things.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Exactly.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: If they wish...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON...to abide by the decision, then certainly we will entertain that behavior, but it is difficult to corral individuals and force them to follow the process in which we indicated we would embark upon on this evening.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, you are correct in your comment, however...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: In the conversation prior to that taking place, there was a motion on the floor to end the meeting, with the understanding that we may come back, break this out, with the understanding this may take place but then there was never a motion to say, 'Hey, [inaudible],' with the intent that we don't spend a lot of time, like what Councilperson Botel is stating in this meeting. I just wanna be very specific, I said very little, if anything, in that last meeting because a lot of those conversations went extremely long and just for time sake, I thought I'd pause on some particular Items to share my opinion on to, to this date. But in the last meeting, I said very little about it, but there may be one or two Items that I wanna be very clear on the record on, on how I feel about it. I just chose to defer to this meeting because the last meeting got a little long, with some of the Items in particular. But, the intent, you're correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Madam Chair? If I may?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Wolpin.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Just to say that of the nine Charter amendments, this first one was the only one that I made a standard revision to from the last meeting. Except at that other one that has a second version, is the term limit one where...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. G. WOLPIN...an alternate version I have provided to you. We can address that when I get to it, if that helps. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just for the record, I do agree with the two previous speakers, Councilwoman Lynne Hubbard and Councilman Terence Davis, I do agree.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir. Madam...

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON...Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: When we met the last time and, and spoke about this, I know I recall mentioning about the word recommendation or suggestion, and I see that is still in there. I just wanna be clear, I.., and, and like I did at the last meeting, I did certainly agree with the level of City Council giving the individual demands of the City Manager, but with the wordings or recommendations and suggestions, to me, that does not suggest that we have, as a collective, authority over the City Manager. So, I don't.., still don't see how that distinction is made. Because of the fact that it says...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON...we can recommend to her.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Suggest.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So that, that's my only issue with it, but I certainly don't agree with each individual person going making individual demands. But it just, to me, it seems...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON...by seeing the recommendations and suggestions, that we do not have the authority over the City Manager as a whole. And so that's where.., where's the distinction in there? If you could point that out so that I'm clear as to how that distinction is outlined.

MR. D. WOLPIN: If I may, the distinction would be that each Council Member can make recommendations and suggestions to the City Manager, but a Council Member cannot individually give an order to the City Manager...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

MR. D. WOLPIN...if this provision is put on the ballot and adopted by the voters.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But what does it say in there to say what you just said. It is...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Yeah. It...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON...not really said like...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right..

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON...that.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Yeah. Because it said...

MAYOR MASTERS: Direct [inaudible]...

MR. D. WOLPIN: It says here that, uh, [pause], let me just find the particular section.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: An individual Council Member shall give orders.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Where do you see that?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: However, no [inaudible]...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Well, I had pointed those out just before, but now I, I need to...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Inaudible]...

MR. D. WOLPIN...find it again.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL...on the slide.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right. Where we say this provision shall not prohibit advising appropriate City personnel of the need for assistance with City assigned computers or equipment, likewise, it says the Mayor and Council Members may discuss with the City Manager, any matter of City business and may notify the City Manager of problems. It also says it's the express intent of this Charter provision that recommendations or suggestion for improvement in City government operations by individual Council Members, or the Mayor, be made solely to and through the City Manager. So, that means that, if this is adopted as part of the Charter, you could feel comfortable individually, in making recommendations and suggestions to the Manager, but you would not cross the line of giving the Manager an order.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Right.

MR. G. WOLPIN: You would not order her to do something, you would suggest, 'Listen, I'm suggesting that something be done with the county to make sure the traffic lights function better at President Barack Obama Highway intersection.' You would not say, 'I order you to go speak with the county and get that traffic light timing improved.' If I can..., if that..., if that's a helpful example.

But, once again, each of these is up to the Council as to whether or not to put them on the ballot.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam... [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead. I mean... [Chuckle].

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm done. That's what I wanted to say. I'm done, so.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Chair Pro Tem, you're recognized.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: We.., if we are going to have a, a, a strong City Manager form of government, and we are to be responsible at the end of the day, whatever Staff, the City Manager or the Attorney does, we'll be, we'll be held responsible. No one goes in and demand' that the City Manager does anything. I think we all ask her for specific and certain things. If, in fact, she thinks that that requires three votes, she says I need to bring that back to the Council before I move forward on it.' But there is no way that we, as a body, can be held responsible for what happens if we have no authority to, to ask for things to be done throughout the City. I.., and, and I don't think that anybody up here is that disrespectful or dogmatic in their asking for anything through the management. But that is what we are charged with. In one part of the Charter, we're charged with overseeing the City Manager and the Attorney, and then now you say that you want to tie our hands to execute the things that need to be done. And I, I think everybody is relatively pleasant and relatively, you know, adult-wise to, to know how to ask for certain things to, to take place, and every City Manager knows what has to come back to this Council when it takes three votes to have that done.

So, I don't' think that this is.., this is necessary, and as I said before, our Constitution, our Charter is not something willy-nilly that we need to change every time the, the wind blows.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: And a Constitution is just that, it's supposed to be difficult to change.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I, I think that we must understand that the City Manager, the City Attorney, work for us, and we don't work for them. So, there's not a business or agency that I can think of in the country where somebody works for you, you should be able, as Councilwoman Hubbard suggested and said, to be able to say, 'I need you to look at this and I'd like for an, an, an answer within two days.' That's the way this City has always operated. Now, if it's something major, as she stated, the City Manager would use commons sense, which is the sense that makes all other senses nonsense and say, 'This matter is of such magnitude, Mr. Mayor, Councilwoman, Councilman, this needs to go to the.., to the full Council.' Just like tonight, we've got something that I wasn't aware of, to be ratified, that the Manager brought to the full Council.

So, I think that, based on what I've heard, there's not a need to reinvent the wheel. Mr. Davis said there are agencies that are already in place. The Governor has done that, and it's a matter of.., we have the OIG to make sure this doesn't happen...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible background comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...we have the Palm Beach County Ethics Commission, if any of us are in violation. We also have the state. We have all kinds of agencies that are set up to govern any of this interference, so-called interference. So, I agree with all three speakers. Thank you. I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further comment?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Call the question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

17.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 17.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: **ORDINANCE 4120. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER PURSUANT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD AS SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED, REVISED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 116.031,**

FLORIDA STATUTES, SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING TERM LIMITS AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019, PROVIDING NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION, PROVIDING FOR BALLOTING AND ELECTION PROCEDURES, INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Second?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a second? It's been motioned...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do have...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON...and properly second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards for this Item is now closed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, as Attorney Wolpin mentioned earlier, I did send you all alternative language relating to this particular Item. Attorney Wolpin, if you wanna speak on it.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Manager.

As an alternative version of this Ordinance, this Ordinance on the Agenda provides a partial retroactive impact, is that if someone has already served three terms when this Charter amendment is adopted by the voters, they'll only be allowed to serve one more term. However, the alternative version that has been provided, creates term limits strictly for the future only. It has only a prospective, or future aspect if approved by the voters. It doesn't have any retroactive effect. So, you, you all could decide whether to move ahead with the alternative version or the originally presented version at your discretion. Either way, it'll be subject to approval of the voters.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is everyone familiar with the alternative language?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes. [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Be happy to read the alternative version, if desired.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Please do.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Would you like that, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I think that's going to be important because if there is going to be a vote on the alter'.., alternative language...

MR. D. WOLPIN: I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON...we will have to dispense of this first motion for the original language to go before that revised...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...language.

MR. D. WOLPIN: The alternative version would state that beginning with the terms served commencing in 2019, no individual shall be elected to the office of City Council Member for more than three consecutive terms, irrespective of the district for which the individual is elected to serve. Beginning with the term served commencing in 2019, no individual shall be elected to serve as Mayor for more than three consecutive terms.

So, this alternate version would strictly apply for the future, it wouldn't have any retroactive element or aspect to it, everyone would be on, so to speak, you know, a level playing field. So, if you'd like, if you prefer this alternate version, which has been distributed...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...you may, subject to approval of the City Attorney, you may revise the motion to, you know, refer to that alternate version in lieu of the initially presented one, at your pleasure.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Was there...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk, we'll do public comment and then we'll handle the...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's good. I like that.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Reverend William Burrs, Horace Towns.

REVEREND W. BURRS: Madam Chair, Council. I was... Good evening. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

I didn't know which Items to put on No. 2 because I didn't have a Agenda when we came in. I'm just going through it, so I just put Item and Item, but, no problem with the.., if you all wanna go to terms limits. But I was listening [stammer].., unfortunately, last week, I think it was, I was having to.., I didn't know there was a meeting and I happened to been turning my channel and I saw ya'll was going through the, uh, the Charter changing and none of it I saw was just ridiculous, be honest.., far as I'm concerned. I think what that, what ya'll oughta do, if ya'll would do this, before ya'll send any of this to a referendum, why don't ya'll call a Council.., a town hall meeting, let all the citizens come together and discuss these issues, 'cause some of 'em are ridiculous.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's true.

REVEREND W. BURRS: Ya'll said ya'll wanna represent the citizens. Before ya'll even much vote to send this to a referendum,, why don't ya'll have a open forum meeting where the citizens could come together and discuss these Items one by one, uh, before you do that, because you represent the citizens. I was lookin' at one section of it, I think that's 20, I just found that, that a City Manager, if you hire one, he could come in and get rid of everybody he like, and, uh, bring in his own group from wherever. That's ridiculous. I think I heard that, in, in that meeting, he, correct me if I'm wrong, that before you could fire a City Manager, the citizens would have to have a meeting and decide on that, ridiculous as well. Ridiculous.

Now, let's don't talk about the person, let's talk about the position. If the c'.., if, if the citizen' have, have a lotta say in whether you fire a City Manager or not, why not a City Attorney? Didn't say anything about the City Attorney, and I think that's not fair. So, if ya'll have the nerve enough, somebody to say, 'Before we send this to a referendum, let's have a town hall meeting with all the citizens that'll come out and discuss this. Bec'.., you know, ya'll represent us. I can't understand why ya'll wanna do this, instead of just pressing it through and wanna send it to a referendum.

There's a lotta other things on, on these Items that don't make sense, that, uh, ya'll need to just... I thought that.., first of all, when they canceled this Charter Committee group before, I thought it was over with, until I looked at it on the.., last week, I think it was, when ya'll [inaudible] discussing these Items. So, is anybody up thee willing to have a town hall meeting with the citizens to discuss these issue?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Sure.

REVEREND W. BURRS: Huh?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Sure.

REVEREND W. BURRS: Only you, why don't you call one...

MAYOR MASTERS: I am.

REVEREND W. BURRS ...because... You and the Mayor. Why don't ya'll do that? Ya'll say you represent the citizens. Let us have some input on this, because some of this need to be thrown out, and gotten rid of. You know? But, uh, I understand, because I remember at, at a meeting, one of the persons that are running for Council said they are..., if ya'll hire a City Manager, they are willing to fire that City Manager and bring Jonathan back. From their lips to my ears. That don't make sense. And some of this seem like that's what's a part of, it's Charter Committee business. Now..., and they're taking all the power from the City Council and put it in the hand of a City Manager. So, if ya'll wanna do that, why not..., I'm not talking about the City, the person, I'm talking about the position. Do the City Attorney the same way, if you're gonna do that, but I don't agree with it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

REVEREND W. BURRS: But it seem like ya'll don't wanna..., it seem like ya'll don't even wanna even [inaudible] the citizen'..., where you don't have to have no three minutes to come and discuss these things, do it ya'll way, forget about the citizen. That don't make sense.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: I do agree with the previous speaker to this extent, I do recall when we were having a discussion of who the master developer should be, with the CRA. One of the respected members of our community said, on the record, that this had not been vetted in the community, no one really had any kinda input on the Charter. I know you had Charter meetings, only five people showed up, probably from the community, but it certainly was not vetted to any large extent, form different communities, different areas, and I think, when you start tampering with, and I'm gonna use that word, Charter, there needs to be a lotta public input. This should not be a hatchet job or a rush job and I thank the committee for doing the best that they, they could do, but if people don't..., didn't show up, it's not their fault, but it does..., it needs to be promoted and advertised, and [inaudible] not just one town hall meeting, but in different parts of, of the City and see how the residents feel about some of these so-called amendments.

The other thing is, the word amend means to amend, to add on. To change something, it would be repeal. It seems like most of all this, what I'm reading, is changing, repealing, and not amending. And, as it relates to term limits, we need to be very careful in addressing term limits. No disrespect to Attorney Ferguson, but we just had an election where Dr. Robinson won another term by large numbers of the voters, all over the county. If there had been a term limit in, Dr. Robinson could not have won, she would not have been eligible. Congressman Alcee Hastings, whose name I reference today, has been our Congressman for several years. The residents have had an opportunity to vote for him more than one term, more than two, more than three. Now, if they were not satisfied with Congressman Alcee Hastings, and I believe we all are, most of us, 'cause we voted

and we have constantly voted for him. If they were not satisfied with Dr. Debra Robinson, she would not have won. So, I think the real term limit, is the people's right to vote who they want back, and who they want out. So, I think we should look at this in a global, in a much broader perspective. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Please proceed, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Horace Towns.

MR. H. TOWNS: Horace towns, Riviera Beach. [Pause]. Horace Towns, Riviera Beach.

I, I'm thankful to the Board that., the Charter Board, for all their time that they have invested in some of the changes. I do say tonight, humbly, with the tradition of this Council, and many others, each Item has been broken down, and we will have conversation, conversation and conversation, we're probably gonna end up here 'til 11:00 or 12:00. So possibly, I thought that we would address Item, I believe, 28? Discussion about the new Attorney, instead of at the end of the night.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No. It's in its proper place.

MR. H. TOWNS: So, we're gonna...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MR. H. TOWNS: So that's 12:00 o'clock?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Based on direction by Council, that Item was placed as it was, but hopefully, we will adhere to the rules that we set in place at the last meeting.

MR. H. TOWNS: Okay. I can, you know, I was being hopeful. But I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

MR. H. TOWNS: ...will say, we've had a meeting before about the Charter, and it's here tonight, and if people., if Council have had time to go through the Charter, and I don't wanna think that we're being political by speaking in redundance but, if we can go through that, I would be grateful.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, that completes public comments on this Item.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Oaky. Any further...

UNK: [Inaudible whisper].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...any further comment? Madam Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes, Councilwoman.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We're..., this is the...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh, we need to...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...term limits. We were gonna rescind...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:...if we wanted to...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL:... [inaudible] motion.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...do that. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I was directing the Madam..., the, the Clerk to tell us the action that we need to, to have happen before we move forward, so, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, the heading for both Ordinances is the same. I just need for you all to state which, [pause], the change was in the body of the Ordinance, but the heading of the Ordinance is the same. So, the person who made the motion was Councilperson Botel, and the second was made by Councilperson Miller-Anderson to amend the motion to state that which verbiage, which [stammer], original or the alternate you want accepted.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you. I would like to amend my motion to reflect the change made by the Attorney.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

[Inaudible dais comment.]

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

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Hubbard dissenting.

18.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 18.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ORDINANCE NO. 4121. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER PURSUANT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD AS SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED, REVISED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 166.031 FLORIDA STATUTES, SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING ELIMINATING NEED FOR SECOND RUNOFF ELECTIONS AND CITY CLERK ANTHONY A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER, TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019, PROVIDING NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION, PROVIDING FOR BALLOTING, AND ELECTION PROCEDURES, INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do have public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed. [Pause]. Would you like to proceed with public comment at this time?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tommy Walker, Mary Brabham.

[Audience chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: Don't, don't beat him up, Ms. Brabham.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: Don't hurt him. [Chuckles].

MR. T. WALKER: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Chair.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening.

