

**UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2019
5:30 p.m.**

PRESENT AT MEETING¹:

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CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON

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BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON

BOARD MEMBER JULIA BOTEL DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEMBER BOTEL

BOARD MEMBER TERENCE DAVIS DISTRICT 5 BOARD MEMBER DAVIS

MAYOR THOMAS MASTERS, *Ex Officio* Member MAYOR MASTERS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON

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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening. I'd like to call the January 16th Utility Special District Board of Directors meetings to order.

ROLL CALL

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

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Tonya Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Lynne Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Julia Botel? [Pause]. Board Member Terence Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: *Ex officio* Board Member Thomas Masters? [Pause]. City Manager Karen Hoskins?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Executive Director Willie Horton?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: District Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. District Attorney Dawn Wynn?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WYNN: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: District Finance Director Randy Sherman?

DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: You may proceed.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Let's stand for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Councilman Davis.

[Moment of silence]

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Shall we pledge?

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

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, SUBSTITUTIONS

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

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: No, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

DISCLOSURES BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any disclosures by the Board?

[Pause]

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Motion to adopt the Agenda.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So moved.

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

UNK: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...a second? Its been motioned and properly second.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Miller-Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ALL MATTERS LISTED...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: There are no Consent Items. I don't need to read that, do I, ma'am?

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: No, you do not, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Alrighty.

MINUTES

RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED ON THE TABLE DIRECTLY OUTSIDE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF PRIOR TO THE ITEM BEING TAKEN UP BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISCUSSIONS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON EACH REGULAR AGENDA ITEM. IN NO EVENT

WILL ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A COMMENT CARD AND SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE RESOLUTION IS READ OR ITEM CONSIDERED.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And finally:

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

REGULAR AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk, regular Agenda.

1.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH P.J.'S LAND CLEARING AND EXCAVATING, INC., OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT IFB NO. 19-121 WITH THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 ANNUALLY FOR LIME SLUDGE HAULING SERVICES AT THE UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT WATER TREATMENT PLANT, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON AND DISTRICT CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT, AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PAY THIS AMOUNT FROM ACCOUNT NO. 411311035-43000, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a motion?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

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

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

This particular contract is to assist the Utility District in the removal of the lime sludge that builds up to the north end of the plant. This is gonna be routine effort that we have to do throughout the year, and I'm encouraging the Board to approve this particular contract.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any questions?

[Inaudible discussion]

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

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

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So, this is an ongoing contr'..., ongoing contract?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: This will be an ongoing need.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Ongoing need...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: We, we...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...that comes to us whenever...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: On an annual...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...it's being utilized?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...basis. That's what we expect.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Just a...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...annual?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Alright. Thank you.

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

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: No, Madam Chair. We do not have any public comments cards...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any additi'...

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: ...on this Item, and the acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Are there any additional questions from the Board? Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Miller-Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

2.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 2-19UD. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING CONTRACT WITH UNITED RENTALS(NORTH AMERICA), INC., BID NO. 19-131, RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT OFTEN NEEDED FOR EMERGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE UTILITY DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON AND DISTRICT CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT, AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$300,000 FROM A CONTINGENCY FUNDS ACCOUNT 41131103-559990 TO ACCOUNT NO. 41131103-53400 TO MAKE PAYMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 ANNUALLY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DISTRICT 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: Thank you. Mr. Horton.

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

This particular contract...

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So moved.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: ...before... Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Was there a motion?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Please a motion.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I made it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You made the motion?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Just made it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Madam Chair, thank you Members of the Board.

This particular contract is a two year contract to give the Utility District the, the abilities to acquire generators on an emergency basis whenever needed. We do have generators in our possessions, but sometimes with the challenges that we have, both on the water and the wastewater side, we do not have enough to cover all of the sites. And so, we would need a contract such as this to address any emergency, to include hurricane season, as we move forward.

So with that, I would encourage the Board to approve this.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any questions?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

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

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So, when we have had issues and, and when we've needed to use this in a backup, is it only in a situation when we've had a hurricane? I mean, what are some other emergency?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: We...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...something go down? Lights go out? What, what happens?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: There could be situations where..., a good example, back in Ju'..., June of 2018, we had a serious electrical storm that knocked out a lot of our facilities and we were moving generators around as quickly as possible to keep well, well..., the wet wells as low as we possibly can. Sometimes we run out of generator capabilities and, therefore, we need to augment that with rental of generators. So that, that..., those are..., that's an example of why we would need this.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And so, at that time, we ran short or we were just in a need of having to move things around?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: We didn't, we didn't run short that particular time, but it could occur. And so, instead of having to go into, into an emergency basis and do an emergency rental, if we have the agreement upfront, we have the agreement with that particular vendor to acquire the, the generators as needed.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: But when you utilize 'em, does it come to us? It would never..., it's not coming back to us at any point once you utilize it. We authorize this \$300,000 and then from there it's handled...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: For...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...by you only?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: For a two per'..., two, two year period. And that's not saying that we're going to spend \$300,000, but that's the limit for the contract.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: If, if I exceed that, then I would come back to the Board for additional authorization.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: During the times in which you [pause]... When you are required to do the rental and, and get a rental in that emergency situation, I would like to know, you know, when you've had to do that, and what was the circumstance to warrant that use of it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: If it's acceptable to the Board, I would bring that at the next Board meeting to make all of the Board Members...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...aware.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thanks.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Vice Chair Hubbard, you're recognized.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you. In, in this manner, in this instance, would they set aside generators so that we would be sure to get one in time of emergencies when they're in great demand, or would this.., would we get the item from them and will we store it here on our property? How would that take place?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: There's two different scenarios. Let, let me address first, first the hurricane season. If we know that we've got a hurricane coming our way and we've got this agreement set forth with United Rental, we would immediately make contact with United Rental. And we've already identified additional generators that we would need to bring onboard, to have in standby mode should we need it during and after a hurricane. So, those we would [stammer] attempt to acquire upfront.

In other emergencies, it would just really depend. We have to have a, a contract in place in order to acquire the rental. So this gives us the ability to have that contract in place in order to acquire that generator, or the number of generators that this may cover.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.

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

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: On average, what are the cost of the gener'.., generates that.., going outright and buying?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Um...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Would we...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: For the small generators, and we'.., generators range in size from a 750 to.., our largest generator is a one, 1.3 meg?

