

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 18, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT AT MEETING¹:

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MAYOR FELDER

CHAIRPERSON KaSHAMBA L. MILLER- ANDERSON – DISTRICT 2

CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON

CHAIR PRO TEM JULIA A. BOTEL — DISTRICT 4

CHAIR PRO TEM BOTEL

COUNCILPERSON TRADRICK MCCOY – DISTRICT 1

COUNCILPERSON MCCOY

COUNCILPERSON SHIRLY D. LANIER – DISTRICT 3

COUNCILPERSON LANIER

COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON – DISTRICT 5

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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 18, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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[Gavel]

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I'd like to call to order the Regular City Council Meeting, for March 18, 2020, 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Madam, roll call.

City Clerk Anthony: Mayor Ronnie Felder?

Mayor Felder: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Chairperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Present.

City Clerk Anthony: Chair Pro Tem Julia Botel?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Members of the Board, Dr. Botel will be attending the meeting tonight due to illness. Councilperson Tradrick McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Shirley Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Present.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Douglas Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: City Manager Jonathan Evans?

City Manager Evans: Present.

City Clerk Anthony: City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Dawn Wynn?

City Attorney Wynn: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: You may proceed.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. We'll have a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Councilman McCoy.

[Moment of silence]

Councilperson McCoy: 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions?

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, if I can have the City Clerk read off any additions, deletions and substitutions. And then after she concludes with her remarks, I do have an Item I'd like to add on the Agenda.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay.

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, you should have an addition, deletion, substitution and revision sheet that includes a community benefits request No. 19A for the Youth Empowerment Program in the amount of \$2,900 from the Office of Councilperson Tradrick McCoy. And a community benefits request 19B is a community benefit for the Youth Empowerment Program in the amount of \$1,950 from the office of Mayor Felder.

That's all that I have.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, in the last couple of days, obviously we've been challenged with COVID-19. I've asked for our Public Safety team, working with Risk Management if the Board will indulge us for approximately about a fifteen minute presentation concerning what we're doing on the life safety side, as well as we have a

practicing physician that is here to present some additional information to the Board, and information that we believe is pertinent to our residents watching at home.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. Where do you want add that? Right after Consent?

City Manager Evans: Yes, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright.

Councilperson Lanier: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Councilperson Lanier: I'd like to pull Item No. 4 from the Agenda.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. Hold on. [Pause]. So Madam Clerk, we're going to make the presentation Item 19A?

City Clerk Anthony: No, Madam Chair. It will be 19C.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I'm sorry. Yeah. 19C. Alright.

City Manager Evans: And Madam Chair, if I may? Would you like to enter into the record your comments with respect to your community benefits associated?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes. Hold on. One minute. Ms. Lanier, what did you say you wanted to do?

Councilperson Lanier: I want to pull Item No. 4 from the Agenda.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. [Inaudible]. Alright. And, wanna go ahead?

Councilperson McCoy: Clarification. So, Councilwoman, are you asking to delete it or pull it? Because it's on Consent. Are you looking to delete it?

Councilperson Lanier: I'm, I'm looking to delete it. I., if I may, Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Oh, right. I'm sorry. We're not at pulling yet. Do you wanna have a discussion...

Councilperson Lanier: I want...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...on it?

Councilperson Lanier: No. I wanna have it deleted. And, if I may, I'll give you a couple of the reasons why.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay.

Councilperson Lanier: Looking at the Board appointments, I have no problem whatsoever with the Board appointments. What I do have an issue with is the fact that these are members who have been on the Board. There is no term limits for this Board, which means that the alternates who are on the Board, in all likelihood, would never become a member, based on the fact that members can keep getting reappointed every term. And the purpose of alternates is to, at some point and at some time, be able to serve on the Board and have a vote. But the way it stands, there are no term limits for this Board.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. So, Mr. Evans, is this something that we can bring back to another meeting so that we can have a conversation about it, another time?

City Manager Evans: Yes, Madam Chair. We can certainly do that.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Is the Board okay with that?

Councilperson Lawson: Yes, Madam Chair.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I'm, I'm fine with it.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. Alright. So, we're going to postpone Item No. 4, to be discussed at our next meeting...

City Manager Evans: Yes, Ma'...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...perhaps?