MR. T. WALKER: Now, this is.., outta all the Ordinance' that we put on this thing, this is the only one that I really want to talk about, 'cause I know we're not gonna have it, right? Is this one where you pull the.., your name out the hat?

[Inaudible comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't know, is it?

UNK: Yes.

MR. T. WALKER: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: This is the hat one?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. T. WALKER: Outta the nine proposed Ordinance that we had...

MAYOR MASTERS: Pull out [inaudible].

MR. T. WALKER: ...this is the only one that I don't agree with. Now, I'm gonna take my two minutes and thirty seconds and tell ya about all the rest of 'em. This is a chance for the people actually to have a voice, finally.

[Audience exclamation]

MR. T. WALKER: ...We put together a team of people, a team of citizens that work effortly and tirelessly to bring something back, to bring change to the City. All I would like for the Council to do, or whoever the Attorney..., is to change the language. Fix it up, put it on the ballot, and let the people decide on what we need. See, in, in the year 2019, we gotta have change. It's like the Board micromanage' everything that's going on in the City. We have had citizens that come forth and put their time in. I would like to see all eight Ordinances cleaned up, put the language and then put it out there, everything but this one right here needs to be scrubbed. I mean, this one needs to be scrubbed, the rest of 'em, let's just clean up the language...

[Inaudible comment]

MR. T. WALKER: ...give the residents, give the people of Riviera Beach a chance to vote change. I know you don't like the term limits, Mr. Mayor. I know there's a rationale behind that. Let it, let it go, Mr. Mayor, let it go. Let it go to the ballot. If the people wanna throw that away, they'll throw it away.

MAYOR MASTERS: Absolutely. That's what, that's what they've done, several times.

MR. T. WALKER: Okay. And any other..., any other thing that we... I have a desire to sit on that Board, but I do not have a desire to mess with what the Charter Review has done. Let's stop micromanaging this City. Every..., if you didn't trust 'em, you shouldn't'a had the Board. Please, let's just stop micromanaging everything and let the residents have a voice on this one. Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mary Brabham.

[Inaudible dais comments]

MS. M. BRABHAM: Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach. Apparently when you all were discuss'..., discussing this, before you all said that you didn't care how long that you would be here, that you, you all would get through this Agenda.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes. That's true.

MS. M. BRABHAM: Now, that was my understanding when, when this Charter came up, week before last, so whenever that was, because the question was asked up there, it would be a long deliverance. And it was..., and, and you all voted that you didn't care

what time that you would go and, and do the business of this Charter. So, so that did happen. We saw it. In reference to the second runoff, yeah, I got a problem with that.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MS. M. BRABHAM: I.., know why, because see, I was over to early voting and those machines broke down over there for forty-five minutes, and when I read in the paper the next day that some of those ballots were not counted, this is a democracy here, so we want everybody to be treated fairly. And you would have a lot of people that would be entering into the March election. Regardless who wins or who lose, I would prefer for it to be orderly, not straws. You, you, you put stuff in the little barral there, and you're gonna pull it off, you're gonna pull the rabbit out the.., out, out the basket. Out of fairness, out of fairness, no. I do have a problem with that, because it does not represent the democracy of the voting system. You just vote one time and then that's it, and whoever comes out on top, may be the winner. Let's be fair with this. This is a stickler here. And this also puts a face on your City too, because there may be someone that you may not like, [stammer], Ms. Brabham gonna say she like all of 'em because I'mma say may the best man or woman win that would deliver the service and pr'.., and provide the skillsets but we must be fair in '18. We must be fair. Do not pull the rabbit out the box. Let us.., we spend money for everything else, and we are wasteful around here, but when it comes to democracy at its best, we should put it on example. Who comes out second or third, let us.., let us take it back to the poll.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mhmm.

MS. M. BRABHAM: We're taxpayers, we pay for it. You all spend. So, so this is worthy here to let it be a fair election, without no she'.., shenanigans, because it, it, it does reflect what will happen. You're gonna either put a little dot on the little piece of paper in there, so you can either.., see, we don't want to.., we, we don't want to look like that. We want the voters to vote. Those that will come out and vote, I'm encouraging you to get up and vote, and make your voices be known. But the process must be fair and balanced. And this is not balanced. '18 is not balanced. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair that completes public comments on this particular Item.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: I agree with the previous speaker, and this is why there needs to be town hall meetings and the public need' to have more input on these ballots, other than just this. It needs to be moved around the community, different parts of the community and we can get more input than we have. I, I'm wondering, would you even

get anybody saying pull the rabbit out the hat or whatever, out the bag. I don't think anybody would say that, but I'm just wondering where, where did this come from? But I know that Mrs., I know the elections office said that this is something that is common in some of the cities. But certainly, this will not work in the City of Riviera Beach. And, as the Mayor, I would certainly like to hear more from the residents throughout the City before these amendments go, and I think that's a clear example of getting..., hearing from Mrs. Brabham, one of the seniors of this com'..., community. So, if it's not broken, there isn't any need to fix it. As far as I'm concerned, this is not broken. We've done it this way, it's in our Charter, that if it's a tie or whatever, we vote, and we vote to break it. That's the American way, you vote to break the tie. You don't come back..., I mean, you don't pull something out of a bag, or a name.

But anyway, that's another reason why I think it's important to hear from the community as a whole, in different parts of the City. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You're welcome, Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Before moving further, I support what previously, former Councilperson Burrs stated, have we had any discussion before moving further with public education with these..., with all these Items? Do we have a plan with that [pause] in place? Had that been discussed before the Charter Review Committee and Staff?

UNK: No.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Public education? [Pause]. So, we're just gonna put this and approve it and we're just gonna vote on something we don't have...

MAYOR MASTERS: That's my point.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...the information on or?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

MR. D. WOLPIN: Madam Chair, if I may.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Attorney Wolpin, you're recognized.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Whatever Items you decide to put on the ballot, adopting them at second reding, you could provide for a public information campaign, through the Manager's office.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. D. WOLPIN: The restriction is that a city may spend money to inform voters about Charter amendment items, but they may not spend money on advertising and say vote yes or vote no, but they can make, and many cities do, make a public information campaign.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I appreciate that.

The next things, we just read something that came off of a very important election, just like all of 'em are the same, but we had a long recount process and you really understood how every vote matters, every vote counts. I will not support any language that, when the voters have a chance to make a decision one way or the other, [inaudible] individual professional to serve in this City and represent them. I think a straw does not represent what they stand for, and I do believe that if we have to do another runoff election, is warranted, if the people are split on.., that split on what they want, they will continue to hear, hear the issues and, you know, a straw.., bad decisions or not properly vetted decisions have serious consequences, and we wanna make sure that folks can always say, 'I voted for that person. I participated in that process and I know what to do next time,' and I just don't wanna take that form anyone.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any additional comments? Councilwoman Botel, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Just for clarification, so, this is not relating to the runoff, the first runoff. This relates to the event of a second runoff?

MR. D. WOLPIN: That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So, there's a vote and two people are, well, are tied and we have a runoff, and they're still tied. And, I understand it, Susan Booker said she would not be favor of allowing us to have yet a second runoff, which would cost the City \$80,000. So, it was on the advice of Susan Booker, as I understand it, that the Charter Review Committee recommended that we not have a second runoff. Am I correct?

MR. D. WOLPIN: That's correct, to my understanding.,

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: The \$80,000, that could be..., first off, I think that's pretty high. I think it's..., I don't wanna use the word padded, but I think for the second you can have two..., you can save money by instead of everyone going to their own individuals precincts, you could just have two. And people go, one over there and one over here and that's it, like we do for early voting. That would probably cut it down to \$40,000. But either way it goes, the previous speakers are right on point, our City is better than drawing a name out of a hat. Period. This is not a shootout at the old [stammer] golden corral. I support the previous speakers. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion fails with Councilpersons Davis, Miller-Anderson, Hubbard and Davis Johnson dissenting.

19.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 19.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER PURSUANT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF A CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD AS SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED, REVISED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 166.031 FLORIDA STATUTES, SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING REPEAL OF MAYOR'S AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND CITY OFFICERS SAND EMPLOYEES AND CITY CLERK ANTHONY A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

TO THE CITY CHARTER TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019, PROVIDING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION, BALLOTING AND ELECTION, BALLOTING AND ELECTION PROCEDURES, INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER, SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second.

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

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, would you like to go to public comment cards at this time?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: There was no revision to this?

MR. D. WOLPIN: No. No revision from the prior draft.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We'll proceed with public comment.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Edwin Ferguson, Norm Adams.

MR. E. FERGUSON: Good evening again.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. E. FERGUSON: This is the point that I was trying to make before. I think counsel for the Charter Review Board may have misunderstood me so I'll try to be clearer. But, if we're gonna put on the ballot that no City Member, Councilperson or Mayor can interfere with the City Manager...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. E. FERGUSON: ...what I'm saying to you is, this part of the Charter has the potential for causing interference, because if I go, hypothetically, to the City Manager and say I think that 'x' should happen..., this, this Cit..., this City employee spat on the sidewalk and I think that's unbecoming of a City employee, poor represented'..., poor representative of the City, I think this person should be suspended. The City Manager says, 'Well, Mr. or Mrs. Mayor, I don't really see where we have evidence of this employee spitting, so I'm not gonna suspend this person.' The City Man'..., the City Mayor can say, 'Well, I'm gonna

suspend the person.’ And then what the discussion was during the Charter Review meeting was, what’s the, the, the remedy in the event that you collectively decide that Employee X was not performing in an unbecoming manner, or a negligent manner? How is that suspension erased from his or her record? Because, what happens if they move on to another city? Or whatever the case may be, even here locally after, you know, in a period of time, five years, ten years when the persons who voted are no longer in the discussion and you see where this person has been suspended, or whatever the case may be? There’s no remedy there. There was nothing presented to us to indicate that there was some ability to effectively expunge the suspension from the record. So, seeing as the City Manager is the CEO of the City, would it not be more practical then that that person, she or he, be the only person who can hire, fire or suspend employees of the City of Riviera Beach?

And I will mention that this was also one that you..., I don’t believe, again, was unanimous but it was overwhelmingly passed by the Board to present to you, and we ask that you allow it to pass on to the electorate for ultimate decision in, in, in March.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Norm Adams.

MR. N. ADAMS: Norm Adams, Riviera Beach.

As, as far as the Mayor’s authority goes, one of the gentleman earlier said something..., is this a matter of form or personal preference, because of who’s sitting in the Mayor’s seat now? It shouldn’t be who’s sitting in the Mayor’s seat now, it should be a matter of what’s expected of a Mayor, what are his or her responsibilities? I couldn’t figure out what his or, in this this case, his responsibilities are. I don’t know whether it’s spelled out. Frankly, if four of you are here and one is absent and there’s a two to two tie, he should have the ability to break the tie. He knows more about this City...

[Chuckle]

MR. N. ADAMS: ...I would bet, than all five of you combined. You guys are partimers. He’s much more like a full-timer, and I’m personalizing it but any Mayor would be like that, getting around the City. He, in my opinion, he, he needs more authority, the Mayor, anyone in that seat, needs more authority, otherwise, what do you need a Mayor for?

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm. Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair that concludes public comment cards on this Item.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible]

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: I agree with the previous speaker. Thank you.

[Chuckles]

MR. N. ADAMS: I knew you would.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: Gotta do something.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you so much.

Back to what Attorney Ferguson had discussed about the first Item we approved, that's why I didn't support the first Item because it made his point, you know, if we're talking about interference. But, one of the concerns I've had with the Mayor, with the Mayor's suspension power, and it's just a concern, not I agree or disagree, is that, what kind of process we have in place before a suspension occurs. I always felt that the Mayor should have some authority in the City, but before there's a suspension of any employee, I always felt that the Mayor's, whoever the Mayor, should be meeting with the City Attorney and City Manager to discuss on how they're gonna do any investigation on any particular employee, so they can make sure that we're all in accord, legally, ethically, before it's brought before this Board for ratification. I would like to see this particular Item go back and discuss, at the Charter Review Committee, to talk about [stammer] standard process to, to support the suspension power by making sure that, and it's just a, a note, City Attorney, City Manager, the Mayor, and even Human Resources, at the table to discuss all the policies and procedures that area already in place to see what's warranted and what's not. We can't.., we gotta make sure everybody's at the table having this discussion. And we need to have some information that make sure that, just like the previous speaker said, what it's doing, how it's happening and that's what we need to do, just, just include some language that says, 'Hey Mayor, Mayor, these are the individuals, the professionals, that you need to sit down and discuss to make sure that we all are protected before it comes before this Board.' That's all.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem, you're recognized.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The mere fact that any suspension has to come to this Board for ratification, takes care of that. The second thing is that, if this is.., if the suspension is overturned, HR can handle su'.., submitting the correct documents to that

person's file so that that will not show as if that person's suspension was upheld. Those things, once again, are already in place. If the Mayor suspends anybody, it has to come to this Board for ratification, so that's already taken care of, as well as, again, if it's not upheld, then it's the duty of the HR Department to document that in, in a person's file, to remove that suspension from there..., from that person's file, if it's not ratified.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further comment?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: In lieu of what was just said, in light of what was just said, is that how our process is particularly done with, with HR? Do they get a chance to go back and submit a letter into the record, what should've taken place based upon all the facts and information?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Mr. Attorney.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: HR..., Ms. Irving's coming now.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I do not know how vendors handle inhouse. What is required is that when the Mayor acts and exercises the powers of suspension, he's required to, in writing, give his justification therefor. Once presented to the City Council, you either support it or you don't support it. That official action is part of the record. I don't know if there's policy or directive in place that says to HR what to do after the Council makes a decision. But, it would be very easy to direct them to do that. And it may have been done, I just don't know.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Ms. Irving, are you here to provide a response?

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR IRVING: Eureka Irving, Human Resources Department.

Once the, the action is submitted and, and the paperwork is passed to suspend the employee, and that is also..., that is noted in the personnel file, if Council ratifies that suspension or overturns that suspension, that is also noted in the personnel file.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Madam Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Council'...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...Chair?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...'person...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Ma'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Maybe I didn't hear properly, but my concern was, when it's noted, does Human Resources do an investigation to verify, and to note, whether that was warranted or not? That was the piece I was [inaudible] here.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR IRVING: In, in, in, in the case of the Mayor's suspension, we do not do an investigation to, to determine if it is.., if it was warranted or not.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, my, my concern is that [stammer].., and just, just talking to the Council, could we please send this back to the Charter Review Committee to discuss a process to resubmit to us to include how the Mayor should be moving forward with the suspension, what Staff in particular, what steps we take, and then come back [sic] dis'.., discussion on this at a later date, on this particular Item only?

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR IRVING: If, if I may?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Ms. Irving.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR IRVING: In the case of where the Ma'.., the Mayor provides a suspension to a, a department head, when the suspension comes back to you all, you all make the determination if the suspension is justified or not, by affirming his suspension or overturning the suspension.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, but... Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And, and I.., and we agree to that, but Cou'.., Madam Vice Chair stated that HR can go back and note that, based upon all the facts that this wasn't warranted or not, and that was the ans'.., that's what I'm trying to get to address in that issue. 'Cause right now, we don't have nothing in place.., someone can be sus'.., suspending for something by not violating any policy or procedure but how do we protect the employee? And how do we keep the morale in this process, in this City, by not.., by someone getting suspended for something they didn't necessarily do, or proven to do? He or she, whoever that individual may be? And that's why I say that we need to send this back to.., consider sending this back to the Charter Review Committee to have those discussions on, like I said before, the Mayor sitting down with Human Resources, City Attorney, City Manager, and the C'.., those few departments to discuss, okay, how are we're gonna move forward, what polices we discussed in this action that's been taking place, and what did they do to violate the policy and what could've been corrected, and how do we move forward with the action plan?