UNK: [Inaudible]?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Rental. Rental.

UNK: [Inaudible]...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: To purchase? How much to purchase?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Well, this is not, this is not for purchase.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I know this is not for purchase.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Oh, okay.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm just...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I'm asking what do they generally run?

UNK: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: For rental or purchase?

UNK: Purchase

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Okay. For the smaller ones, it could be as small as \$20,000, and then it goes up from there. When you get into one meg generators, depending on the type of one meg, you get., you could be talking \$1,000,000 or more.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And we have., the ones that we have currently, are, are they in that range?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: No, ma'am. We have, we have., I think the largest generator we own is a 250 kw generator. Most of them are in the range of 125 to 150 kw generators.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And so, that would be around how much for that particular one?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I'm thinking around \$100,000? Is that...

UNK: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Right.

UNK: They're running between twenty-five and \$45,000.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: For the one, for the 125, that would...

UNK: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Okay. I'm being told that the ones that we're attempting to purchase right now are ranging between \$20,000 and \$45,000.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. At some point, if... 'Cause I'm just trying to gage, I know you can't gage an emergency, but how often do we have emergencies to a point where we are short and in need of them? And if it's something that we seem to need to rent more regularly, in terms of thinking long-term, is this something we may want to consider purchasing so that we don't have to keep renting?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Well, let me, let me speak from a small scale. On a small scale, during the time I've been with you all, I think there have been three, maybe four, instances where we've had to rent. And, and the rental was because these are..., the generators that we [stammer]..., we've got generators that are in really bad shape. That's why we're looking to purchase new generators to replace those old generators. They've been allowed to go into decay and, and while they may function, they may not function the way the should, and if they don't, that could cause problems at the lift stations or at, at the wells. So, we need to get generators that work properly. But, during the time I've been, been with you all, I think there have been about four of the smaller generators that we've had to rent for a short period of time. We are renting a large generator at the plant presently because of the condition of the two fixed generators at the plant, that have been out for some time.

In the design efforts that we're gonna be moving forth with in the water plant, we will be looking to install new permanent generators that will then eliminate the need for the rental of the big generator. The big generator we..., that we have at the plant, is a 1.3? Is it a 1.3?

UNK: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: 1.3 meg, that meets the entire need for the plant site.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So, what is, what is the average span, time span of a generator? Do they...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Lifespan?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: [Sigh]. I'm, I, I, I'm..., I don't know. I'm sorry.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: 'Cause I'm just wondering. You're saying the ones that we have are..., been, you know, in a decaying...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That, that's...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...state.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...[stammer] a maintenance issue. We, we have...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Hmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...failed to properly maintain the equipment, as it should be maintained and...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...and, and it's gone into decay. So, I'm trying to address those issues. And, and we're moving forth as, as quickly as we can to, to make that happen without violating procurement. Because, as you know, there had been some things that were going on without contracts, so I'm trying to bring this forth as quickly as we can, you know, secure proper bids, or get agreements in place. We're, we're almost there, but.., and I [stammer], I just wanna reemphasize, with the larger generator, that's taking some time because there's.., it comes with a design of the plant that we have do. That's why I'm continuing to rent the big generator that we have.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any other questions or comments? I just have a question and.., can you pro'.., provide for us a listing of what we have?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And then, do a comparison of cost to replace versus rent, so that we can have a fiscal analysis to understand better what we would be looking at fiscally if we decided to purchase outright everything that we need in order not to have to go out and allocate \$300,000 for rental?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am. The only thing.., the only caution I would give...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Storage.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: When we look at the number of list stations, which are fifty-two...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...and the number of wellheads that we have, which is twenty-seven, I wouldn't advise our community to try to purchase a generator for seventy, or what is that, seventy-nine...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...locations. It's not only the expense of purchase, but it's also to ensure that they, they are maintained properly. Presently, what we're trying to do is have a, a platoon of, of ten or twelve generators that we can move around as we need it...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...and, and just have a contract in place should we reach beyond our, our limit...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...to go out and rent. I don't think that we're going to exceed this \$300,000...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...and so, yes, I will do the assessment for you, and I will attempt to send an email to the full Board by the beginning of next week if that, that's acceptable.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Sure. The request is not to go out and purchase, it's just to provide us with a fiscal...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Understand.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...analysis so that we can just have something to gage it by so that we could see where there is a true cost saving and benefit to putting this type of measure in place.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Understand.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. For the record, Board Member Botel is on the line. She will not be participating in the meeting, but she is listening in.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk, were there any public comment cards?

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: We have no public comment cards for this Item...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: ...Madam Chair. Board Member Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Miller-Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Madam Chair?

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That concludes our regular Agenda.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Madam Chair?

[Pause]

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - Non Agenda Item Speakers (Three Minute imitation)

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We will move into comments from the public.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO ISSUES, MATTERS OR TOPICS PERTINENT TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT. PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE ADOPTED RULES OF DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS, WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Can you mute, mute your phone, please?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Oh, you can hear me? Thank you. I'll mute it now.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO, THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRPERSON MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER OR ATTENDEE REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING AND/OR THE BUILDING IF NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we have two public comment cards. The acceptance of public comment cards, at this time, is now close. Dee Cunningham, Bessie Brown. [Pause]. Dee Cunningham? [Pause]. And following Ms. Cunningham will be Bessie Brown.

MS. D. CUNNINGHAM: Good afternoon. My name is Dee Cunningham, 1001 President Barack Obama Highway in Riviera Beach, Florida.

I'm calling..., I'm here to say that I really believe that we, we need to have these generators or the contract available, so that when the time comes for an emergency, you won't have to be looking to rent. You'll already have a contract and you can go right into, and call who you need to call so you can get this contract, so you can rent the generators.

Now, this Monroe Heights project that you have, I think that we need to have a residential hotline so that the residents can call if they have a problem. If we don't have a hotline that they can use, who do you want them to call? [Pause]. That's what I'm asking. So, when, when we had our streets on..., done on the south end, there was a problem. The neighbors didn't know who to call, all they knew was to call the City. So now, we need to be more direct. If you don't have a project manager, you need to be more direct and have a residential hotline.

Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Bessie Brown.

MS. B. BROWN: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening.

MS. B. BROWN: Bessie Brown.