City Manager Evans: Yes, Madam Chair. We can do that.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. And, I would like to, as you stated earlier, in light of the COVID-19, with my community benefits, I initially had several applications that, that were placed some time ago which I normally give to a lot of the nonprofits but what I would like to do, and I think it would be very beneficial if we could utilize the monies that I have for this particular set of funds to go into a City fund that will be able to work along with the Fire Rescue, Fire Department and have a COVID-19 initiative which will be rolled out next week. And I will definitely provide that information. As you know, everything is moving pretty quickly so I felt that it would probably be best served if those funds could be used for our residents, for this particular initiative. And, I'm hoping that nonprofits that did submit their applications, would be able to partner along with this project that we will have rolling out. But, more information will be forthcoming. It will be the total \$7,500. And it would go..., Mr. Sherman, I don't know if you need to explain how that will be done but typically, it's just an account set up to, to be utilized for that project and it will be explained as to how that goes.

City Manager Evans: Yes, Madam Chair. We can provide a detailed memorandum to the balance of the Board as to how the funds will be tracked and monitored and what purposes they would be utilized for.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay.

City Manager Evans: But it would be specially for more so the purchase of commodities and goods and things to assist in the recovery and the response efforts, not for Staff time or...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Right.

City Manager Evans: ...personnel.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. Alright. So, that will be the full \$7,500 of community benefits for this particular set of funds. So, that will be Item No. 19...

City Clerk Anthony: C.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: We're gonna make that C and then make the presentation D?

City Clerk Anthony: Mhmm.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright.

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Councilperson Lawson: I'd like to add a community benefits request payable to the City of Riviera Beach, Parks & Rec Department. I handed out a sheet for all the Council to review. It's gonna go towards the boys basketball travel team that I'd like the Parks & Recs that they sponsor. It's for \$308. And it's just to offset the cost of the program for the kids, for the boys travel team.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: For upcoming or something...?

Councilperson Lawson: Upcoming.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: They're going somewhere?

[Inaudible dais comment]

Councilperson Lawson: They're...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: They're still going somewhere?

Councilperson Lawson: They're...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Oh, just when they...

Councilperson Lawson: Upcoming. Whey they actually...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay.

Councilperson Lawson: ...start back their [inaudible].

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. Alright. So, 19C is the \$7,5000 from me for community benefits, with the City fund. 19D, Ms. Anthony, for Lawson, Parks & Rec, \$308. Any other community benefit addons? [Pause]. Alright. And so, 19E will be the presentation.

Alright. Any other additions, deletions or substitutions?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I'm trying to determine whether or not my community benefits that were to be given to Palm Beach Gardens High School will be used at all this year. If the school is not gonna use them, I'd like to also shift them for the COVID-19 initiative.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. So, you...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: But I ha'.., I have to determine that yet. I haven't gotten back yet from my contact at the high school.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: So, Mr. Sherman or Mr. Evans.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, what I would recommend is that the Board, in their action, provi'.., or add an Item to the Agenda to put a caveat in that, in the event that the funds are not utilized by the educational institution, that the monies would be set aside in a fund to address COVID-19 and the City's response. So, it gives the legislative authorization by virtue of a vote, and then we can, as Staff, follow up and find out specifically what's occurring.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. So that's I'...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Tha'.., thank you.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...Item No. 12 for Dr. Botel with Palm Beach Gardens High school. Is that the one you're referring to?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Yes.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay.

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: What about your No. 9, Suncoast Community High School? Dr. Botel?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Let me see. I'm looking at it now. [Pause]. Well, if we put it., if we put a caveat in that we can change it, then that would take care of everything, I think. Right? And I can examine everything.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. So, actually 11, 12... So, do we wanna just say...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I'm looking at 9.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...anything for the schools for you?

City Manager Evans: Y'...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Yeah. I mean [stammer]... I think Sammie is telling me, my contact, is telling me that the Class of 2020 can still use the money for things but I would like to have an opportunity to really consider. I did., I wasn't aware of this opportunity to shift to this COVID-19 initiative and I think that might be something that's more in dire need right now. So, I would like to have an opportunity to consider these within the next day or so.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Well, how about maybe you., if you want to just delete those and just commit those funds to a COVID-19 and then you'll get another set of monies that you could utilize in our next meeting and have it go towards to the schools. By then you'll know more for sure.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: That's true. I'll., I will do that then. I'll delete the ones that have to do with the schools and we can always put them in and I'll shift that money over to COVID-19.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. So, that's...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: So that...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...Item...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: ...would be num'., Nos., let me see here.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: 9. Item 9.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: 9. Yes.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: 11.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Yes.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: And 12?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: And 12. Yes.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: And so, 9 is for \$500...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: 9 was...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...for Suncoast. And...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Yes.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...Palm Beach Gardens, \$2,000.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Yes.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: And, Palm Beach Gardens, \$1,000?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Right. Right. And all that can go to COVID-19 for now. And then, as you say, once we get our additional funding, we can put that toward the schools.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. So, Ms. Anthony, did you get all of that?