There's none of that taking place right now. There's a suspension, it's brought before the Board, there's some information. There's no one, from a legal perspective, from a HR perspective, saying whether or not if we need more information. Everyone just kinda sit back quiet just waiting to see what's gonna happen. And then you have an employee

either that get warranted on the suspension, or he or she don't. And I think it's only fair to protect all the employees on how, including the Mayor, on how he or she is positioned with that action that's, that's moving forward. And that's why I said not [inaudible] Item, but sending back to the, the Committee to discuss how they may wanna do recommendation back to this Board at a later date.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Attorney, when the Mayor, whoever the Mayor may be, suspends a department head or employee, that employee has the right to come before the Council and state their case. Is that true?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: It is true.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And after hearing the facts, as the employee, the employee states their facts, the Mayor states his facts, and then the jury, for lack of a better word, makes a decision, one way or the other. Now, this was put in the Charter to have a balance, a check and balance not..., this is not a managerial decision, it's not anyone's decision, it is the Mayor's decision to make a decision to have a check on the Manager. The Manager may decide, for example, we have a situation right now, it's been going on for months, and no action has been taken. The Mayor is prepared to take action. Now, my point is, that's government, that's good government, when you have a check and a balance. And then, the Council can override the Mayor's, independent, decision. Is that correct?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: That is correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: I call for the previous question.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: In support of the decision of the Office of the Mayor, since we're..., I would like to ask the Mayor, when we..., could you kinda take us through the process on how you typically do an investigation? So..., I'm asked to being voted on this on this because my question is, who's the Mayor's discussing, the legalities of the issues, who's he running the information by with the policy so that..., 'cause if the checks and balances are there, I can support just not [pause] putting this Item on the ballot, if that's in place already. And I'm just trynna get where he going with this, but if it's not there, then I have to put it on the ballot. But other than that, I can [inaudible] knock it off if it's very clear on how this is..., how these transaction and..., the process moves forward. That's all I wanna hear.

MAYOR MASTERS: I think it depends on who the Mayor is, Council. It's left up to a discretion who the Mayor may be, as to how that particular person wants to proceed in

using an executive authority that has been given to us by the Charter, by the fathers of this Charter who felt it was necessary.

Now, if you're asking me about what I do, I try to have discussions with the City Manager. I asked the City Manager what's happening with this process, brief me as to what is going on, why there has not been any action, is there an investigation? I ask questions, and once those questions are answered, and if I feel that there still needs to be a suspension, I will act, as I'm prepared to do in the morning.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. This will be my last statement, 'cause the Mayor's been very clear here. Once the City Manager and Staff says there's an investigation, when the investigation is complete, what happens at that step? If they say it's yes, then you consult... I'm just trying to find out because I'm being asked to support an Item...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Are you stating that to the Mayor...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...top'..., take it off the Agenda...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Are you asking the Mayor?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am, 'cause he..., I just wanna know how, how this process work'? 'Cause there's a lotta empty spots that folks just don't, don't know, and the, the gentleman came here before and...

MAYOR MASTERS: Each...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...and said it...

MAYOR MASTERS: Each case based on its own merits. So, it...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...depends. It depends.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: It depends. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I understand.

MAYOR MASTERS: Call for the previous question.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Are there any more comments from the Board?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: And, Chair Davis Johnson is out. That motion fails with Councilpersons Botel, Miller-Anderson, Davis and Hubbard dissenting, with Councilperson Davis Johnson out.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I'd like to take this opportunity to let Ms. Darville know that her...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Tonya told her, I think.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Stammer].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Tonya [inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Excuse me?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I think Tonya told her.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Tonya went to..., she was [stammer], I was about to state that..., to notify Ms. Darville that her Item was moved up, but I think the Chairwoman took care of that. Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, the time is now 7:45. Would you all like to proceed with the regular public comments or proceed with the Agenda Items as ordered?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Let's proceed with the Agenda Item as ordered, and move to the public comments thereafter.

UNK. AUDIENCE: No. No.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 20.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No. No...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: An Ordinance of the...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No, no, no.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...City Council...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No, no, no. No.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No. Point of order, please. We are going to proceed with public comments, and then resume the Items.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The Chairwoman is back and it's her, it's her choice. We were in the middle of the Charter Review amendments. I thought we would complete that task.

[Inaudible audience comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

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

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

COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND GIVE IT TO STAFF BEFORE THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION IS ANNOUNCED.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comment cards for this portion of the Agenda is now closed. Edwin Ferguson, Norm Adams, Delores Dawson.

[Inaudible dais comments]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mr...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...Ferguson.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Clerk. If individuals are not here at the time that you call them, we will proceed with the next and they can come up afterwards, please.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mr. Ferguson is here. Do you not wanna speak at this time Mr. Ferguson?...

MR. E. FERGUSON: Item 20?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No. This is regular public comment.

MR. E. FERGUSON: Oh, I'm sorry. [Inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Norm Adams, and then Delores Dawson.

MR. E. FERGUSON: Good evening everyone. Couple things. Computer, computer buyback program, we spoke about that on a few occasions back in the summertime. I know we got, with elections and what have you, more pressing matters. In the City, we kinda let that one fall by the wayside. I'm asking for your consideration for us to kinda implement that coming into 2019. The Board Member for District 7 represented, when we had a meeting here, I believe in the summer, that there was already some sort of procedure in place whereby the District could provide computers to, to schools here in Riviera Beach, but I've not seen that and I specifically remember the Board Member or Members who were at that meeting, kinda being somewhat perplexed as well, so I think that we, as a City, need to grab the bull by the horns and implement this program because, one thing that we must be cognizant of, is the fact that our kids, generally speaking, are not performing at the levels of some of the more affluent areas of the county. We can't use, we can't use economics as an excuse for our kids to constantly fall by the wayside. We have computers that may be lightly used, shall we say, two to three, to four years old, that can placed in homes of persons who don't have those access to computers. And why am I harping on computers is because the standardized testing is all computerized now, and in speaking with a lot of the principals here locally at the elementary level, part

of the problem is that the kids are not familiar with how to navigate computers. So, my thought was, I believe the City Manager is supportive of this as well. We've had several co'.., contacts as well and I 've spoken to each of you individually and when we spoke, you were also supportive of this, is that we get computers donated from citizens, if not the City itself, and then disperse those to our, our schools here in Riviera Beach, because the hope is that the principals are intimately aware of which families don't have, and we make sure those families do have by giving them computers that will help them perform on these standardized testings as well.

Lastly, well, the Mayor's not here but I'm sure he'll watch this at some point in time. I was somewhat disappointed that he brought the School Board race in 'cause I don't think that's germane to what we're talking about here in terms of Riviera Beach. I think we should be above making sort of Trumpian comments, particularly if one actually had researched the numbers, one would to realize that in a normal year, the number of votes that I did receive, will be more than enough to have won the race there. Other factors that we don't need to waste time with today that led to me losing this time, but I'm fairly confident that if life lasts and we run this back, as we say on the football and basketball courts in four years, the results will be much different. But I would encourage you all to continue doing exceptionally well, as you all have been doing and I'll pray for the Mayor, that he comes to himself and understands that I actually am a voter...

[Chuckle]

MR. E. FERGUSON: ...I live here in Riviera Beach, I'm one of the few attorneys in Riviera Beach, and I think he should keep that in mind the next time he decides to throw a potshot against.., across my ballot. Thank you, and have a good day.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Norm Adams, Delores Dawson, Horace Towns.

MR. N. ADAMS: Me again. I guess all speakers either have body odor or bad breath because one of your five Council Members seems to disappear every time...

[Chuckle]

MR. N. ADAMS: ...it's public speaking.

I think it's absurd that you put the subject of legal toward the end, when people are either gone or tired. There is no more important thing that you guys have on your platter now, than hiring the next City Attorney. And I think that's absurd. I also think, to say, that the City Attorney must live in Riviera Beach, is also absurd. You have, I understand, you're down to about six or seven candidates? Take the best one. I don't care if he's black, white, Chinese, Korean, Briti'.., whatever, you take the best qualified person. And, I've reviewed some, I've listened to some on the computer, don't ask me how we got there, and I.., in my own mind, there are two qualified people. One I'm not sure if she'd be a full-time Attorney, and the other is upstate New York somewhere, but I don't care where they live or, or what. You want the.., you're in enough trouble with all these

litigation'. You don't want a second stringer, you want the best person who's applied. Please keep that in mind.

Another thing that was mentioned earlier, was micromanaging. You guys have no right to order an employee, whether it's to pave your driveway or pave, uh, your former colleague's street on Singer Island, that's the job of the City Manager, or the Council as a whole should make a vote and have the City Manager execute it. You have two primary responsibilities and that's to oversee management, and to set policy for the City and you all treat this like your own little thieftom, and that should stop. It's a little disappointing that the results of the insurance investigation by the IG, or whoever, how did it take so long to investigate it? It should take a matter of a few weeks. Somebody's sitting down.

Once again... Oh, my, my other comment, and you haven't even spoken on it yet, on.., if you get enough signatures you don't have to pay the \$1,100 filing fee. Well, as you know, I was involved last election, I was the treasurer to Dr. Botel's campaign, and I had a lot of interface with the City. And the City Clerk's office, they work their butts off, they spend a lotta time on the election. If somebody has enough people that would support him or her, they should be able to collect the \$1,100 or whatever it is to reimburse the City for all the time that is put in by the, by the City's office.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Delores Dawson, Horace Towns, Douglas Lawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Towns, Mr. Lawson, Ms. Dawson.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, I do not see Ms. Dawson, Horace Towns, Douglas Lawson. Reverend William Burrs.

MR. H. TOWNS: Good evening again. Horace Towns, Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening, sir.

MR. H. TOWNS: I will mention again, I am also disappointed that we speak about the legal aspect and the new City Attorney at the end of the Agenda. And, at this rate, we'll probably be 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock.

However, to the Council that has remained in their seats, I do want to see whether, you know, election or not, us be more proactive on our outreach to the community. We often complain about the misinformation in the community, but I don't know the agency. I know one time we hired someone, but just outreach as far as the meetings, special meetings, whether we're reporting some of the good stuff that happens in the City, we need to do a better job at reaching the people in this community [clears throat] about various issues. Last Monday, we had a special meeting, many people did not know anything about it. And last week, in District 1, we had a meeting regarding one of the schools, and the misinformation in the community, I thought was bad because some people felt like the school was being demolished, and.., there's some proposed changes. My point was, I didn't have information to give, and many people did not know about the

meeting until last minute. So, as leaders, let's try to, kind to tighten that relationship up for the people. You know, many of the residents in this community depend on their leaders. They do trust you, so when they get off of work, you know, often times, this is where they tune in. Other than that, they don't know what's going on in the City of Riviera Beach.

Last fact, not to beat a dead horse, but that's what we do here...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MR. H. TOWNS: ...on the issue regarding the second runoff, this election coming up is gonna be very emotional, it's gonna be tense with so many candidates. The previous election, we wanted to get the incumbent at the time, and we had one race and then we had a second one, which hopefully never happens again, where, where it was so tight, however, during that race, if that second runoff that came into a tie, was decided by drawing a straw or name out of hat, and the incumbent remained, people woulda been heartbroken.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MR. H. TOWNS: So, I do wanna make sure that we place the proper value on the people and their votes. And we can't., I don't have the solution, but we can't say it for financial reasons, that's why we're., that's our target. We've had so much misinformation about mismanagement of funds, so that we can't use money as that issue.

Horace Towns, Riviera Beach. Thank you guys.

[Inaudible comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Douglas Lawson, Reverend William Burrs, Bonnie Larson.

MR. D. LAWSON: Good evening, Council.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening, sir.

MR. D. LAWSON: Madam Chair, Honorable Mayor, City Manager. My name's Douglas Lawson.

I just wanted to come and thank you guys for allowing us to host our Bring it to the Stage Comedy Show. We also did it Thanksgiving weekend, myself, Infinity Taxes and Beyond and Eddie Green. Eddie actually wanted to be here tonight, he's a seventeen year employee of the City of Riviera Beach. He's the current Chief., he's the current Captain over at our beautiful beach. Our event, Mayor, I wanted to thank you as well for just giving credence from the City because these are the type of events that I want us to continue to partner with. We were able to partner with some of the local businesses and sponsors that sponsored [stammer], our events, and they were able to actually enjoy a beautiful event here in the City. Fifty percent of the attendees that came were actually outside of our City, and people that were able to experience the amenities that we have

and that we host. So, if we can continue to partner with some of the local businesses, and some of the.., and the CRA, to allow for them to host these type of shows, these type of comedies, these type of [pause] experiences, then they get to experience the City of Rivera Beach. They get to experience the amenities that we have to offer, and it'll increase the economic development and the tourism that we'll actually bring into our City.

So, I wanna continue to thank you guys. The permitting process was actually fairly easy this time, and going through it with zoning and permitting, I was able to actually process the permits, the zoning and the Police Department, and it went through seamlessly. So, I wanted to commend the City for the work that they've been doing with working with some of the local organizations.

Thank you, Council.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Reverend William Burrs, Bonnie Larson, Doretta Paulk.,

REVEREND W. BURRS: Madam Chair, Council, Mayor...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

REVEREND W. BURRS: ...again.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening.

REVEREND W. BURRS: Let me make myself clear that I'm not opposing to no changes in the Charter, but I'm saying that we shouldn't do this out of emotion because...

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

REVEREND W. BURRS: ...in the future, you're gonna.., you might not be there and the Council gonna come along and see that something shouldn't'a been done and wanna rechange things that you might make a cha'... The Charter is the heart of this City and we should handle it very carefully.

Now, I think, as I listen to the last meeting when ya'll was talking about this Charter and, and listening now, and I remembered, in the past, and I wanna br'.., I'm not trynna open up old wounds, but I see and I feel, and I could be wrong, that some of this stuff is because of what happened in the past. That don't mean that the Charter don't need to be adjusted. Here, when you're talking about changing this Charter, and the Councilperson, and the City Manager must live within the City. The Charter says five miles within the City. I think that's sufficient enough, that it.., I know that's got to go before the citizen, etc., that, uh, whether they want the City Manager to live in the City. I could understand if one was coming from New York City or somewhere outta state, or have that case going up, it should be right here within the City but decide they wanna move

somewhere else, within the five miles of the City, that should be sufficient. Now, when they..., when they did the review on this Charter some years ago, when it's talking about the [stammer] time limit...

MAYOR MASTERS: Term limit.

REVEREND W. BURRS: Term limit. I suggested then that there should be term limits. Nobody said a word.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

REVEREND W. BURRS: Ask your City..., past City Clerk. I says, 'Carrie, why don't ya'll put in there about term limits,' nobody said a word. It was fine then, so let's don't, let's don't get so emotional about what we need to be changed.

Now again, if you're listening, someone says that three..., the votes what's matters. If ya'll three votes was take place up there, that settles the issue and you could override the City Manag'..., our City, [inaudible], Manager, or the City Mayor on whatever issue they bring up. But now, if you feel that way, why wouldn't you feel that way in past? You see, if you feel that way now, then you should've felt that way in the past. Charter said three votes certifies whatever ya'll bring up on that Council. Three votes [stammer] to fire the City Manager in the past. Now, whether ya'll know it or not I'm gonna tell ya, I asked the City Councilperson at that time, 'Don't do it.' I asked a City person..., a City Council. So, I wasn't in favor of firing the City Manager, I had no dog in the fight one way or the other, but he'..., with three votes, they fire him. Then, if we feel that three votes matters, then we should've went..., called all that problem in the City and waited for City..., wait 'til the Council elect with the next election and made our, and made our choice. But let's look at this..., let's don't rush into this. Let's..., let the citizen have some input. Like..., be kind enough, say we got 'til March for this election, call a town house meeting, and just hear what they gotta say. That's all I'm asking. So don't, don't rush to... And, and [stammer] and I'm through, if a person ain't got the money to pay a filing fee, they shouldn't run.