I was just... [Pause]. Ms. Cunningham was just talkin g about a hotline for, for road projects in the City, I am..., I'd like to expand on that also. I..., my street wasn't done, but it has been damaged. And I, I, I..., because I work for the City, I called Public Works. Now, the citizens do not know who to call. If we're gonna have all of these projects going on around the City, I would suggest, as well as Ms. Cunningham, that we have a hotline. And then that way, when everybody have these [chuckle] issues and problems, at least they can be addressed and, and, and everybody really knows what, what, what you're really calling about. Because Councilperson Miller, I think I burned her ears up, calling her up [chuckle], [inaudible]. But, but that's because I, I, I .., but I do know who to call, and sometimes you don't get any results but I..., actually, everybody did respond to me, I will say that. And then, and we had, we had a, a I guess it [inaudible] over it, but he left and then a new person came in, and he really took the time, you know, and every;..., you know, [inaudible]. But I think that it would be a good idea to have a hotline, because these

streets are... Listen, I was..., I had to call the City a little bad word one time. It was so bad, that they just left the stuff all over the City, and that's not..., and that's..., and I don't think we should, we should be treated that..., that way in any manner because if they..., they should have a staging area where they put all these heavy equipment and not all around, you know, just leave... And then... And then the dust.

So, it was..., [stammer] it really was a mess. And I think I would..., just like to say, I would consider you all having a hotline for all road projects. That way, you'll know who's calling and where they're calling from.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

MS. B. BROWN: And I suggest that, you know, we, we encourage that.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, that concludes public comment.

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

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair, I'd just like to say is that when we had our meeting about the road project and we talked to the residents about putting out the hotline, that..., I did move forward with the, with the doorhangers, we established the hotline. I understand now that it's been considered too political to put out a hotline number for this project. I don't think that it has anything to do with the election, I think it has something to do with the fact that, as the residents said, people need to know where they can call and where everything is going..., where they can get information about it. So, we went as far as having the doorhangers printed, for giving up one of the Council lines so that we could designate that for a hotline. So, I just want the public to know that we were true to our word, we did take the steps to put in and it has now, you'..., it has been my understanding that that may or may not be something that Staff can, can do. Surely as a Councilperson, I don't think that I'm expected to go door to door and hang those doorhangers out.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

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

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: The..., I, I wasn't aware of the hotline number, but is that just for the Monroe Heights project? Because the Park Manor, this side over here, has had some issues too, so are we..., I don't know, I've never hear'..., was that just for Monroe Heights, that number?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: That.., yes, because I thought your project.., that area in Park Manor was completed.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: [Chuckle]. No.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Was completed. Now, in my understanding, I, you know, I, I've, I haven't seen anybody working over there.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I haven't either.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, and so...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Until today.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Today.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So, that's why I assumed that it was.., that that project was done in the Park manor, but the meeting that I had where I talked about the hotline, was indeed in the Monroe Heights area. Now, however, I think that too, the.., there can, you know, if necessary, if the project is still going on, what's good for the goose is good for the gander. What I have.., what I have is, the one of my telephone lines...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh, okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...that I gave up, that I.., that we will monitor, we will take the calls and see that they're disseminated to the right person about the project. I had no idea that they were not finished with Park Manor at, at this time. So, so, so to answer your question, yes...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...this.., these cards that I had made were for the Monroe Heights area and I was going to make it my business to monitor that line to disseminate the issues to the persons that would respond to those particular issues.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

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

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: If we all recall, in the very beginning when these projects were approved, I discussed [inaudible] just making sure that we had information disseminated to the residents. And I said doorhangers at the time, with mailers, information, so they can know who to contact if they had issues in Park Manor and Monroe Heights. And I said that at the very beginning because I knew we would get to this stage to where it's been a long time since we had this much work really done in the community, and folks must.., they must have an opportunity to know who to contact. And, so, we're

back here revisiting the same conversation. So I think, you know, whatever the Staff can do within the confines of the law, I think we should be doing that across the entire

City to make sure that whatever's going on in this City, that residents have, have a line that they contact, some information, so they can get directed to somebody, someone can get back to 'em, or even we can explain to 'em how the Q-Alert process is done that we already have in the system.

So, let's build upon this opportunity to, to really give some more, as we say, transparency to allow folks to, to have some feedback or, or just get some questions answered. You know, some folks are very happy with what's going on and they'd like to when the road project's gonna be done, how long the equipment is gonna be on the roadside, should it be on the roadside, where should they be parking this equipment? You know, those are a lot of the questions I get myself. And, having the hotline will at least give us somewhere to direct this information, at least, and we can get.., we should be able to generate reports off this line so we can know how to improve on the next project that we do across the City.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I think...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I think it would beneficial.., there should be an available line within the pu'.., the Public Works section now, that we can create this dedicated line with an individual that can at least accept the inquiries and provide direction, and we can give a call back or we can provide immediate information because Public Works should be aware of the projects around the City and where those projects stand in the various phases. And so, in my opinion, I think that we can take the advantage of using something that's already existing so that we don't have to create or cause any additional cost to create such a hotline, put that information on the website, put that information on TV-18 as to where a citizen can call with regards to work that's being done in their respective communities. And, at the very minimum, within 24 hours, be able to provide a response to a citizen as it relates to the work that is being done in the various communities.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That seems to me to be a reasonable opportunity for us to address the concerns for the hotline to be able to respond.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Ma'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I beli'... Before you, Mr. Davis, Madam Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, when the road project.., before the road project even started, doorhangers and letters were passed out to the residents. And, as it relates to Councilwoman Hubbard's comments about the doorhangers that she

supplied, or had made up, they, as she stated, the hotline was to one of her numbers. And when Staff.., of course, if it's the Council's desire to put out additional information, I can have Staff do that, but it was just for her hotline number and for the area...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: There's nothing wrong with that.

UNK: Uh-uh.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...that she, she currently is District Representative for.

As it relates to the Avenue H in the Park Manor neighborhood, they were out there starting yesterday, I believe, they're doing the final overlay. And Mr. Bailey, I believe they said that would be a week or a couple of weeks when all of that... Three days? When of all...

UNK: Three weeks.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Three weeks when all of that is completed. So, if you would like Staff to generate one, one main hotline number, we can do that. Or just give the Public Works number, and I thought that was what was occurring, or the City Manager's office number, for the residents to call in.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I would like to.., my suggestion, and I would like to have a consensus with the Board, is to identify one number for Public Works. It shouldn't be in the office of the City Manager, the Public Works Department should be fully aware of the ongoing projects, and to be able to provide a response. And that's what I think is reasonable, to have a universal telephone number so all citizens will have the same number in order to be able to make their call and get their questions answered.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Before you go, it was Board Member Davis...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I...

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

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I defer.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: What I.., what.., my concern is this, the project is so massive in our co'.., [stammer] in, in my community, at this time, and the people are walking to the door, actually knocking on the door about this, because we said that we were going to be responsive, that we were going to have a hot'.., a hotline. So, so

because we didn't, that's when I was able to, yes it's happening in, in my District, that's why the people come to the door because I'm supposed to respond to them. I'm not saying that we don't need any other areas or we don't have any other areas of concern, but I don't think that there's a reasons for us not to distribute these doorhangers and with this number being monitored, we can alleviate some of the concerns that, that, that we're having.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One moment. Board Member Miller-Anderson.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: For the projects..., who's overseeing the projects? Because I know for the Park Manor, H Avenue project and when we have the Park Manor Neighborhood Association meetings, the engineer, I guess resigned and then we..., we're...

[Inaudible dais comment]

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...have someone on contract?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Is that guy...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...still..., is he overseeing all the projects in this City? Or are they broken out to different people?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: He's overseeing the, the road projects.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...in the City.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Monroe Heights and the...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: And Singer Island, right.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And all of them?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Right.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So, are we prov'... To me, it just seems to be, like, a breakdown in communication. I know a lot of the complaints that I get from the residents are [pause], in, in this..., I think this started early on, is that the, the contractor, I guess, was expected to provide the notices to the residents...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...for various things, and come to find out, that wasn't happening. And that happened early on at the very beginning, and I can only tell you how many other, probably, breakdowns of communication happened since then. But the oversensing of the project, and I can only speak for this side over here, it just does not seem like anyone has really..., no one's really been on top of it, and in monitoring it. And then also, keeping the residents aware of what's been going on of what's taking place. Do we check..., do we have someone, and I would assume the U'..., the person who's overseeing it, who's..., on our, on our behalf is overseeing it, checks with the contractor to ensure that what they're supposed to be doing is happening, because it, it doesn't always seem that way, to me.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Madam Chair?

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

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: [Stammer]...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the question [inaudible]...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: [Inaudible].

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One, one... Let her have her question answered, please.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: [Inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm sorry. You're, you're muffled.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: [Inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Mr. Bailey?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: [Inaudible].

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Madam Chair? [Pause]., [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm, I'm sorry, Board Member Botel, we, we cannot understand. You're, you're totally garbled.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Am I to [inaudible]?

[Pause]

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Manager?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: I'll let Mr. Bailey explain.., answer Councilwoman Miller-Anderson's question regarding the.., how the contractor is communicated.., who's communicating to the contractor and whatever else needs to...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...be done.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: I believe the question was, how do the lines of communication go between City Staff...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Mhmm.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: ...contractor and the residents.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Right.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: Is that a.., what I think what I heard. As Mr. Davis mentioned, at the onset of each project, doorhangers were put out for the affected residents. We review what information's going to be on that memorandum. It's pretty standard, the information we put in there, letting them times and dates, anticipated interruptions. And a.., there is a phone number provided in Public Works for.., to these City Engineer's desk, who is the project manager for the project. That is done at the beginning of each of these road projects but, as you can imagine, some of these projects are nine, twelve, fifteen months long, and individuals may have misplaced that initial flyer with the number. If there's a major change in something that's happening, if we're gonna have a community meeting, or if there's going to be a, a specific impact. As you'll remember, Ms. Miller-Anderson, here on Avenue H, when we needed residents to not park in their driveways, so that their driveway could be reconstructed, they were given notice and about a forty-eight hour head's up, like, 'We're going to need you, on this date, to understand that we need you to park on the other side of the road.' And so, we did sort of a section by section so that everybody knew exactly what was going on with the project.

So, to the sort of discussion and dialog currently ongoing, every project, there is a notice, there is a phone number in Public Works that.., for Public Works' projects that they are given to call to have direct communication with the project team.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So it.., and you.., and I agree with you, but it has not been consistent. It hasn't been consistent, and we've had numerous people

come, and we've had numerous people to call that it has not been consistent and there was several times where we thought, at least that's what was supposed to happen, those notices were to go out, but they did not put them out. And if they did, they put them out late. And so my question is, who is overseeing those types of details and following up to make sure that it happened? Because...

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: My...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...with.., the complaints have been coming.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: Yes. My team, you know, in Public Works and in the Engineering Division specifically oversee that, I will say in...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: But we don't...

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: ...somewhat...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...have anybody, right?

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: But we have individuals who are consultants, that are operating in those positions. Mr. Rob Myrick, who you've seen a number of times and has attended meetings, is operating in the capacity of the City Engineer, even though he is a consultant.

But, to the point, we do go back, we do check. We have many individuals who live in the impacted areas, and we go back and check with them that, 'Did you get a flyer this days?' And the answer's always been yes. Most of the time when we find that someone says that they didn't get a flyer, they're correct. They didn't get it. But somebody at their home got it, and they have put it somewhere else, and we've had that occur on a few occasions.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And...

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: So, the communication is not perfect. If someone grabs the mail and throws it away before someone else in the homes gets that document, then we run into these miscommunications on what happened it when we know you can look up and down the street and see fifty or seventy doorhangers all going on at the same time.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And I can, and I, I., it's not 100% perfect and I understand that, but I'm not..., will not go so far as to say that all of thee people who complained are not getting their stuff, somebody else in the house had the mail and they just happened to not communicate with each other. So, we need to own it, that the project was not really..., I can only speak for this side, has not been properly managed and overseen because there has not been very good communication, there's been numerous days and weeks that have gone by and, up until Ms. Hoskins said yesterday when they started, because I did talk with her and, you know, people were complaining about those