MAYOR MASTERS: I agree.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bonnie Larson, Doretta Paulk, Willis Williams.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson.

We're talking about it tonight, about the Charter [clears throat], excuse me, Charter amendments and I went to those computer when we did it, and it, it didn't seem to tell me..., I don't recall that people who went to those meetings had input into it, it was the Charter [stammer] Committee members and that was it. So, I think maybe people don't tend to go because if they can't say anything, well, you know, what the heck.

But it's very..., that wording is very, very important because you talked about term limits and if it was retroactive or not, and what I think I heard the Attorney say, for the first version of it, was that it would affect people who expired in 2019. My question is, and what happens with people who expire in 2020, because not everybody is ending in two thou'... So, how does that effect those people? So, wording is very, very critical on that.

The Minutes tonight, you have six sets of Minutes to review, six sets, dating back to August. It is now December. This is ridiculous. I have asked before for the contract for the, for the party who does those Minutes and I was told it was someone from Largo, not even a local person. And then, CRA, they get the Minutes, like, right away. Of course, they have fewer meetings than we do, but they get those right away. This goes back to August tonight. That's ridiculous. And they can't find the contract with that person.

What's happening with the insurance, paying for those seventy-seven employees? We have not heard anything more on that. What is the situation with that?

So many things here. On the web today is a letter regarding our water situation, our water problem I'm gonna say. And I..., my question is, why was that letter not signed by the Water Utility District Director? It was signed by the Acting Assistant City Manager. It should be signed by the Director of the Water Department. Why was that not done?

MAYOR MASTERS: I agree.

MS. B. LARSON: We have campaign signs. I don't see any other cities with campaign signs, we've got 'em in the City. They need to be removed and, you know, not be on Riviera Beach property in the first place.

The Public Works building, I asked about that a couple meetings ago and I was told the same reason I was told months ago, was that AT&T or Florida Power & Light had to move some cables. That's an old excuse. Why is that condemned building sitting there a year and a half later?

How can we see the interviews with the attorneys?

I brought up about..., behind the old Betty Ann's was an old, dilapidated RV, and that was a couple weeks ago. Now, there're, like, four dilapidated RV's sitting back there, plus a boat. Can't we get these things? This is on our Broadway. We have two businesses which've gone out of business, the Hub and Fast Eddie's, have now gone out of business. There's a new company, the Tire Company. Is that one of the allow things? I guess it is, their sign is about that big. Also, there's a new sub place where the old one use to be on 28th & Broadway. So those are the ones..., and Mariner Marina, I understand, has been sold.

Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Doretta Paulk, Willis Williams, Marie Davis.

MS. D. PAULK: Good evening. My name is Doretta Paulk.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. D. PAULK: I come to.., this evening to discuss a situation that's dear to my heart, and a lot of the senior citizens' in Riviera Beach.

The increase in our water bill. I don't know if that has passed or not, the 10% that you were asking to increase our water bill. Well, it has come to my attention that the Waste Management gives a, for community benefits, of \$17,000 to each Councilperson. Is that not right? Do the Waste Management give you anything? And how much is it?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We'll, well...

MS. D. PAULK: [Stammer]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We'll res'.., we'll respond...

MS. D. PAULK: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We'll respond.

MS. D. PAULK: 'Cause I think that, and [stammer], so does other senior citizens.., I know other organizations ask for money to help their situation, whatever they need funding, but I think some of that money should go into the Water Department so our increase of 10% doesn't be on the shoulders of the senior citizens, and other citizens of Riviera Beach, because it becomes a hardship when you're retired and with one check. And to increase it, I think it'll be compounding, compounding, compounding, and if you all are getting money quarterly, or whenever they issue the check or whatever they do for you all, and I know it's a community benefits, I think you all should consider it also going to the water situation, so the senior citizens doesn't have to have that burden..

And another thing I want to address, the road on Avenue H, starting from the, the City right, municipal, all the way back to Inlet grove, there is.., the pipes are extended, elevated. Somebody's gonna run their car, and when you get to the end of that road, there's four, four pipes together. You really have to wait 'til the other people travel by and go around because, if you're gonna hit those four.., your tires are gonna hit those four.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hmm.

MS. D. PAULK: And it's all the way extended to the end of Avenue H. When will that be taken care of, where it'll be leveled out? That's another question.

So, if these two questions can be answered, I would really appreciate that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

MS. D. PAULK: Because we, as senior citizens, are really, you know, we're really stretching our money very thinly.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MS. D. PAULK: I thank you. So, I can have.., I got fourteen.., thirteen seconds if someone [inaudible], I appreciate it.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Willis Williams, Marie Davis, Tommy Walker.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Good evening, Council.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good...

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

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening, sir.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: I have a few things I wanna touch on this afternoon. One is that, most of you who know me, know I've been running in and out of these Council Chambers since I was eighteen years old, and I've been an activist in this community probably all my life. Some things are my.., are a pet peeve to me. One is, with the City is, how do they dist'.., distribute the money when they buy vehicles over the years? I noticed that Mr. Horton, in his department, has been renting a truck for four months now. I wanna find out, I need an answer, why and if there's, there's a reason that there's no trucks in the yard that's reparable, then we need to buy another truck. That's number one.

I live one'.., 138 20 2nd Court. My house was shook so bad two and a half weeks ago that I thought we were having an earthquake. The.., we are embarking on millions of dollars being spent in this community. I spoke with the Manager and she said she would get with Mr. Gagnon. Mr. Gagnon then indicated that he will be meeting with those people. If that much work has been getting done in that area in which I live, and there has been no permits, or no com'.., I know it's nothing came because.., across this Board, because I've asked. So, I need to know why that happened, how did it happen and why is it continues to happen. I'm looking out my door now, in the mornings, at forty foot storage containers. They have put up barriers. I ask you, go look. Don't take my word for it, you look at it, and ask yourself, would you wanna live across the street from this? It has gotten totally ridiculous.

The other thing that.., I said this months ago, we will never get out under this situation until we get this Interim situation out our way. We need to hire a City Attorney, if that's what we're gonna do, we need to hire a City Manager, if that's what we're gonna do. We need to put people in place that make sure these subordinates that are totally incompetent...

[Inaudible audience comment]

MR. W. WILLIAMS: ...to run this City because we're relying on them. That's what you guys are relying on. You are relying on incompetent individuals to tell ya'll what the story is, and that's totally ridiculous. Go back, check with your Manager.., and I need answers. I don't need to be walking away from here tonight and somebody tells me, say, 'well, we'll

get back with you.’ This has happened three or four months now, go over and look at it yourself.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Marie Davis, Tommy Walker, Mary Brabham.

MS. M. DAVIS: Good evening. As you know, I’m with..., a member of the Charter Review, Review...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. M. DAVIS: ...Committee, and I’d like to tell you that our goal was looking to the future of Riviera Beach not the present. And, I would be disingenuous if I didn’t say that we look to the past because we did. But, what we wanted to do was to close some of those loopholes and those pitfalls we saw, and that we learned from other communities and other cities, looking at their Charters. I was disappointed in some of the remarks made by the Mayor, and that’s the way it is. We respect the Office of the Mayor, and we would hope, of course...

MAYOR MASTERS: I was disappointed in you when you stood in the door and didn’t..., wouldn’t let me...

MS. M. DAVIS: Are we t’...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...in [inaudible]...

MS. M. DAVIS: Excuse me.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible]...

MS. M. DAVIS: It’s my three minutes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Sigh].

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

UNK. Excuse me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Point of order, [inaudible].

MS. M. DAVIS: In any event, I would like to thank you all for this time.

We did..., I wanted to comment on a couple things. Number one was that we did have meetings in various places, Lindsey Davis, we had them here at the town hall, at City Hall, and also at the Ambassador Center. We may have had one at the Marina. We invited all the Council Members to come on more..., and the Mayor, on more than one occasion, and also the public. I know that, that Claudene Anthony made an effort to make sure everything was on the website and so forth.

And other..., a couple other things. Mr. Davis was discussing the Mayor's ability to suspend, and I think the word you were looking for was there any way to expunge that employee's record so that it never appears back, and that would be something that you could consider. With regard to the suspens'..., the possibility of the Mayor suspending someone, even the Mayor said, it's at his discretion, or the future Mayor's discretion. We don't know who that is, and we're trying to close those loopholes so that Riviera Beach isn't in the crosshairs of some, perhaps, unscrupulous employer, I mean, employee, or someone who's the Mayor, who has other ideas, and I think that we wanted continuity, we wanted you all to have..., to create policies and procedures and make sure whoever does suspend, ha'..., has knowledge and is..., it's important that they have the knowledge of the policies and procedures and file them..., and...

MAYOR MASTERS: And I...

MS. M. DAVIS ...follow them. And, we did try to make the Mayor's position more important by giving him a vote on the City Council, but he was pretty happy with the way things are and we're happy he's happy and that's all I...

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh really?

MS. M. DAVIS: ...have to say. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: I doubt that.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tommy Walker, Mayr Brabham.

MAYOR MASTERS: She did everything she could to take everything I had away. And it's...

MR. T. WALKER: Tommy Walker, 1582 West 9th Street. Mr. Mayor...

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MR. T. WALKER: Sometimes, you gotta let it go.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I have to let it go. You're right.

MR. T. WALKER: Gotta let it go. I would like to know how did the City Attorney discussion get way to the back of the agenda? If somebody could ask me that..., answer me that, I'll be, I'll be grateful 'cause that's the kinda stuff we gotta stuff.

I'm gonna shift gears right now 'cause, um, 2019, I know for me, I'm..., that's the year I plan to pos'..., prosper, and I, and I would like the City to join me in everything that we're doing. I know we're gonna have some changes. So, with that, I would like to, Madam Chair, like, in March, when Julia because on the Board, we talked about the disparity study. Everybody has a disparity study, except for us. So, my team and I, we got together and we, we prepared a little statement and it was like in March of 2018, the CRA..., at a CRA meeting, you, Dr. Botel, stated that we needed a disparity study. Now,

we are going to have to get that disparity study on the Agenda. That was nine months ago. And now, here it is a new election finna' come around, nine months ago. We need help with our minorities and our women, so we can have a, a level playing field, competing for our City jobs, and the CRA contracts. The disparity study should be approved by the City and the CRA, and jointly funded.

Now, the City of Pittsburgh has a, a..., has a pi'..., active piggyback contract with a..., somebody named Mason Tillman & Associates, who's successfully conducted the West Palm Beach disparity study. They also did the Solid Waste Authority disparity study. And, as a result, a lot of, of the data and everything, we could limit this funding way, way down. It's already there. Based on the study, from Mason Tillman and Associate', the dispar'..., disparity study, disparity still exists in Palm beach County. We, we gotta start educating our residents. Now, Madam Chair, under your direction, we need this done. You did one in the City, why we can't have one right here in Riviera Beach?

Now, my friend used to say, the ship is safe in the harbor. But that's not what it was meant to do. It's time for us, in 2019, to raise the level of our residents. KaShamba, Dr. Botel, I need ya'll to put that on the Agenda in January, at the first meeting, so we can find funding to do us a disparity study.

Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mary Brabham.

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

First of all, I would like MLK taken care of. The lights are out down on MLK, right up in that area where Stonybrook's at, going on down from Australian to Congress down there. It was black. The lights..., those light poles there, I think, you're gonna have to contact FP&L. The City normally maintains those decorator street lights, but it's dark over there.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Today?

MS. M. BRABHAM: MLK.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Today?

MS. M. BRABHAM: Yeah, today. So, obviously that, that happens..., that happened today.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

MS. M. BRABHAM: I would like to also say congratulations to Reggie D for walking across the country, engaging with, with different people. I'm a firm believer too, that [stammer] it is more good than it is bad. I don't care what is going on here. And, as a Council Board, I would like to charge you to showcase your City better than what we have been doing. For a whole year, we have been in chaos. It was made mention about Mr.

Evans name, so maybe I need to make mention about Mr. Evans. If it's not that this Board is trying to put things in place for Mr. Evans, it is the good for..., if Karen stays here, or any other City Manager, some things were done wrong. You do have that authority because you are the governing Board. But that authority derails the good that you impellent. So, so these are things that are critical for this City, the skillset and the professionalism, whether it's inside or outside, this is the face that we want as residents of the City, to look at. And whoever wins those seats, make a commitment to engage more. I totally agree with the..., some of that community benefit. I've said this to some of the other Councilpeople. See, some of you all do no'..., not know how to partnership and make it work for your City. It's doors, it's windows, it's perhaps trees, plants, that within your District, that some of your residents may need. Not saying that you can't distribute some of that fund where, where you would like for it to go with some non'..., nonprofit, but your residents. Your Cities are the non-providers. And this, you need to engage, this helps builds relationships so that the resident can see the good that you are doing. I, I've said that numerous of times, numerous of times. We're working this thing right there. See, Ms. Brabham here, I always take these maps here, and there's fielders out in these communities right now, and they working these communities, they are voters. I like the people's that are gonna be engaged, so I charge you to do the same thing.

Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Kwanzaa, and let us all get on a pathway to, to do better. Get the skillsets, work in these communities. You all can do it. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair that concludes public comments at this time.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, there were a couple of inquiries. I'll start with, I believe, Ms. Bonnie Larson, asked about the insurance. The OIG is currently looking..., doing their forensic audit, as it relates to the insurance situation. They have the documentation, they've completed their walk-throughs and their estimated completion date is March..., or April of 2019. As it relates to the Public Works building, all the items that were within the building have been removed and the building should be torn down, or demolished, by the end of December.

As it relates to resident, Mrs. Doretta Paulk, as it relates to the community benefits, the community benefits are donated..., are given to the City..., Mayor and City Council by Waste Management. They give a total of \$15,000 [stammer] annually to each Council Member and Mayor. And, the community benefits are to assist 501(c)(3) entities. As you..., I believe Ms. Paulk, Mrs. Paulk asked about the assisting with the, the water. And now, there is a senior assistance program that you could apply for. As it relates to Avenue H and the elevated pipes, there is a second overlay that will occur. And, I don't have a date right now but there's a second overlay that will occur on Avenue H that will help get rid of the..., that elevation.

Mr. Willis Williams talked about the work that's being completed by Rybovich. Staff will be meeting with them on tomorrow at 3:00 to discuss the work that they're doing and, and talk about, you know, the permitting that they should be doing, as it relates to that work.

The truck that you mentioned, I will have to give you a call about that. I'm not sure..., and that may be a heavy utility vehicle truck that's being rented. Mr. Horton...

ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER HORTON: Yes. I [inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...will address that. I think that's all that I have. Yeah. That's...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible]. No permit.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: The...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Right. We will be talking to Ryb'., Rybovich about the permitting, in that area.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. N. ADAMS: What about the question about why legal was pushed back? Somebody asked that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Point of order, sir. [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'll respond to that. At the last meeting, Council determined that it would go through the remain'., go through the Charter amendments, we would handle that business. It was not supposed to be a lengthy discussion, it was going to be a vote and we would then take care of the discussion regarding the City Attorney's discussion.

[Inaudible audience comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That was the discussion... Point of order, sir. Point of order. That...

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That was the decision of the Council. We stand by it. Point of order, sir.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Mr. Horton.

ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER HORTON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

UNK: I'm sorry.

ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER HORTON: As it relates to the truck, a truck was purchased for a crew, but it was the wrong size truck. It could not accommodate four full-sized gentlemen that was required...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER HORTON: ...that was required for the crew. And there was also an issue of the low capacity to pull. So, as a result, we've reassigned that truck and we've had to rent a vehicle until such time as..., from a budgetary...