manholes and those things being up too high, and, you know, I mean, they're like every few feet you drive, you're almost like in a racecar try'..., trying to maneuver around 'em. It's, it's, it's unnecessary, it's lingered on, you haven't seen anyone working for a very long time. And, it just, you know, we, we really need to do a better job, if it's a matter of hiring someone, I mean, having the hotline, but the response to people's concerns need to be addressed very quickly. And then also, we, we just gotta have somebody on the inside that really cares 'cause we, we saw at the podium one night where a resident came and spoke, and I, you know, it was just like, 'Well, this is what we're doing,' and, you know, 'I'm sorry that you're being inconvenienced.' And, you know, you just gotta be a little compassionate 'cause people are being impacted, whether.., even though it is a positive thing their roads are being fixed, but there's a way to do stuff. And, I just don't think this project was handled very, very well at all. And that's just my thought.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Vice Chair Hubbard, you're recognized.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The.., and the reason I brought, I brought this up is because we.., because the'.., because these are real concerns. The issues, you know, as much as one would try to communicate, there is going to be somewhere where different things are lacking. But, because we know that people.., you're not gonna satisfy all the people all the time, I think that you should everything to the best of your ability. To ask to put out a doorhanger...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: That's crazy.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...to notify and give the residents another form, another outlet to reach us so that we can respond in a timely manner, and to have to fight with Staff and debate this issue, is really, I think, ridiculous. It's something that we, we, we should've been glad to do to say, 'This is another means in which we can answer some of the resident's question. Some people want to be heard, sometimes there's just solutions that we've overlooked, but to say that there's a reason that we can't put this out in this.., in the affected area, no one, no one understands that. No one understands that because they want to know how can I call ? When can I call? And, for us to have a manned number available to them, I don't see anything wrong with that. If there is.., if there's work going on in the Park Manor area and there's a manned phone, then that's good. This is a small, selected area, so they're gonna get a response a lot quicker than they would going through the.., a one-person number where they might get a call back. Here, they know, they call tonight, someone's gonna call them back tomorrow, and I don't think the residents that are being affected right now, is asking too much for us to respond to, to their calls.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, is it not possible...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...to just present... I'm sorry. Mr. Davis, you're recognized.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll just state this much here, we all seem to really care about this City and we talked about this process before this project was approved. I think it's only proper that each Commissioner have the opportunity within their various district, to have some information disseminated to the residents because, like Commissioner Hubbard just sated, once you live in a district, live in the neighborhood and people know you live there, they knock on your door. And, you're not saying you don't want folks come knocking to your door, but, you know, if you have a line that, that's for you, I think it's only proper that we all have that opportunity, if that's what we choose to do, so we can more engaged with the people in our District. You know? They need.., if they wanna.., if they [inaudible] got a number they can pick up and hit and report on, and Commissioner Hubbard or Miller-Anderson or Davis Johnson choose to check on it weekly or daily and work with the Staff to get these resolved, because the, the other hotline they're hittin' may not gettin' the response time that they want, and they might wanna use another one, I think it's only fair that we give the residents an opportunity to have as many outlets as possible to the people that they vote, and elected in office. And I don't see in nowhere and no point that this is political. And I, I think, you know, we, we, we gotta do better on, on, on getting people the information. And this is an opportunity that we all band together and help the folks have what they want. Just opportunities and access to us, opportunities and access to our Staff, to get resources and services provided to them.

That's all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So, with the understanding that the work just restarted on the Park Manor area, and we have ongoing work through Mon'.., Monroe Heights and other areas throughout the City, would it not be reasonable to request the Staff create a timeline document on what can be expected with the work that is.., that has resumed, what the expectations are and, and what the anticipated...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...date of completion is, that can be distributed to the residents, that can be placed on the website, that can be placed on TV-18, in some manner so that we reach every.., we touch the community in a number of different ways? I think that, that would at least begin the conversation and provide information as to where we go from here and here are the steps, and if you have additional questions or require additional information, contact this number? Can we not start there?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Sure.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I'd like to start by getting these doorhangers out...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...to people. And I [inaudible]. I don't see anything wrong with that.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: And, Madam Chair? Councilwoman Botel would like for me to read into the Minutes: I have had many complaints from Yacht Harbor Manor about communication, reference roadwork. And she would like the hotline instituted also.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: That's what people want. Yeah. Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So you have..., you have the doorhangers that can go out for the project that's going on in the, in the Monroe Heights area. You put that there, you put that out. You can go ahead and get that distributed, but for the other communities that don't have that information, and doorhangers may not be available, let's at least get a schedule of work and a explanation to the Park Manor residents so that they're clear on what...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...what is to be expected. I mean, all of this can be sumul'..., simultaneously. We don't need to phase it out, you can go ahead and do the Monroe Heights, we can get the document created...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...from Staff. I mean, is, is that...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...reasonable?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: That's reasonable.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I think it's quite reasonable.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I don't know what the issue was with the fly'...

[Inaudible dais comments]

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, I..., no, I really don't know anything about it so I don't have an, a, a stake in it at all, because I don't know anything about it. I'm fine with the timeline.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yeah. You know, I, I have a stake in it as the whole City, not just Monroe Heights because, you know, they're all our, our residents.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: No. I meant about your, your.., the issue you're having with the flyers, is the stake I'm talking about. I don't know what...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yeah. I don't...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...that's about.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...know, you know... Mine is with, with Staff not wanting to distribute it because it's political.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Councilwoman Hubbard and I had a conversation about the, the doorhanger, and when I initially read it, I thought that us being in the political season that it may be construed as a campaign type issue, campaign notice. And then, when it was...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: I discussed it with Staff and looked at it and read it again, and I also spoke with the City Attorney about it on yesterday or Monday, we conferred and agreed that, no, it wasn't campaign related. So, my intent was to, you know, notify Staff to go ahead and distribute the doorhangers. Although it does have Councilwoman Hubbard's phone line on it, that was my intent, was to notify Staff to go ahead and distribute the doorhangers.

So, thank you, Councilwoman Hubbard for bringing that up again. We will distribute it and then create...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...a hotline for the rest of the residents to call in, who are impacted by the roadwork.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair? Madam Manager, I just [stammer] if you.., 4-1-2 wasn't.., the line itself, the physical line belonged to me, but the number itself would never, if you call it or answer it, it never said anything about me or Councilwoman Hubbard or anything. I just said, hey, I had 368-6368.., something. I said, 'Hey, go ahead and take that one.' I never use that line, and you could use it. So, if you were to dial it, it.., they gave it a, a new number but it was, it was, you know, my line that I was willing to give up.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: That's crazy.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Because I had more than one there that was active on that phone.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: And I never even dialed it myself, so I, I, I will try it and see what the outgoing... Well, I haven't recorded a outgoing message or asked them to, as of yet.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: And...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: ...Madam...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: I'm sorry. Ma'.., Madam Chair?