[Chuckle]

ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER HORTON: ...perspective, we can go out and purchase a new truck.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: And then also, I believe someone mentioned campaign signs. Staff did present to the City Council a.., an Ordinance, or policy as, as it relates to campaign signs and the Council did not take action on that, so we don't have any regulations right now in place as it relates to campaign signs.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No. Which, I believe, that was the discussion about having individuals pay a fee to advertise their signs and be responsible for potential removal of those signs, and if the City ended up having to remove those signs, we would be able to retain those dollars that would've been paid in order for an individual to advertise in the City. That was a part of the language, if I recall it. Is that correct, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, you had most of it correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Chuckle].

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The proposal that was submitted to the elected officials back in October, it dealt with a couple of issues. One was how soon election signs could be posted, as well as when they need to be taken down. It also.., there was also a proposal that if the City had to remove the signs, that a fee would incur. As previously stated by the City Manager, the Elected Board made the decision not take up the measure. And so, as a result, we do not have anything in place to regulate the erecting of City signs, as well as when they come down. The state statute estates that election signs must come

down thirty days after the election. But as you all are aware, if you ride around the City, there are still election signs from the November election up.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem, you're recognized.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: If, if that statute alone is in place, that they should come down within thirty days, I think then we should enforce that at the..., at the very least, that the persons that put those up, should have them down. If not, we should remove them because it's our City that's looking bad and, if we can, by some measure, charge them or what, what have you, then I think we should..., that then we should, we should do that. But to leave them up for eter'..., for eternity to make a point, I think that is just ridiculous, and I think that's what's happening now, they're up and being left up just to make a point.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair? If I recall correctly, I believe I have been advised by the Legal Department that..., although the state statute states thirty days after the, the election, it does not regulate us. So, if the Elected Board so desired to be directed through the City Manager to send a letter to the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, asking that they contact the candidates and have them to remi'..., remove their signs, Staff will do so.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I don't know how cy colleagues fee'..., feel but I would like to see the language that was proposed previously that provides an opportunity for us to retain a deposit and hold that deposit at the end, which would supplement and support Staff going out to move. So, I would ask my colleagues to support me in directing the City Manager and the City Clerk to bring back the proposed language so that we can review it and have discussion.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yeah. I...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, you all...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible]...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...all, all candidates to put down a deposit to...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Absolutely.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...put..., to put their, to put theirs signs up in the right-of-way, or through the City...

MAYOR MASTERS: It said to move...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...as a whole?

MAYOR MASTERS: ...to move them after the elections.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: All signage throughout the City, in my opinion, should be removed. I still look at signs from the August election in.., right in my community. I have since taken it upon myself to remove them because that's where I live but that shouldn't be my responsibility. A candidate should fully know where there, their signs are placed and remove them after such time as allotted by the state statute. So, I'm just suggesting that we would at least have a conversation about the language, see what the proposed language looks like, and there should be a responsibility and, and that should be a requirement for any candidate running.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I agree, within that thirty days, the, the candidate should be made to remove, to remove their signs, and if they don't and we have to remove them, then we contact those candidates with, with a fee of sorts. And, I think that should be one of the things that can be taken into consideration when the language is, is brought back.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Can I suggest that we take this up at the next possible opportunity, not to take time on it tonight, but I agree that we should.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Whatever the pleasure of the Council is.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: But it's not on this, but it's on that. For point of clarification, Mr. Horton, since we're clarifying things here, I wanna make sure I understand. Your department bought a truck that wasn't satisfactory, right? And they had to take it back or they had to order something else? But the bought it?

ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER HORTON: We have...

MAYOR MASTERS: Please help me understand.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: This is before him.

ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER HORTON: The truck that was purchased has been reassigned. The truck, it was not the size that was, was required to accommodate full, full-sized, four, full-sized grown men, and it did not have the towing capacity requirements...

MAYOR MASTERS: And...

ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER HORTON: ...that were needed.

MAYOR MASTERS: And you guys didn't know that before?

[Inaudible audience comments]

ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER HORTON: The wrong truck was purchased, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's terrible. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

20.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we're now on Item No. 20.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER, PURSUANT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD AS SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED, REVISED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 166.013, FLORIDA STATUTES, SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING DELETING REQUIREMENT THAT CITY MANAGER MUST HAVE JUSTIFIABLE CAUSE TO REMOVE CITY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019, PROVIDING NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION, BALLOTING IN THE ELECTION, BALLOTING AND THE ELECTION PROCEDURES, PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY (561)845-4090

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been moved and properly second. Attorney Wolpin, there were any..., there were no revisions to this from our last reading of this, correct?

MR. D. WOLPIN: That's correct, Madam Chair. No revisions from the last appearance of the Item.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tommy Walker.

MR. T. WALKER: Last time. Tommy Walker, 1582 West 9th Street.

It's been an honor to come up here. Look, the City Attorney..., the City Manager, my mistake, we need..., don't do it Julia. I'mma hold my thoughts to my thoughts to myself 'cause I see I'm gonna get myself in a big, big bind if I say what I really wanna say, so I'mma forfeit my...

UNK: [Chuckle].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair that completes public comment cards.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any comments or..., any comments from the Board? Discussion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Really brief.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'll just save it for during the public education process. I'll save it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion fails with Councilpersons Miller-Anderson, Hubbard and Davis Johnson dissenting.

21.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 21.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER PURSUANT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD, AS SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED, REVISED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 166.031 FLORIDA STATUTES, SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENDING AND TERMINATING A CITY MANAGER AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER, TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019, PROVIDING NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION, PROVIDING FOR BALLOTING AND ELECTION PROCEDURES, INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER, SEVERABILITY AND FOR CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY (561)845-4090

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second.

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

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tommy Walker.

[Pause]

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle]. Debie, you're funny.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, that concludes public comment

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any comments from the Council? Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilpersons Hubbard and Davis Johnson dissenting.

MAYOR MASTERS: Two no votes, right? [Inaudible].

22.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 22.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER PURSUANT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD AS SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED, REVISED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 166.0331 FLORIDA STATUTES, SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING RESTRICTION ON FORMER CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER, TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019, PROVIDING NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION, PROVIDING FOR BALLOTING ELECTION PROCEDURES, INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER, SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICT, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY (561)845-4090

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a second?

[Pause]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

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

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Edwin Ferguson.

MR. E. FERGUSON: Good evening. This is one that was, again, overwhelmingly passed. We looked at all the..., most of the municipalities here in Palm Beach County. The majority of the municipalities allow persons to qualify [audio skipped] paying, paying a fee, but then also, there were a great number of cities here in Palm Beach County that allows you to qualify by petition. Delray Beach, for example, comes to mind where you pay a nomi'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You're on, you're on the...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...the wrong one.

MR. E. FERGUSON: I'm sorry. I thought we were on 22?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: 22 is...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We are...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...the...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Restriction.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...former City elected officials restriction.

MR. E. FERGUSON: Okay. Then I'll be much quicker than that. The discussion on that was also.., that was, that was unanimous, at our City Council.., I'm sorry, the Charter Review meeting. My understanding is that, it was brought to our attention that there's already this limitation at the state level, in the House and the Senate, so we're just basically kinda following the lead at the legislature, state legislative level to implement that here in Riviera Beach. There was some discussion as to whether it should be a year versus six months, or more, whatever the case may be, but we came to this, this number and we're respectfully asking that you allow it to go to the voters for their ultimate consideration. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible]. It's already in the process.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair that concludes public comments on this Item.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: One question, am I.., [stammer], what process do we have in place that already addresses this? Isn't it two years before you can do anything, a lobby?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Uh-uh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Doing any work for the City? Isn't that correct? Other than the particular positions in the department. Now, that's something separate than what been previously done. But, I know we have a policy in place that allows any elected official, you would have to wait two years before you can lobby the City for anything?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Attorney?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's already in place. I'm just trying to find out why we...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are you aware of any provision that prevents a City Council Member from lobbying the City, or performing business on behalf of the City, beyo'...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Once...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Beyond...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...removed from office, yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I would have research that. I know there's one...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...that applies to me, and other officials. I don't know if it applies specifically to the legislative...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: To the legislative...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...body members.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...body. Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I would have to research that one.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's in place.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That's [inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: There are limitations on lobbying...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...that are imposed against certain employees. And it's usually employees, I don't.., I don't recall anything [inaudible] to the legislative body, but I'll have to research it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Did you have a comment you wanted to make, Attorney Wolpin.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Briefly. This, this provision deals with doing work for the City, or doing business for the City, it doesn't deal with, you know, restricting officials from lobbying work for other entities, that's covered by state law. There may be something else in the Palm Beach County Ethics Code, I don't know, but state law restricts the ability of elected officials to get with the lobbying activities.

This particular restriction is a restriction on former elected officials of the City for a period of one year from serving [audio skipped] compensation, or appointed that doesn't live in the City, or owning a business that's doing business with the City for the one year period. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you for that clarification. Madam Clerk.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair? Go ahead, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Were there any other comments? [Stammer].

MAYOR MASTERS: I have one. I, I have one quick, quick...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. So, this would mean that an elected official would have to wait a year to, let's just say there's a position, the library, couldn't be an ambassador at the Ambassador Center and the like. It doesn't matter what position it is, not even a crosswalk person if it's by the City. This would apply to, to any and all positions. Is that correct?

MR. D. WOLPIN: That's correct. Any compensated position with the City. Whether it be Public Works Director or the folks that do a great job keeping the Ambassador clean and safe, center, clean and safe.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Other cities have this?

MR. D. WOLPIN: Yes. Other cities have restriction that deals primarily with employment. I haven't seen many that deal with city officials serving as a contractor...

MAYOR MASTERS: So, you haven't seen this?

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...or, or a business owner. This goes into that. I have seen those that prohibit the former elected official from serving in any compensative, appointed city officer or employment.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, this would be specific and germane to Riviera Beach...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...but you haven't seen any other city, correct?

MR. D. WOLPIN: I've seen other cities having a provision that says no former elected official shall hold any compensated, appointed city office or employment.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further comment from the Board?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Hubbard dissenting.

[Inaudible dais comments]

23.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 23.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER PURSUANT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD, AS SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED, REVISED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 166.031 FLORIDA STATUTES,

SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING ETHICS PROVISION AND CITY CLERK ANTHONY A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019, PROVIDING NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION, BALLOTING AND ELECTION PROCEDURES, INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER, SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY (561)845-4090

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly second. Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. What is the, the, the purpose of this being in the Charter? Don't we, don't we do this already?

MR. D. WOLPIN: Very briefly. The purpose of this would be to make an express statement in the Charter, that the City officials are subject to ethic standards, and to also authorize the City Council to, by Ordinance, create additional ethics standards. The Mayor is correct that the officials, elected officials of the City are already subject to Part 3 of Chapter 112 Florida Statutes and the Palm Beach County Ethics Code, as well as various applicable federal restrictions. But this would make an express provision in the Charter, so therefore, the Board felt that it was something that would be an enhancement of the Charter. But this is, once again, up to the discretion of the City Council.

MAYOR MASTERS: So that's why I, I questioned it because, as Councilman Terence Davis mentioned earlier, we have things already in place, and we have to take an ethics course and go through a lotta different things, so I just didn't see the purpose of it being in the Charter, per se, when we already... So, you're correct. Thank you for remind us that.., of that. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further questions or comment from Council?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, for this particular one, you said it also allows for us to add additional things in, in terms of the ethics. Would we not be able to do that if we just went with what the state has in place already?

MR. D. WOLPIN: Yes, you would. Part 3 of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, does recognize that a city has the power to create provisions that are stricter than the state ethics code.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, would you say this may be redundant to what's already in place? For...

MR. D. WOLPIN: I think mai'...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the state?

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...the main purpose of this, is it makes a statement to the public that the City has a further and renewed commitment to ethics.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thanks.

MAYOR MASTERS: Wow.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further questions or [inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I think this presentation has clearly made a statement to the public already.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Just being respectful to the pre'..., presenter. We have rules in play, we have training, we all submit ourselves to this training, this process, but I just wanna know, prior to you coming, or as you came on board..., 'cause you came a little later because we had a previous attorney, we're talking about the intent of the Charter working for the people. So, once we go through all these items, are we discussing, there are some things that are already in place, and we can put our focus, our time and energy on things that are not in place to improve and strengthen? I mean, what can you do differently that's not already being done today? And, and I would like to see that question answered because I don't see anything being done differently by adding this to the item. You know, we all support that, we talk about it, we throw those words around, but what can we do differently if this goes to the..., when this goes to the people, if and when it approves and support it and that's what they choose to do, then what happens next? And

I don't hear that coming out of [stammer], see that nowhere in the language, like, being specific about what happens next. I know when it comes to Riviera Beach, people like to govern our community and our people a little differently. And I would like to know what happens next.

MR. D. WOLPIN: You're correct, Councilman Davis. You already have the power to adopt additional ethics...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right. [Inaudible].

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...Ordinance..., Ordinances, if you desire to do so.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Once again, the purpose of the Board was to do something that the public may find shows, again or reiterates, the City's commitment to ethics.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, sir.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Call the question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further questions or comments? Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

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

24.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Item No. 24.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER PURSUANT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD, AS SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED, REVISED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 166.031 FLORIDA STATUTES, SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT REDUCING FILING FEE AND PROVIDING FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICE, TO BE ABLE TO QUALIFY BY PETITION METHOD AS ALTERNATIVE TO THE PAYING A FILING FEE AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER, TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019, PROVIDING NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOTING AND ELECTION PROCEDURES, INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER, SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECT DATE.

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been mot'... Excuse me, it's been motioned and properly second. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Edwin Ferguson, Norm Adams, Douglas Lawson.

MR. E. FERGUSON: Okay. So, the other one that I was, I was speaking about earlier, this was one I actually presented to the Board, having dealt with races where you can qualify by petition. I felt that it was a, it was a reasonable option for the City to implement. For example, in Delray, they don't really have a Char'.., a filing fee [inaudible]. I think it may be \$100 or something nominal like that, and then they submit signatures by, by City electorates. So, we had looked at a number of different cities who have.., it's up to your discretion, it could be one percent of the electorate, two percent, five percent, ten percent, fifteen percent. It could be whatever you want it to be, but it seems as if two and half is fairly reasonable because, based on the numbers that we were presented with at our meeting, that will bring you around, somewhere between five hundred and fifty and five hundred and seventy signatures, which is no small feat for most people. Those of you who have probably tried to se'.., secure ballot.., or, petitions for other persons, I know you don't do it here, but I'm sure you realize that's not necessarily as easy as some would

think. And I think it's very presumptuous to assume that just because you may have support of the electorate, that that would als'.., automatically be quantified into dollars and you... It's also very presumptuous to assume that every single person who's running for office will necessarily have the financial means to simply be kind of, like, what Governor Scott did, which is fund their own campaign. Andrew Gillum, who was our Democratic nominee, did fairly poorly, to be quite frank with you in terms of fundraising, before he won the Democratic nomination.

So there.., I don't think there's truly a fair connection between ability to raise funds leading up to the election, and being an actual viable candidate. I know the Mayor's position, he stated at our last meeting, was to keep it where it is to try to limit people from running. I think that's the wrong way to think about it.

So, I think, I think this would be something, and I know the Board.., we did unanimously pass, unanimously pass this one.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. E. FERGUSON: We're asking that you consider implementing this change because, for those persons, for whatever reason who can't provide those finances, they can qualify by way of signatures. Also, to be quite frank, looking at the financial reports for most City of Riviera Beach officials, this is not a slight, this is just an objective assessment. Most city officials don't raise a whole heck of a lotta money. So, if I'm donating to Candidate X or Candidate Y, I'm hoping that you use that money to help get your name out and let us know what your policies and procedures are...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. E. FERGUSON: ...not simply to pay...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Inaudible].