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

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Councilwoman Botel has also asked for an opinion from the Attorney about her ability to participate in the meeting. She has the flu and would like to participate in the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Attorney?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WYNN: This is an extraordinary circumstances.., circumstance or illness, my understanding is that you've allowed other Board Members to participate when they have had illnesses. She doesn't make up the quorum, therefore, she can participate, whether or not we can hear her is another matter, but she can participate.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alrighty. So, are we in agreement with giving direction to the City Manager to go ahead and institute the hotline and to create the, the flyer for the communities that have construction work, providing an explanation of phases and work that's going to be done?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You have your direction?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alrighty.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: [Inaudible]. Thank you, Madam Chair.

A couple of.., a few thing I want to bring up. First, I want to just announce that we will be starting the meter replacement project the first week of February. I think the, the, the, the date is the 2nd of February. As I've mentioned in several meet'.., meetings prior to, this is a 275 day effort. We held a mini job fair on yesterday. We had about six candidates to make it between the hours of 9:00 and 2:00, and we will e moving forward with this effort on the 2nd of February.

Also, I, I wanna just take this opportunity to just let, let the Board know that I'm going to be contacting each Board Member to get permission to come to your District, in one of your, your community meetings, to talk about all issues relating to the Utility. One of the biggest concerns that I've heard over the course of the last coup'.., few months, are the notices that have been sent out, that are required of us to do by both the state regulation and EPA. One of the reasons that you're seeing it is because it was not done before. And those were one of the issues that led to the Consent Order 2016 for the.., on the water side. So, we, we don't wanna get into that scenario and we wanna make sure that we stay in full compliance. The fact that the notices are going out does not mean that there is a serious water quality issue, but it is an effort of notification. So, I wanna give an oppportunity to the citizenry, the customer'.., customers to talk to me and ask the questions that they have and, and I will do my best to address their concerns. The first meeting is tomorrow evening at the Marina. This is Board Member Botel's town hall meeting. The next effort I would like, if it, if it's acceptable to Council'.., to Board Member KaShamba Miller-Anderson, is to utilize my time and effort on the 29th during your Academy, to invite citizenry out to talk about all things relating to the Utility, particularly as it relates to water quality issues. I, I, I believe I'm to present on the 29th. And so, if it's acceptable to Counc'.., Board Member Miller-Anderson, I would like to do that. I will be.., I, I talked with Board Member Terence Davis, and we're gonna work on some things to put together some other meetings throughout the entire service area. And, Ch'.., Madam Chair and, and Madam.., Co-Chair, I will, I will be getting with you all to try to set up some times as well.,

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

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

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I walked back in when you were talking about it, but you're.., so you're saying, 'cause I just heard today that you're.., you all are not available, or somebody's not available, for the Park Manor Neighborhood Association...

[Inaudible dais comment]

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...meeting tomorrow.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: That's correct.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: But you're going to be over there at the Marina tomorrow anyway? Is that where the...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I will be at, at... The, the marina meeting is the town hall...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Councilwoman Botel.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...meeting for...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Councilwoman Botel.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Councilwoman Botel.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So, would they, Park Manor will be over step over... You're, you're gonna be giving an overview about the water, is what you're saying?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Because that's what they were requesting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: If, if you would like to come to that meeting, I don't, I don't know that there would be a problem with that.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. I don't either, but I'm just asking if you all are gonna be in the same area, maybe that's something that that they would want to step over and hear if you're saying you're not gonna be able to come to the meeting that you [inaudible]...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am. The meeting with Madam Botel was scheduled last week.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. Well, you know ours ev'.., every month, every.., the same third...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: But I...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...Thursday.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...wasn't on your schedule.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: They just contacted me a couple...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...days ago.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Alright.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: So, I'll find out and, if so, and if they can come step over for a few minutes and, and hear, then that would solve that problem and we won't have to worry about that. You answered me [inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Wasn't that the Ambassador Center, right?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, they, they move. They did move it.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: They did move it? Okay.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Somebody moved it. Somebody moved. Yeah. I'll find out. But I'll find out., I'll let you know about that Academy 'cause that's a whole different type of...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Well, either way...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...my presentation is going to...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...be relating to water quality.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Madam Chair, Members of, of, of the Board, February 18th, while that is a City work day, I understand that that's also President's Day and the county is going to be closed and there be...

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible]...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: I'm sorry?

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: The City? I, I was told that the City is not closed on the eigh'...

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: President's Day?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: [Inaudible].

UNK: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Well, that, that...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Ms. Irving?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Then, if, if the City is closed on the 18th, and we need to find an alternate day...

[Chuckles]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...for our Utility Board meeting, and.., so, I'm, I'm asking what is the pleasure of the Board?

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is it the pleasure of the Board to, to seek the following Monday?

[Pause]

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

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

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So, the next Council meeting is the following Wednesday?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: The next Council meeting is the following Wednesday, which would be the 20th of February.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Could we have a meeting before that meeting?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes sir, we could. If that's acceptable to the Board.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm. Just...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: That's fine. That's fine with me.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Would 5:30 work? Is that acceptable to the Board?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Fine.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: That's fine with me.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Madam Chair?

[Inaudible dais comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, the question becomes what's on the Agenda for the 20th and how that will impact the 6:00 p.m. meeting where we had two Items and we're now an hour in, on two Items. That question would need to be answered.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Because the other, the other suggestion that I would have, would be to move it to the 25th.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: What day is that?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Monday.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: And that's...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The following Monday.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...fine too.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The 13th? CRA...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: 25th it is.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are you alright with the 25th?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: For the Board meeting?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Fine with me.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: That's fine.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Vice Chair? We've moved the meeting to the 25th.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: USD.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: 2-18 will be changed to 2-25.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: At 6:00.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: 6:00. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: 6:00.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, thank you. That concludes my comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Statements by the District Board, starting with... Madam Manager, did you have anything?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: No, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