MR. E. FERGUSON: ...this, this buy-in fee, if you will. So that's another reason why we thought, for this City, it would be practical and more reasonable to reduce it from five percent down to two and a half percent, that way, the hard-earned money that we're giving to you in support of your respective candi'.., candidacies, can be used for mailers, flyers, lawn signs, although I agree with the Board Members that, yeah, sometimes they do stay up a little bit too long, but nevertheless, they're, they're be'.., there's better ways to use the money, our hard-earned dollars. So, we think that we should, as a City, reduce that filing fee, and give you the opportunity, if you're willing, to knock on doors, to go knock on doors and get support from, from registered voters here in Riviera Beach.

Thank you for your time. Have a good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Norm Adams.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: He's gone.

MAYOR MASTERS: He's gone.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: He's gone.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, that completes public comments on...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Lawson.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We're on... Douglas Lawson.

MR. D. LAWSON: Good evening again, Council.

Qualifying for a petition regarding the qualification of this process. I think it's consistent with other municipalities that we've worked in and I believe it actually is an excellent amendment. The only thing I dissent from is the lowering of the fee. I think that the percentage needs to stay where it is, just because it allows for a certain quality of candidate to come in and to qualify for this race, but I do truly believe that the petition option is something that is needed because, with myself running for City Council, I think that gives me the opportunity, and other qualified candidates, the one on one interaction with people, to knock on doors, to speak to people, to have an understanding of what the needs are of the City. And it's more of a training process. So, instead of just paying a fee to jump in and be a Council Member, then you can actually go door to door, whether it's five hundred, a thousand, two thousand constituents of our City, you get that one on one experience with them, and get to actually see what is happening within our City, and they'll, before they're gonna sign the petition, of course they're gonna address some of the concerns they have. So, it's gonna take time for them to meet with the individuals and discuss what their issues and concerns are, so you're doing a similar training process to some of the candidates that are coming onto our Council, prior to them coming onto Council. Thank you, Council.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any comments from the Council?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: One brief question. In the discussion with the Charter Review Committee, did we take into consideration the matter of Staff hours, and money that's being spent on running the election?

MR. D. WOLPIN: I believe, [clears throat], excuse me. If I may? The Board asked a question to the City Clerk's office at one of the meetings, and was explained how the,

how the funds are handles and, certainly the City Clerk could address that, but these amounts are collected and I believe they're put in the general fund in the City but Mrs. Anthony would be the, the party to answer that. Would that be correct?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk, you're recognized.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The qualifying fee that is collected at this particular time, is placed in the general fund. It is not placed in the City Clerk's office budget. And, as you all know, we have a fee that we have to pay to the state, once qualifying ends. In the event that this particular amendment is placed before the voters and it passes, the individual will still have a responsibility of paying the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office for their signatures, because the.., only the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office can verify whether or not a person's signature is correct, and if their voter's registration is active.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: So they'.., they will incur some...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Is it...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...some type of fee. And, what will follow on the City Clerk's office, in the handling of this, is not for certain at this time, but I'm quite sure that we will have an additional responsibility.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: If this passes, you will.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: If it passes.

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That financial impact was very important. I like what Attorney Ferguson was suggesting, but we would have to make sure that all these things take into consideration that the money is gonna be spent one way or the other, and we wanna make sure that, for one, how do we get the money from the general fund to the Clerk's office to make sure that we can balance things out from year to year, on we appropriate our budget. And for two, how much money is projected the county will receive that the City won't get? The money's gonna be spent, but I'd like to see a financial impact

as this information is taken before the voters. I think it's, it's only fair because the money's gonna get spent with, with the signed signatures and get them certified,, either the county's gonna get the money or the City's gonna get the money, and I think that draws another question is, who do you wanna make sure that we provide all our funding to? Do you wanna keep supporting the..., you wanna support the county, or do you wanna support our local City?

MAYOR MASTERS: Hmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But still try to find a way to get to where we are, but all these things must be taken into consideration prior to bringing it before this Board because that is very important to know that those signatures are gonna have to get paid for. But we won't see the..., that funding from those signatures. Where's the City.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: This...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: I, I agree with Councilman Davis. This is why it is so important to have public education...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...town hall meetings in, in this City, in order for people can get the information, get the facts, the City Clerk can be there to explain that this..., as she just stated, this would create an additional financial burden on the Clerk's office, if this passes. Is that..., did I hear you say that? Or something like that? Close to that?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk, you're recognized.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The statement was that I'm quite sure that it will give us additional responsibilities.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Which will, possibly, equate to...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: More costs.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...additional funding needed. [Chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: That is why we..., the Mayor will hold firm that there needs to be public education, town hall meetings, on those that..., the amendments that have already failed so, don't worry about those, but those that passed, there needs to be a public input before it gets to the Mayor's desk.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I think during the last meeting, I, I did mention about the, the low percentage of...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...petitions that are required. I, I think a lot of places have about 10% petitions that are required in, in the place of the filing fee, so that is my only issue. I, I do not have an issue with the..., other than that. I just..., I, I think the..., if they were gonna go the petition route, they should be required to collect more signatures than the two, two and a half percent. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: I agree with the previous speaker.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Is it too..., at this time, could we amend the percentage amount to take back before..., give a either or, so they can have options?

MR. D. WOLPIN: Uh...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: At that meeting?

MR. D. WOLPIN: If I may address that? For example, right now, the proposed Ordinance provides for a, [audio skips], the filing fee, the petition may be presented with 2.5% of the number of electors. You could change that 2.5% number of electors at this time, if you wanted to make it three percent, five percent, ten percent, whatever you feel is appropriate, I would revise the Ordinance accordingly so that the revision would appear at the second reading.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Chair Pro Tem, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: There was money on [inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: If the..., in, in the Clerk's explanation, she stated that the fi'..., the fees to the state would definitely still have to be paid. They would have to pay Supervisor of Election for the verification of those signatures as well. While in the..., City would be the only person in the whole equation that would not be getting funds for hosting an election. We were already talking, earlier, about the cost that it takes for the City to, to, to hold...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...to hold elections.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, I think that these funds are definitely needed. The county's requiring theirs, the state's requiring theirs, and we're going to forfeit ours. But yet, we have to put in, as someone said, upwards of \$80,000 per election. So, I don't see how the City can afford to forfeit those fees that are needed and, as the Clerk stated, they don't..., they don't come directly to her, they go to the general fund and that's something we need to look at to make sure that the funds that are needed in the Clerk's office, get to the Clerk's office. So, I don't see how we can forfeit the fees that we need right now to host elections. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ma'...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Who's speaking?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: She can go first.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I'm wondering if there is a problem with..., if, if there's a problem with reducing the fees as opposed to allowing for petitions, is there an opportunity to split this, yet again, not that we need any more splitting of hairs here, but..., so that if people have..., are in favor of using a petition method, but don't..., and maybe the petition number needs to change, but are not in favor of u'..., of reducing the fee, we can accomplish one but not the other. Do you know what I'm saying?

MR. D. WOLPIN: My recommendation would be that, if you feel that the five percent of salary fee should be kept as is, this Ordinance would be revised accordingly to maintain that five percent fee, but offer the petition method as the alternative. So, this Ordinance may be adjusted to accomplish...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...whatever the Council intends. For example, if you wanted to keep the filing fee at the current level, but allow the petition method, but adjust that petition method to be a different percentage, rather than 2.5% are the number electors, now would be the time, in my opinion to, you know, amend the Ordinance to do that.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, based on what you just stated, I would like to make a motion that we, or..., we amend this by making it the five percent for the filing fee as it is, and then also adding the option to make it ten percent for the petitions.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm sorry. Five percent reduction of the fee?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No. Not...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm not clear on what you're saying.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go back to it being a five percent filing fee...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Filing fee.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...requirement.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Five percent of the...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Salary.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...salary of the position. What it currently is.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right. In other words, your proposal would be...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You didn't say that.

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...to maintain the current filing...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hmm.

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...fee...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You said five percent, so I'm trying to understand your terminology.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Because it's the...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...five percent of the salary.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Madam Chair...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...I believe I can clarify that, if I may?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead. She... It., I mean, is that what...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible] see him.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...you want him to do? To...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's your...

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...motion. I just was trying to understand what it was...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...that he was asking.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...let me hear what he has to say. What...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right. In other words, your motion, as I understand it, would be to maintain the currently in effect filing fee of five percent of the annual salary...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...but to adjust the proposed Ordinance to provide that the petition method may be used, but when the petition method is used, it will require ten percent of the total number of registered electors.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Ma'...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. To, to have the two options. You either...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right. That's it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...pay the filing fee...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right. That's the way the Ordinance is written, you either pay the filing, or you file the petition method in lieu of the filing fee.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But the percent is different.

MR. D. WOLPIN: You're suggesting simply adjusting that percentage.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: On both. Right?

MR. D. WOLPIN: Well, you're...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...suggesting re'...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Just to, to go back to the, to keep...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the original.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Keep the filing fee as it is...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...and adjust the petition percentage...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: To ten percent.

MR. D. WOLPIN: From five percent to ten percent.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

MR. D. WOLPIN: To me, it's very clear as to the intent.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That's what my motion is, yes.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a second to that motion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: No. I'm..., actually, my motion was on the floor, so we..., I would need to...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Who were..., you were the maker of the motion?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I thought I was.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: It wasn't me...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You were the second?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Probably.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Think so.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Then it's proper for you to amend your motion.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I would be willing to amend my motion to keep it five percent, but five percent of..., I think ten percent is too high. I would be willing to amend my motion to keeping the five percent amount for the filing fee, and having a five percent of elected..., five percent of the voters' petition.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Petition?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a second? [Pause].

MAYOR MASTERS: It dies.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That motion dies.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I would just like to see the financial impact of doing petitions tot'..., totally on the City before supporting a percentage increase, one way or the other. I mean, just the signature' itself, the Clerk has been very clear about losing money on one end to the, to the county, but on the same man..., this would require more man'..., more hours by our employees to do more work and that's gonna be a financial impact to that, that we're gonna lose that funds to the county. But, in the current process right now, we're giving all our, unfortunately to the general fund, but it, it's, it's all about what you wanna do and , and are we considering everything in the decision that we're making? So, I just really would like to have that information prior..., before sending this before the voters. I mean, I think it's a good idea what the voters is proposing, the Charter Review Board, the work they've done, but that is something that we must..., a question I would like to see answered, is the financial impact.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you. Could I recommend that we vote on this tonight so that it moves forward to a second reading...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...and in the interim, we get that information from the Clerk's office.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's fine.

UNK: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: In that case, I, I...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's cool.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...would like to restate my motion. I make a motion, again, perhaps it can be...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...seconded this time, and then by the next reading, we can, we can amend it yet again. I make a motion that we stay with the five percent filing fee, and that we have a five percent percentage of the voters for petition.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You have a... I, I...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...I understand there's a motion and a second, but I'm hearing some... What is your concern with this action?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: My concern is that it died for a lack of second, so I thought with that said, if it wasn't a new motion, we move on to, to...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's a different motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...we move on. If it... So, that's, that's, that's how it, how it goes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What say you, Madam Clerk?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Go back to the...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: She is correct...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...original motion.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So, I'll make a motion in that case... Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Two percent.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You're recognized, Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you. I make a motion that we stay at five percent and go to four percent of the voters, to move it forward.

Thank you. That's a different motion. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly sec'... You, your face. Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: [Chuckle]. Madam Chair, if I'm understanding Councilperson Botel, you are amending the original motion.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: And..., so, you're making another amended...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...motion? Okay.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. And if I understand correctly, the, the current five percent of the salary you wanted to remain...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...and do four percent...,

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...for petition.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So the... Ma'.., Madam Chair?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You may respond.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: With the hopes that in the interim, before the next reading of this Ordinance, we can have information from the Clerk's office as to the fiscal impact of doing a petition.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Now, a couple things...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...are we..., as far as the petition, are we talking about the registered voters at the previous election, or ...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...we talking about those...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...that don't?

MR. D. WOLPIN: The registered voters at the most recently completed Council election.

MAYOR MASTERS: And most cities that have this, is it that low? What, I mean, in your research, did you find out that most cities have it at 2.5% of the re'.., of whatever it is. I don't know what...

MR. D. WOLPIN: It varies from place to place.

MAYOR MASTERS: But, what's the lowest?

MR. D. WOLPIN: I don't, I don't recall the lowest.

MAYOR MASTERS: What was the highest?

MR. D. WOLPIN: I believe there was.., I really don't recall.

MAYOR MASTERS: You don't recall? Okay. Well, let me ask you, let me ask you this, in petitions in government, in referendum, I think you would agree that most referendums, or most petitions are at ten percent.

MR. D. WOLPIN: That's correct. Most.., many Charters have provisions for, like, initiative referendum, ten percent of electors. Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. And that's where I think it should be too. Thank you, sir. To be consistent.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair? Could I rec'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman....

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Could I please request...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Botel, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...that we have that information before the next reading?

MR. D. WOLPIN: Information on the financial...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: The, the...

MR. D. WOLPIN: ...aspect?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: No. In addition to the financial aspect, I'd like to know about what the average is for this particular kind of petition.

MR. D. WOLPIN: Petition [video skips].

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion fails with Councilpersons Miller-Anderson, Hubbard and Davis Johnson dissenting.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, it doesn't come back then, okay? That fails.

MR. D. WOLPIN: That's done.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay, Madam Chair. We have completed the section dealing with the proposed Charter amendments. We are now on to...

MR. D. WOLPIN: Thank you all... Sorry to interrupt. Thank you all for your consideration and diligence on the matter.

UNK: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you for representing.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

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CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We are now onto Item No. 28.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION REFERENCING HIRING NEW CITY ATTORNEY.

CITY MANAGER KAREN L. HOSKINS (561)845-4010

MAYOR MASTERS: Debie?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What's this?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Manager?

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

[Inaudible comments]

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible background comment]

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, on, on Saturday, December 1st, the City Council interviewed six applicants for the position of City Attorney. On Monday, I was notified that Mrs. Lola Mosley, that she withdrew her name for consideration for the position. When you left on Saturday, the instructions were to come back with your number one and number two candidate, that you felt would best serve the City, and tonight we are at that point and just, if you would give me your candidates or, you know, do you wanna have discussion? How would you like to proceed?

Also, on yesterday, there were some concerns about one of the applicants, [stammer], during the interview, there was questions asked and additional clarification was asked of the applicant and I have the response. If you'll just give me a moment. [Pause]. Mrs. Green, Lindsey Green, I'm sorry if I mispronounced your last name, but there was some questions that want..., that Councilwoman Botel wanted, wanted clarified. And, her question..., Councilwoman Botel's question was, when is the relationship with the firm, and how will it be defined? Interim Director Eureka Irving, reached out to Ms. Green, and Ms. Green stated that she will be con'..., she will continue to be affiliated with the firm but will work out of Riviera Beach. Mrs. Green stated that her relationship will be defined as any other City Attorney, but will continue to be a partner. Mrs. Green said she will serve as the City Attorney, representing the City in all matters, and she will, if Council wanted certain cases contracted out, those case could be contracted to the firm at a substantially lower cost. And I understand Mrs. Green is here, in the audience.

Also, Mrs. Botel asked..., Councilwoman Botel asked, that she needed a better explanation of how this would work if she is appointed City Attorney. What role with the firm serve as? The firm will have no relationship with the City unless the City opt to use the firm as contracted outsource. This is will be done after conferring with the City Manager and Council authorization. The u'..., the use of the firm would be substantially less.

Councilwoman Botel also asked if, as City Attorney..., if appointed City Attorney, she will need to make up..., take up residency here in the City. Mrs. Green responded, it's not a problem. Will take up residency within the City. Currently looking at residency within the City. And the statement was made that the City has a residency requirement. Was she aware of this, and will she move into the City, and she stated yes.

Another question, is she willing to make a commitment to Riviera Beach only? Which means no other firm. Mrs. Green stated she will continue to represent clients that has no conflict consequence to the City, clients that have no jurisdiction with the City. Her client base is through Central Florida, and it's not her intention to give up other clients.

Mrs. Green ad'..., added that she will serve as the City Attorney, given what a..., whatever hours are required.

And, another question was, will be restricting other firms from doing work in the City? She stated, 'Absolutely not. Council to decide.' Ms. Green stated she will also obtain direction from the City Manager.

Madam Ch'..., okay. And Madam Chair, in a letter that I sent you at the end of November or early..., late October, there was one candidate that dropped out because he wanted his firm to represent the City, so that was one of the reasons why one of the earlier candidates dropped out of the City Attorney process. Just wanted to make sure that you all were aware of that. So, it's up to you all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. [Stammer]. Council Members, we were..., we discussed selecting our number one and number two firms. If you want to..., is there a desire to now pass this down or do you want to publicly state what your one and two is, what's the pleasure of the Council?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I think we need to...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Pass it.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...public state what, what our one's and two's re. Myself, that's what...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel, you're recognized. Would you like to...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: My, my first choice would be Lindsey Green Ouelli [sp]. And my second choice would be Rasheed McDuffy.

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilm'..., Council Member Davis? You can just go ahead and read it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I didn't agree to do that. That's what they chose to do, not what I chose to do.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Pass it on down.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: They're gonna still know.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, some are passing and some are saying it out loud, or...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Whatever the pleasure...

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...of the individual Member is.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And she's gonna open up and say it or how's that gonna work?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Of course she has it, she's going to read it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Alright. So, where are we? Me?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You're recognized, Council Member.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you, ma'am. My, my concern initially, and I, I think I brought this up on.., I did ask the question on Saturday regarding Ms. Ouelli about the residency. I understand there was some follow up questions that may have been addressed on yesterday regarding the residency, but on Saturday, the answer was no about the residence when I asked it, and then the Mayor followed up with another question to say would you be willing to do so? And, at that time, you said yes. I, I did have a concern about the firm use, because of the fact that we did not advertise it as a firm, and I know during Saturday's interviews, the firm was the focus point on being able to, basically, come on as a firm, but you were applying as an individual, so that was made very clear. I, I do.., and I'm stating my points, as to why I selected the two. Tho'.., so those were some issues for me. However, I do believe you presented very well and are very well qualified, so I want to say that on record as well. For my.., so that would be a candidate for me, and then Ms. Dawn Wynne, who is local, who has quite a bit of experience, familiar with municipal government, Palm Beach County, and also lives in Riviera Beach. So, because of the fact that we, for some reason, have not adhered to our policy regarding the residency for the department heads and City Managers to live in the City for the past year, or, I'm sorry, within the year, that is something that we really need to try to get back with. And so, I think with that said, Ms. Wynne has the skillset, the experience and also has the residency already in place, so I have Ms. Dawn Wynne and Ms. Lindsey Green Ouelli.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: In which order?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Dawn Wynne and Ms. Ouelli.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: So, Councilwoman Miller-An'... Wynne is your number one?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Davis.., you wanna...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Oh. Councilperson T.D Davis, number one was Corey Smith and number two was Dawn Wynne.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I just...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I just wanna state for the record, through the process, and I had the chance on Friday to ask my three very important questions, that all the candidates did a wonderful job. But, one of the things I, I really took into, took into consideration, is more important is, I never, ever wanna not give local talent the opportunity to grow, and having these two candidates was a very close 1A and 1B here in Riviera Beach, that I believe this City cannot lose on either candidate, that, that wins this job. They have great relationships throughout the community, they both live in Riviera Beach. I believe in giving our community a chance because one thing I learned, when you [inaudible] in this community, folks have a tendency to put a fence around you and I would like to make sure our talent have an opportunity to grow within our community.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Chair Pro Tem.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Dawn Wynne, Corey Smith.

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, I would like to publicly state that all, all candidates presented fairly well. There was great experience that was shared with regards to the various candidates. I had concerns with regards to Ms. [stammer] Ouelli.

MS. L. GREEN OUELLI: Green is fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Green is fine, she says. I had concerns with the conversations steering more towards the firm in the presentation of the, of, during the interview, and I was concerned about any other firm not having been provided the proper opportunity, or the same opportunity, to present and I felt that it was a little bit of circumventing our process of, if we were going to go with a firm, then we were going to go through our solicitation process of seeking it through an RFP, and operating I that vein. With that being said, my number one was Dawn Wynne, based on the experience that she brings from the county, and I made my disclosures publicly, during the interview. We do., [stammer] our colleagues in Palm Beach County, and I will state that for the record again, and she is the attorney for the Department of the Office of Small Business Assistance, for the record. However, I believe that the experience that she brings from the county level, with ex'..., with..., inclusive of the specific areas that we asked about, she is my number one, and Mr. Smith was my number two, both being local, having a c'..., having made the decision that we want to make sure that folks are local and that we grow

local folks, but more importantly, we want a.., an individual that will be here and that their primary focus will be the City of Riviera Beach and no other client or representation.

So, with that being said, my number one is Dawn Wynne and my number two is Corey Smith.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, do I read.., do I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Do I speak on this? I know I don't have a vote but do I speak on this?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I really like all of them. Actually, there was, there was things that I saw in, as my Grandmother would say, each and every one that I like for the, for the City. It kinda puts me in a difficult position somewhat, having been a pastor in this City for thirty-one years, I had an opportunity to, to see most of these attorneys in court, or see them working in their field. I certainly.., I heard the interviews, I witnessed them, I've gone back and watched the tapes several times to be able to give an intelligent decision. And I know that, just to let it be known that people will say that Dawn Wynne's husband, he has been my attorney in the past, I recognize that. He did a good job for me, and if Dawn Wynne is as good as her husband or better, she will do a good job for the City. So, having heard from my colleagues, it seems that they like what they saw in this young lady, and I am impressed with anybody that can bring scripts to the City and, uh, I mean, to the area and bring.., negotiate for those ballparks, is a big plus, for me, as well.

Thank you.., thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I further need to place on the record that Mr. Smith and I served on SAT Committee at Northborough Elementary with our children. I just want to put it all out there so that there is no suggestion that I did not disclose our relationship. So, I am familiar with him in that regard.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: M'...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam.., Chair Pro Tem, you're recognized.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Do we need to disclose that we know all of the ca'.., candidates, all except the two that came from Buffalo and from Orl'.., Orlando? So, and I know you were making your disclosures with your relationship, but I just wanna, if, if need be, to go on record to say that, you know, we all know them, they're from Palm Beach County. Palm Beach County, as big as.., as big as it is, it's very small, so we know most of the practicing attorneys here in the area.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And, on Saturday, we did all disclose that we., who we knew and how we knew them. And that was stated on the record during the Saturday's interviews but to just put it out there, I, I'm familiar with all of the candidates except for Ms. Green and Mr. McDuffy. No personal relationships, no anything, no business relationships, but I do know of them from being here in the, in the City and the county.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Let me just add, as far as Ms. Wynne is, I do not know her, professionally or, or personally. I knew other members of the family but I really haven't had an opportunity to interact with Ms. Wynne in probably twenty years, and it's probably been five or ten minutes, at the most, as far as conversing. But I would like to ask Ms..., I would like to, to ask a question. I do know that., it seems like Ms. Green got some support, she did a good job as well, and I appreciate that. But, I would wanna know, I don't know whether it's possible, but would it be possible to serve here too, in a second., in that position, Assistant Attorney? I don't know. But I'm just, I'm just saying, I would like to see...

[Inaudible audience exclamations]

MAYOR MASTERS: Hold, hold on, hold on. I would like to see, I would like to see you here some kinda way, but that's just me, [stammer], if you were willing, to be an assistant or whatever, maybe the Council could consider. But right now, my support is with Ms. Wynne, but I was just trying, in the spirit of compromise, that's all. That's it.

MS. L. GREEN: [Inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS: And you decline. Okay.

MS. L. GREEN: No. It's not that I decline. That would be up to the, the City Council. I just...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

MS. L. GREEN: ...it's there in my application. [Inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

MS. L. GREEN: I'm thankful for the many residents who very resourceful and contacting me, [inaudible]. I certainly wish you the best [inaudible] and if I may be of service then that is up to you to reach out to me and I will make myself available.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I just wanted that on the record and, and to be courteous to you. Thank you. My vote is with Attorney Wynne.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Manager, you're recognized.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Now, the next step, I believe, would be the contract negotiations.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: And, I'm not sure what was done before, or...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...would it be the City Attorney, or...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...or who would be... Pardon me?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yeah. [Stammer], I know. She's giving us some..., she's just gonna give us some instruction. We're coming back to public comment.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, the question though... So, are we going with..., saying that Ms. Wynne has it because she has the three or, I mean, are we gonna...

[Inaudible dais comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Do you, do you all wish to...

[Inaudible dais comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Do you...

[Inaudible comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: But, but we have to hear public comments.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: We don't [inaudible] public comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: There are public comment cards that were put in. We have to hear them. [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Are they still here?

[Inaudible dais comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: Most people...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...public comments for this item.

MAYOR MASTERS: Do they still wanna comment? We got the majority?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I did announce that we do have public comment cards on this item.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I'm just waiting for direction when you wanna go to the public comment.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Exactly. We have comments outstanding.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: We're going to [inaudible]?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I believe Mr. Norm Adams is gone. So, Erica Davis, Mary Brabham.

MS. E. DAVIS: Good evening, Board. Erica Davis...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. E. DAVIS: ...Riviera Beach.

I just wanna say that, it seems like every time a major decision is made, I don't care whether it's for City Council, Cit., I mean, City Manager, City Attorney, developmental decisions on developing the City, there's always some biasness on how you're doing it. It's never who's qualified to do it, it's always because that's your mother's sister' cousin' brother, or I work with them or this and that.

[Inaudible audience comment]

MS. E. DAVIS: And you have a resume of a young man... Excuse me. Can I put this here?

UNK: Sure.

MS. E. DAVIS: That's well qualified. Well qualified to do the job. He has all of the comp'..., components to do the job of a City Attorney. Federal, state, local, plus social community, but you always seem to choose a developer, City Attorney, City Manager, anybody..., anything that's important in this City to make a decision without your biasness being in'..., involved in it? You always seem to make the decision on people that you know, even if they're not more qualified than the next person. And that's what your attitude needs to change for, because every time you do that, that's where the drama comes in and the problems come in. It's not always about local. Of course, we want all of our local people to get an opportunity, but you have to go on qualifications and experience, not because you know them. And you're gonna have to stop making decision like that, or we're gonna..., you're gonna always cost us money in the City, with lawsuits. Think about the past things that you have done that has caused a lot of detrimental mistakes and money in this City. You're gonna have to be more professional than this. It's not about who you know. We don't need a, a monopoly or a [stammer], a Illuminati group, we need experience and what makes sense and what's logical.

And that's all I have to say. Going forward, you guys need to change your mindsets and think about what you're doing before you make a decision. Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mary Brabham.

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

I had the opportunity to sit for the interviews, and I would like to say, as a resident, to me, they were all good. They were all good. Why would I say they were all good? [Stammer] it takes something for someone to step into the City of Riviera Beach. Corey Smith, you're excellent. Ms. Brabham love' you. Ms. Green, you were excellent. Rasheed, he was excellent. Ms. Whitfield, she was excellent. Dawn, she was excellent. Mayor, is out the room. Mayor you can't backdoor pedal. It can only be one. Ms. Green, you all knocked her out. Some knocked her in, and some knocked her out. Not to say that, you know, she was not good...

[Inaudible audience comment]

MS. M. BRABHAM: ...because I know the residents felt as if that she was excellent. And what you all were looking for, some of them had it. It was wide-ranged. But that decision was left to the Board, and you will have to live with that for the time that you sit there. We, as residents, we ask for a skillset, professional attorney because over twenty years, that this City has not really come into the focus of having an attorney, whereas they can dialog the legalities of this City, and God knows there are many. Monies are spent out every way except for what is really, really co'.., upbuild and build up this City. If that attorney has it, I hope that she applies to the greatest of her ability. You are paying out.., I sat here and I heard what you was paying out. I also have records of how many cases that this City has [pause] have. How many cases that this City have, because that legality, this City does not have it. And it's no offense to the Attorney that sits here now, but we have to move beyond the greatness of this City, that we know what this City could be. So, we have to look at the reality of it. Take Ms. Brabham out of it. I look at the totality of the City. How can we bank on this City, how can we make it better and how we can [stammer] litigate better. Because that's the issue at hand. And whether who has it or not, they need to be held accountable. We, as residents, we will not sit here for ten and twenty years, not even five years, and go through the same thing. We have to rise up and be better, and challenge our leaders to come into the City, whoever they may be to pro'.., to produce for us, be effective and be efficient. That's the leadership skills that this City here very much needs. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Does that conclude...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair that concludes public comments on this Item.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem, you're recognized.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you. Madam Chair, oftentimes it's better to just.., to not say things but I think it would be doing this community [pause] a disservice not to say that all of the applicants that applied were very good applicants. Nothing had to.., we.., nothing had to be based on anything but the mere resident.., the mere, the mere applications of all the residents. They were very good.

I do wanna, I do want go, I do wanna say this. Yes, we all live here, we know a lot of people, we know lot of the same people, and that really has nothing to do with anything. When Mrs. Wynne presented herself and the things that she has done, her resume alone speaks for itself.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: She has twenty-five years of experience, negotiating major contracts and job growth. Bringing Scripts and Max Plunk to this area, area, negotiating that contract, Palm Beach County lives and thrives off of tourism. She has headed up the tourism division for the county. The economic development funds that

Riviera Beach receives, comes from..., for housing. CDBG funds and all of those funds, tho'..., that's the division that she has negotiated and has worked in. So, for anybody to think that her experience, her expertise and her resume in government and [stammer] municipal contracts, doesn't stand on, on its own, is being disingenuous and painting a picture that is not quietly..., quite correct for the general public. And I think that it would be..., behoove us to, to look at the whole picture for our individual selves and to look at what she has brou'..., what she has brought forth. She represents the Office of Community Revitalization, Code Enforcement Division, our ocnstru'..., construction hearings.

So, I say that to..., I, I say that to say that, sometimes we can allow statements to just stand and hang out there in the air when, in fact, if any of our residents want to see why we made this decision, and what we're working with, they can all...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...come to the Clerk's office and get the resume itself, because it stands on its own. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Just for the record and for the edification of the public watching, can you tell me how many years as a City Attorney Ms. Wynne has had?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The City..., Ms. Wynne works...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Excuse me, Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...for the county.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Excuse me. Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Oh, you weren't talking to me?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I wasn't talking to you, no.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Sorry.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair? Could you, could you please tell us, for the record, how many years as a City Attorney Ms. Wynne has had.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: She has county attorney experience.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So, no, no years as a City Attorney? [Pause]. Is that right?

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Ms. Wynne has Palm Beach County attorney...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: But I'm just asking, years as a City Attorney was my question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I said she has county, no...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...City.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman..., I'm sorry, Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I just wanna state, I know how it's been said tonight, I make a motion that the City'.., the City Counc'.., City Manager and the City Attorney and the Chair sit down and negotiate the contract with Ms. Wynne, and bring it back at a later date.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is it a motion?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second.

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

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Botel dissenting.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I, I just, I just wanna s'...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ... just wanna say for the record, real quick on that matter we just voted on...

[Inaudible dais discussions]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Let's, let's not lose focus on why we're here, what we're gonna do. Everyone was qualified, everyone agrees to that, but let's not allow a major decision, once again, to put us at a competition with one another, let's stay focused on the City at hand. Ms. Wynne will get an opportunity to prove herself, and we get to find out, on a one on one basis, what type of experience she has. And so, let's remain focused on remaining together and keeping the City as our top priority, and our residents. We will be having more heated issues, and we can't let these issues take our emotions to a point of separation with one another. So, we have to remain focused and just stay together and that's all I want us to do.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What..., what would you like for me to read?