STATEMENTS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Statement by the District Board, starting with Board Member Botel?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: I better not comment.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Chuckle]. No comment?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: [Coughing].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: No.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Board Member Miller-Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: None.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Board Member Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Vice Chair Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes. The, the letter that Mr. Horton spoke of that's standard, that's statewide, that comes out, it kind of sparked a conversation throughout the community, especially after it appeared on TV. So, knowing, knowing that it also sparked more conversation where the.., everybody's assuming why that is happening, not because of, of the fact that it's something standard. People are automatically assuming that we have a problem with the water, and that the water is not really drinkable. Also, it's because people are feeling.., some of the residents are feeling it's be'.., it's, it's, it's because the Utility District is not being manned, and I know that was said several times before. Whether that is true or not, it's the perception that the.., that the community is having. And, what I want to find out tonight is, at what point will [pause] through Madam Manager, Mr. Horton will be going back to take full reins of the Utility District? Because I [stammer], because, if you notice, when we hired Mr. Horton, it was because we had just come off of a crisis, or we felt like we were in the middles of a crisis with our water, and we wanted, and we wanted some stability there. So, I can understand the.., how apprehensive people are feeling about, about the Utility District now and, and to get a letter like that, that may or may not have been taken out of context. When can we say to the people that we are going to.., that there, that there is going to be, I guess, full-time control back at, at the District?

And I ask you that question because it's being asked of me.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam, Madam...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Executive Director.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Thank you. There has never been a time during the time that I've provided assistance to the general fund side, that the District has gone lacking, even with my presence. When you see me here, I'm at the District every day. Every day. Issues come to me relating to the District, every day. My Staff has full access to me every day, weekends included. If there are issues that come about, I'm able to address those issues.

Now, as it relates to the notices that are going out, that relates to testing. That, you know, whether I'm here or not, if, if we fail a test and we reach that five percent mark, that has to be addressed in accordance with the regulation. But, the District is not being neglected. Every meeting that I've had today, has been related to the District. In fact, practically every meeting that I've had this week, has been related to the District. If it's a perception thing, because you see me here assisting the City Manager, then the Board has the, the right to direct me to just go back and just not provide assistance to the City Manager, if that's the position of the Board. I have no problems with that. I'm here to serve, that's what I've done, the fifteen months that I've been here. As long as I'm here, that is the intent I, I, I, I plan to provide. And, even if I do, I'm still coming over here for meetings that the District has to be represented in, in some of the meetings from the general fund side. So, it's the pleasure of the Board. Whatever the pleasure of the Board is...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...that's what I will do.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Vice Chair Hubbard, you're recognized.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: And, as I prefaced my statement with the fact that while we are understand that the letter ultimately had to go out, regardless, because of the..., because it's state mandated. Secondly, it is perception. You..., we want the residents to, to feel that someone is, is there and that is in..., that is in control and that is handling those things, and that you are on top of it. And I..., and I said a couple of months ago that I think that the City is quite stable enough and I definitely applauded you to your stepping up, to assist Ms. Hoskins. It was definitely needed at the time, and I was very glad that, that you did. But, with the residents feeling, you know, a little unstable about our water and that's how you got here, because the residents were not feeling comfortable about the water they were using, the water that they were drinking. And it, it, it means a lot to them to know, and it means a lot to me, it means a lot to this community, to know that we have someone there looking over it. And again I say, that I'm glad that you came too help Ms. Hoskins, but I think that we are in a position now where you can go back and give our community a sense of stability and assurance about, about the water that they're using, the water that, that they're drinking.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Manager, did you have anything further?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, I've heard from maybe two Council Members in private, but at this time, if you would give me your concerns or vote to..., if it's your desire to have Mr. Horton go back to the Utility District and serve full-time, as he stated earlier, he sti'..., the District Staff and..., he's still working in the District. So, if I can get your consensus or if that's your desire to have him go back full-time, then please let me know.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any comment from the Board?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

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

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I've, I mean, I, I've stated that from the very beginning. So, I would be in, in support of that as well, and, and I do agree with Ms. Hubbard in terms of the, the perception of it. You know? Even though he may be over there doing the work, but the perception is... And I know even when, you know, some Items go out or introductorys, or whatever, it is referred to as the Deputy or Assistant, Interim, however you wanna put it, Assistant Manager, more so than the Utility District Director. And so, it's almost like the Utility District Director title has kinda fizzled out a little bit. And with the issues that we're having.., well, I know you said there are no issues and it's a standard letter, but there's a serious concern that I don't think has been fully put to bed because people are still talking about it. And if that is a matter of educating them more so that they understand that it's okay, then we need that because, quite frankly, people don't believe anything that's being said. And, how, whatever you need to do to make it very crystal clear to everyone that the water is okay, that's what we need to do. And I think by you going back over there will assist, at least give the appearance, that you're trying to give 100% of your attention to clearing up either what is a problem, or what appears to be a problem.

Now, I would like to hear from Ms. Hoskins in terms of whether or not.., because I, what I don't want to happen, or I'm not trying to fall into this trap of saying that you want to.., something else needs to happen. So, with Mr. Horton going back to the Utility District, are you in a position where you feel that you can continue the role on your own? Or, you have someone that could assist that would not necessarily pull them from some big project that they may be working on?

So that, that's.., I would like to know where.., how would that impact you, Ms. Hoskins? I mean, are...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...you really getting a lot of help from him where you're going to miss him going back over there?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

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

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: As you know, my retirement date is April 19th. So that's, what, approximately three months from now. So, [pause], you need to, as a Board, think about your next steps after I leave. If a City Manager is not appointed in be'.., by then. As it relates to any major projects, or what my plans were to replace Mr. Horton, I will be able to maintain moving forward. As you know, there are, you know, there are issues out there and I may have to assign special projects to some of the department heads, but I'm here to get it done until April 19th, complete the work, get it done, get it out.

Now, if there's items that will be lacking, my intent was to step in and to assist, initially for ninety days, to keep the City moving forward. I'm committed to the City and I'm here to work. Here to serve.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Madam Chair?

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

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, if, I don't know if we need a motion to have Mr. Horton go back full-time to the Utility District as the Utility Director. If so, that's my motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second.