MAYOR MASTERS: I didn't hear [inaudible].

[Inaudible discussions]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, you can say that for the record.

UNK: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible]. Madam City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Just to read the job opportunity that was advertised, part of the description says, 'Ideal candidates must have graduated from an accredited law school, plus five years as practicing attorney, including municipal experience

required, commensurate county, state or federal law experience may substitute for municipal experience.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, ma'am. Mr. Mayor, you had a comment?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, I did. In, in the spirit of unity and harmony tonight, and I'm just wondering.., I know it's done a lot, if there could be a, a motion, unanimously, that we all can just get on one page, in the spirit of moving our City forward, and make this motion, or this decision tonight, unanimously, to select Attorney Wynne. If we all can agree...

[Inaudible audience comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...and it could go... The word can go out that we all came together on one person, because we, we just don't wanna keep division going. We, we've gotta come together and move forward. You don't have to do it...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...but it is done, and once a motion is made, people have voted, sometimes in Congress or others, they come back by voice or consent and they just come together and say we.., we all come together as one. As one body. That's what I think. And if not, it's okay. It's done.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Discussion by City Manager. Is there.., I don't believe that there is... Did we take a vote?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

[Inaudible comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: Thee was three...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We took a vote.

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It was 4-1.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: There's no desire.., is there any desire...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible] vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The vote is the vote.

UNK: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, okay. Mr. Mayor, I don't believe that you're going to get what you're asking...

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...for tonight.

[Inaudible comments and chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: I thought maybe Dr. Botel may change her mind. [Chuckle]. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: On to discussion by City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, just an announcement. The Utility District will begin the replacement program of all the water meters within the service area, starting in February 2019, and through the end of 2019. The contractor, Ferguson Water Works, through its subcontractor, UWS, Incorporated, would like to offer local City of Riviera Beach residents, employment opportunities for the installation of these meters. The Utility District will be assisting them in this process by hosting a job fair on January 15, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. It will be held here in the City Council Chambers. Those hired will be employees of, and paid by, the subcontractor, UWS. UWS will meet with and collect resumes from those residents in'.., interested in this type of employment. And this information will be placed on RBTv18, the City's website and the electronic digital billboard out front. Wages for the installation of these meters will be based on a per meter install by size, i.e., \$11.50 per residential meter installed, with a minimum installation rate of twenty per day, and then \$60 per, per commercial meter. The job requirements for hiring, basic plumbing knowledge is necessary and required, must be able to lift and carry a minimum of fifty pounds, exceptional organizational skills, have a valid driver's license and acceptable driving history, must be willing to work in outdoor environments, clean criminal record, perform daily startup procedures, remove and install water meters for residential, commercial and industrial customers, work efficiently while maintain a good relationship with the Utility District customers, accurate record keeping of inventory and work orders, proficiently navigate using GPS or other paper maps as needed, and respond to occasional on-call emergency repairs. And that's all I have, Madam Chair.

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Discussion by City Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Nothing for your consideration.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Reminder about....

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: The 12th...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Reminder about the 12th.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...December the 12?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Closed executive session.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes.

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: We will have a closed...

UNK: [Inaudible] microphone.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The closed executive schedule.., session, scheduled for tonight was continued to 5:30 on December 12th. In attendance, will be myself, Glen Torcivia, and the Council Members, I believe. [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: And me.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And the City Manager.

MAYOR MASTERS: And the Mayor.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And the Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That concludes your comments?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, ma'am.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: City Council Committee reports?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Recently, on November 15th, the Florida League of Cities, had their legislative conference. For the first time, I was appointed by the Florida Leagues Cities President to the Legislative Committee. On the 15th, the five committees had met and during that time, they prioritized their two priorities for each committee. The first committee was the Finance Taxation Committee. Committee No. 2 was Land Use and Economic Development, Municipal Administration, as well as transportation and utilities and natural resources. They went through quite a bit of dialogue on Thursday on that first day, and they came before the Legislative Committee so we can take a vote on the 16th. And Finance and Taxation, top priorities were local business tax protection, and sales tax fairness, land use, talked about protecting the CRA's. Currently, right now, the Legislature had been in attack of making sure that they can find a way to take control of how a C'.., CRA's function and wo approves the CRA's instead of the local municipality. And so, we wanna protect the home rule by making sure every local government across the state, have the opportunity to control their CRA's.

Annexation was the second priority, during municipal administration. They talked about short-term rentals. Also, medical marijuana, the sober homes, making sure they're in compliance with certain federal laws and things of that sort. We also had Utilities, they talked about the water supply and water quality. And transportation.., and the governmental relations talked about the top priority was affordable housing and transportation funding. So, that was approved and now this information now is go'.., this legislation is going before Tallahassee, this upcoming spring for approval, and supported by the Florida League which is pushed through the Palm Beach County Board of Directors and its governing body, and its members across the entire county. That'll be all.

STATEMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Statements by the Mayor and Council, starting with the Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And thank you for that report, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Thank you.

As it relates to the amendments, I still believe that we should have public education type meetings before the.., it gets to the Mayor's desk. So, I am going to conduct, and I asked the Council Members to join in this effort. I think Councilman Terence Davis mentioned public education meetings, and also, I think Councilwoman Lynne Hubbard mentioned it. So, there are some amendments that the.., that are still left, that didn't fail.., didn't pass, so some of the amendments that are still out there, we, we'd like to have a public discussion in the next two or three weeks, particularly the financial impact. I think Councilman.., well, I think that failed though. From the Clerk's office? Madam Clerk, that, that failed, right? The percent and all that? That failed? Okay. So those that didn't, I

still think it's necessary because, as you know, at the next meeting, will be the second reading, and then the Mayor will decide to exercise the right to veto some of the amendment, particularly where there are two votes. That shows that the Council is divided. So, before it gets there, I would like to conduct at least three weeks of public education that will be advertised on Channel 18 to get necessary input from the Council..., from the community. It's not what we want, it's not what the Mayor want', it's what the people want in their Charter, or what they don't want in their Charter.

I do wanna respond to a comment that was made earlier by Mr. Ferguson. Let the record show that the fact shows, the fact is, that Dr. Robinson won sixty percent of the vote, and the opponent won about forty percent. So, that's what happens when you allow the people to continue to speak and the people to continue to vote, and they're not restricted as to how many times they can vote.

The other comment that Mary Davis made, as it relates to taking, and I call it potshots, at the Mayor, I just want her to know that I have not forgotten when I refused entrance in a public meeting, three years ago, and the press, and she stood in the door. And, if it wasn't for Mr. Bill Contole, we wouldn't even be let in. I haven't forgotten it, I haven't forgotten the fact that I know that in most of those amendments, who voted what, and one person, even gave one of my opponent's \$150 contribution. I don't need to call his name. So, let's just call it like it is, a ace ad ace and a spade a spade, and let's just be fair. Let's just be fair.

So, I wanna thank the Council for their action tonight. I think they did a good job in voting down some of the so-called amendments.

Last, but not least, I do wanna ask the Attorney, I'm a little concerned about the water meters, the people that's gonna come in and do that. There was something said that they had to have a clean background. Can, can companies advertise that? I mean, I thought that...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...we couldn't do that anymore.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible] advertise. What's the significance?

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I think I heard the City Manager say that they, they were asking.., she read the requirements. One of those requirements was a clean background. But...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...some... Excuse me, Mr. Horton. Some of the things that were stated, I mean, this is an ideal thing for ex-offender to do. Fifty pounds, and some of those other things, and we gotta find a way to put some of those people back to work, and I'm just wondering, is that [pause]...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I'm just wondering, is..., can they, can employers advertise, must have a clean background? 'Cause I don't know. I thought that there was...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Are we talking about the City's..., the City's employment [inaudible]?

MAYOR MASTERS: No. The people that we are going to sub out... Mr. Horton, is that correct?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Fer'..., the Ferguson Company.

MAYOR MASTERS: The Ferguson Company?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: It's a... Madam Chair?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: You might wanna...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Manager.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...make 'em aware of the fact that we've adopted, as a policy, as a City, the Ban the Box requirement...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Absolutely.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...that we are friendly...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...towards those people who have served their time...

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, absolutely.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS: 'Cause I...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: You know...

MAYOR MASTERS: That's what I thought.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: So...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: We cannot impose that, but we can tell them that that's part of the infrastructure for our decision making.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. So...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: As social policy.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: So therefore, I think it's very important that we select who we do business with, and if we're going to be trying to give ex-offenders a right to work, and a right to vote, then we should say that to those business, 'This is what the City...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: It is your policy.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...does, and we want.., this is our policy and we would like for them to.., would like for them to follow our policy, or adopt that policy and not just kick somebody to the curb because they had a problem in their background, particularly if they're willing to work outside, if they can weight.., if they can lift fifty pounds and all that other stuff. Returning citizens can do that. And the reason why I'm saying that, is because we're having a job fair, I'm sure Mr. Horton wasn't aware, in just about a week, and there's going to be hundreds of ex-offenders that will be there, that will be looking for some type of work. And that's why I'm bringing it up. I'm done.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...Chair?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...Chair.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: It's 10:00 o'clock.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It is now time...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Your time...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...10:00 o'clock. Yes. We need...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I move...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...to extend the meeting for five minutes. We just have comments.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: We gotta be done [inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair, I move that we extend the meeting for ten minutes. If we finish before then, then let's go.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilpersons Botel and Miller-Anderson dissenting.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem, you're recognized.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes. Madam Chair, Mr. Horton, Ms. Hoskins, I too would like to see us have a conversation with the Ferguson Group. While we really appreciate this initiative, it's, it's admirable, but this is a perfect opportunity, being that we have adopted Ban the Box, we just voted to give the citizens their rights back to vote, and this would be us putting our money where our mouth is. And, and this would be, you know, obviously, a good, a good opportunity for us to show our residents that we actually meant that when we, when we put those order'..., those..., when we adopted the Ordinance to Ban the Box in place. So, I just wanna go on record as to say that I wholeheartedly support that, and I definitely would like to see them have an opportunity to take place and be included in this...

MAYOR MASTERS: The job fair.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...particular job fair.

MAYOR MASTERS: December the 13th. 10:00 o'clock.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: And...

MAYOR MASTERS: At the Marina.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD...there's another job fair that the Mayor mentioned for December the...

MAYOR MASTERS: 13th.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: 13th. This one will take place in January. So, it gives us plenty enough time to, to explain to them why this is very important to us.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Also, under my comments, Madam Chair, at the League of Cities meeting, there was a presentation for the Literacy Coalition, where Riviera Beach participated in the reading for November. This was on Wednesday, November 28th during Palm Beach County League of Cities general membership meeting. The Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County recognized the City of Riviera Beach for participating in the 2018 Read for the Record Campaign. On October 25th, hundreds of volunteers and thousands of children, throughout Palm Beach County, joined millions of people nationwide to read "Maybe Something's Beautiful", by Isabel Compoy. Thank you to all City of Riviera Beach Staff for reading at sixteen of our local daycare centers, head start, and here at our very own library. Special thanks to Ms. Cobb, Sharmaine Arnold, and the Riviera Beach Library Staff for this outstanding initiative. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And thank you. Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I just wanna say, as we are aware, this Friday from 6:00 to 9:00, we have the, the tree lighting ceremony over here at the Mar'.., Riviera Beach Marina. It's been a long time since we've done something this significant, here in the City of Riviera Beach, to bring communities together to celebrate this great holiday.

MAYOR MASTERS: Give the...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, it's from...

MAYOR MASTERS: Give the date.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...6:00 to 9:00.

MAYOR MASTERS: Give the date for the.., 'cause it's...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: This Friday.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: December 7th.

MAYOR MASTERS: December...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: December 7th?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: 7th.

MAYOR MASTERS: 7th. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's December...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS...over and over again.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Appreciate you. There will be pictures with Santa, there will be Christmas caroling, tree lighting ceremony, AT&T providing giveaways. They wanna do more in this community to bring a staple here and create some real job opportunities.

Also, I like what Attorney Ferguson stated earlier about the computer buy back program. I thought that was a really great initiative. We should support it as an entire Council. Mayor addressed the issue with Amendment 4, 'cause I was gonna bring that up.

Once again, like I said, we must remain focused on.., a lotta significant things gettin' ready to happen in the City. We have a P3 that we gotta focus on, how we're gonna spend this library money before we go to Tallahassee, we have the quality of water issue that we gotta remain focused on. Our taxpayers need to make sure that.., see that we're willing to work together on that. We have the parking at the Ocean Mall, there's an issue, and also the Marina development.

So, we must remain focused on these five significant issues in the City. We have someone we're gonna be negotiating with, we wanna see how that goes. And just remain focused that we cannot be divided as a City, no matter what happens on the outside because once we disrespect one another, people come to these meetings and disrespect each other. But we must stand strong one together on behalf of the taxpayers of Riviera Beach. That'll be all.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel, you're recognized.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you. I wanna express my thanks to Ms. Wynne for applying for the position and my congratulations to her for being offered the position, and my assurance that I wanna work with her in a very collaborative and, and...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...cooperative manner. Welcome to Riviera Beach. Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Just wanted to announce, the Citizen Leadership Academy will have the orientation on December 18th, which is a Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Marina. Those of you..., we have quite a few people that are interested. Those of you who are still interested in applying, the phone's 561-444-5192, or you can email me at kmiller'..., kmiller@rivierabch.com. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You were done with your comments, correct? Chair Pro Tem?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes, ma'am. [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. I would like to inquire, and if we could provide a email to the Council, transitional housing and sober homes in the City are starting to increase, and I would like for us to be made aware of what the process is for applying to operate in residential areas, 'case we're getting a lot of calls with regards to transitional housing just popping up in communities where there are just residential..., that's just deemed residential. So, if you could provide a memorandum through Development Services, City Attorney's office, and City Manager, that will be great so that we would understand what that process is so that we can better communicate that activity to our residents.

I would also like to request that we send a notice regarding the USD's program for support with utility bills, especially for our seniors. If we could put that information possibly in the water bills, on the website and also on TV18, that would be great. But if we could do maybe a community meeting to explain what the process is for applying for those dollars, that could be helpful, since that was brought up tonight.

I would also like to make you aware that I received a request from Dr. Robinson requesting a workshop with the School Board, with the School District. She want'..., they want to discuss the status of education in the City of Riviera Beach, looking to do that at a February date. So, if we could coordinate with the office of Dr. Robinson. And, the only date that is not available for them is the 20th of February. So, if we can begin to look at our February calendar, perhaps and just send two dates that you can offer to the City Manager so that we can communicate with the School District and Dr. Robinson on that request for a workshop.

And then, it is with great pleasure that I announce that the community center has received its Certificate of Occupancy. And so, we are...

[Applause and cheers]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes. We are uber excited about that. We are working to plan our official hard opening, as well as recognition for the Southside Coalition and Concerned Mother's Association. So, that is great news.

And then, I've been passed a note to remind you that the job fair for ex-felons will be held on December 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the Event Center. For more information, the Office of the Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Job Fair, ex-felons, December 13th at the Event Center.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: One more thing, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem [inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: James Green with the Palm Beach County Community Action Council is requesting that we partner on the Racial Equity Institute that he brings to the county every year as well. So, if the City Manager, they're going to pay for the presenters and, and the material and they would like us to, to join them in providing a location. And they would.., we would also, you know, get the marketing rights as well. So, if the Manager could follow up with Mr. Green, I think that'll be a great thing for the community. I've been to one of each, one that Dr. Robinson did, and one that Mr. Green has done as well.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, the time is now ten minutes after ten.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: There being no further business, we stand adjourned.

[Gavel]

[End of video]

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