[Inaudible dais comments]

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly second, for discussion?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes, Madam Clerk. Mr., Board Member Davis, you're recognized.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Stemmer] we have two things here, and I share the same sentiment, and have the same experiences with other Commissioners on the Board. I shared those concerns with Mr. Horton, as far as the perception in the community of having his expertise in water, which he's great at, with the focus on doing what he has been doing with a good job. And I do believe, with the time he's using in the City Manger's office that can be more time of being very clear to the public about what the status of our water is versus other folks telling our story. That's wh'.., we now have a series of meetings getting ready to sprout, we both agreed to do that with various members of the District. And, and that's a great effort, but that particular area needs 100% Staff. Once Mr. Horton took this position, it was my understanding that it was supposed to be temporarily. And so, also Ms. Hoskins, and she has stayed committed to working in the City, but we had went from a short term commitment, to a long term commitment, and we, as a Board, need to.., well Ms...

[Inaudible comment]

UNK: [Inaudible].

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay. We as a Board...

[Chuckles]

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Ms. Hoskins stated we, as a Board, need to focus on finding a replacement when she leave', but we already had approved the process that.., and voted upon the process, that allows us to transition prior to her leaving. For some reason, we haven't gotten there. We, we talked about the HR position, for some reason, we haven't gotten there. At some point, we must make decision to, to allow Mr. Horton to go back, on his own. This.., I do believe this is something that, that he should focus on. This should not require a vote for him to do that. Quite frankly. We have to make decisions for the sake of this entire City, which means allow him to focus on where he is and those short term goals that we put in place, that now become long term goals, we're starting the interview process for the City Manager, should be taking place. And we approved the process, it was voted upon and, for some reason, it hasn't gotten back to this Board. And once we focus on that, then we can allow.., we can be prepared to transition in April to wherever the Board may be.

But, I do believe Mr. Horton ha'.., understands the sentiment of what.., it's not saying that he's doing a, a good or bad job as the Deputy City Manager, what it's saying is, that there's a perception and, and there's a critical focus on having someone there 100%, with no distraction from what's going on [inaudible], 'cause he's been doing a wonderful job with that water, and I stand by that. But, I don't believe that it will require a motion or a vote to be called for him to make a decision, to make a professional decision, to go over to the Utility District and focus over there, while Ms. Hoskins keep the ship rolling, and start moving the process forward with the City Manager and HR Director positions, so we can fill all these vacancies that we have in the City. We earlier had a, a discussion talking about different projects, we gotta respect the position, [inaudible] the positions, they should be filled. Now, you see how it's hitting all these other various department? All these various services? We must make a decision on the City Manager. We must allow Mr. Horton to ma'.., to make a professional decision, understanding the sentiment of the community and the leaders of this Board. This should not require a vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I do not disagree that this does not require a vote. I think that we need to recognize that Ms. Hoskins has indicated that there are a series of major projects that require some assistance, and in requiring that assistance, there was a suggestion that additional, or special projects, will be placed on department heads. And if you all will recall and take a look at our current complement, we are filled with interims, so we have to think in terms of what that will ultimately look like for us with the assistants. Certainly, if Mr. Horton, or once Mr. Horton returns, she should be able to have some conversation with him, based on the amount of experience that he, that he has and his contributions to the work that's being done. That does not preclude him going back full time to the Utility's Department. He can be there full time, but certainly she should be able to have an opportunity to converse and consult with Mr. Horton, and even include the City Attorney in those conversations to make sure that the business of the City is handled properly and that no stone is left unturned.

So, that would be my recommendation as.. that would be a part of the recommendation because he has been a value added to the Manager's office. But, you know, having an opportunity to consult in it doesn't necessarily have to be on every single item, but those that are of great importance that need to be addressed, we certainly need

to be able to have a, a team that can respond and make sure that the City is operating, it is functional, it is operating professionally and that we are protecting the interest of our residents, as well as the employees.

So...

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...the directive can simply be to return him, but to certainly allow her to consult.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: There's a motion on the floor.

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: There's a motion on the floor.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: There is a motion on the floor.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Ma'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...but was this done, was this done by motion and do we necessarily have to do it by motion as direction of the Board?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Oh, I'm sorry.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WYNN: My understanding is that it was not done by motion.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, we don't need to return him by motion?

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: Madam Chair? May..., if I may? I hear the...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Executive...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...the sentiment of the...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Director.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HORTON: ...of the Board, and if it's acceptable to the Board, if you would allow for the balance of this week for the City Manager and I to have a transition, I will still make myself available to the City Manager, as needed, as you just stated. If that is acceptable with the Board.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Who was the maker of the motion?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I am. I mean, I., I'll just... I have no problems with her speaking to him if she needs to consult with him or ask', just as she

said, speak with other department heads and, and give special projects. I'm, I'm not opposed to that at all, I'm just saying the main function would be back over at the Utility District, and that, that is his role. And, you know, if you talk with the Attorney, ask the Attorney to do something, the Parks & Rec, whoever, I mean, that, that's something that you, as City Manager, would do, but I don't have any problem with that. I just wanna make sure that it's understood that the full...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: ...function and his full role is for the Utility District.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: True.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: So...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: However..., whatever that looks like.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Would by Board directive, as we did...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: We'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...to allow it, as opposed to... Do we need to...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, it's out there.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ... as a motion?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, is there reasons [stammer] we don't want to do it in a motion?

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No, there's not. I'm just...

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...asking the question.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair? I believe the request from City Manager Hoskins was...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: [Inaudible]...

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: ...to either have a motion or a consensus.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: so, Board Member Miller-Anderson did make the motion.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: At this particular time, if you all want to carry out the motion, you can carry it out, or the maker of the motion can withdraw the motion and you all can give consensus and give a directive.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What's your pleasure, Madam., Board Member Miller-Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: The motion. Is out there, so.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. There's a motion and a second.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam...

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: ...Chair?

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

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: While I do support this motion, and would gla'..., I mean, will more than support this motion, but the issue I have is that this was something that was never done by a motion. And this was done at the Staff level. So, I just wanna make sure that we stay consistent. This Board is..., that, that's my only issue. I support Ms. Miller-Anderson 100% on what, where, where she's trying to take us today. But if I had the legal right to do it, I would do it, but my only concern is this was something that was not done by a motion. There's a consens'..., there's a temperature in the community, there's a consensus of the Board to have nothing but focus on the Water Utility District.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

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

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Attorney, is there something illegal about making this motion? Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WYNN: Not at all.

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

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Botel?

BOARD MEMBER BOTEL: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Miller-Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I have.., that concluded your comments, Vice Chair?

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

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: There being no further business, we stand adjourned.

[Gavel]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Five minute recess.

[End of video/audio]**City Employees, Public Speakers and Others**

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