City Clerk Anthony: \$3,500 [inaudible]. Madam Chair, if I added that correctly, that's a total of \$3,500 that will be going to the Fire Department for the COVID-19 initiative.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Yes. Thank you.

City Manager Evans: We would call it the COVID-19 Fund. Yeah.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Right. Okay. Alright. Any other additions, deletions or substitutions?

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, before we move forward?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Mhmm.

City Clerk Anthony: That will now become.., that community benefit will now become 19E, and the presentation will be 19F.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. [Pause]. Alright. Any disclosures by the Board?

[Inaudible comment]

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Councilperson Lawson: I just have a question, actually, in reference to the COVID-19 before we move forward with the funds.

Mr. Evans, if the funds that we're actually putting into this COVID-19 Fund we've created and being that we're in a State of Emergency now, any spending that we spend as a City will be reimbursed to the City after this crisis is, is completed.

City Manager Evans: The federal government has provided some general guidelines, but they haven't provided much specificity. There are certain commodities and things that we can purchase, that we anticipate will be reimbursable, but at this particular moment, we cannot guarantee that the money that we expend associated with this will come back to the City.

Councilperson Lawson: So Madam Chair, I wanted us to consider possibly creating a fund after this is complete to reimburse the funds that's going.., normally would go to the nonprofit organizations and possibly utilizing this money that's recouped, if it is recouped, to go back towards these nonprofits, that have requested money at the time. So, if we do recoup of this money that we're actually taking away from the nonprofits that Waste Management normally gives to us for that, then if we can use that money in the future, whenever this is passed us.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Well, for my, my particular.., for the initiative that I was thinking of, it was more.., I, I don't know... Are we looking to make one big fund? Because I was looking at a.., like a Council initiative type thing. And that's why I mentioned being able to utilize some of those nonprofits in whatever manner I may be able to use. So, essentially, they could still benefit...

City Manager Evans: [Inaudible].

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...from it and partner with it. So...

City Manager Evans: The...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: That's, that's where I was going with it.

City Manager Evans: And, and the challenge is waiting on the federal government for reimbursement can take years.

Councilperson Lawson: Right.

City Manager Evans: So, in the event that the Board did establish this fund... There are, there are some things that we can do to assist the School District because we know that they're going to a digital platform. It looks like they're making steps towards that, so the purchases of computing devices may be something that, as part of that fund, that you collectively, as the Board, say that a portion of this will go to our schools to assist in purchasing laptops or, you know, iPads, if the school is not already providing that.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yeah. And I know a lot of the funds from the state are being shifted to be able to allow for the schools to make purchases if they need it. So, we wanna make sure we verify.., you know...

City Manager Evans: Yeah.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: We don't wanna over saturate one area when they already have enough for that.

Councilperson Lawson: Okay. I just want us also be prepared for..

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yeah. I definitely...

Councilperson Lawson: ...[inaudible].

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...kept it in mind for that nonprofit to participate.

Councilperson Lawson: Okay.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Any'...

Councilperson Lawson: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: No problem.

DISCLOSURES

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Disclosures by Council. [Pause]. Alright.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: May we have a motion to adopt the Agenda?

Councilperson Lawson: So moved.

Councilperson McCoy: Move to... Second.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Madam Clerk.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Pro Tem Botel?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Chair Miller-Anderson?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Unanimous vote.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHALL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. ANY PERSONS 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.

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MINUTES

1. FEBRUARY 19, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2. RESOLUTION NUMBER __-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT IN THE CASE OF JEANNIE JOHNSON V. THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, CASE NO.: 502018CA013374XXXXMBAO; AUTHORIZING GALLAGHER BASSETT TO MAKE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000 AS FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DAWN WYNN, CITY ATTORNEY, (561) 845-4069

.3. RESOLUTION NUMBER __-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING FY 2019-2020 STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION OF FLORIDA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,612; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR THE GRANT AWARD; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CYNTHIA COBB, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, (561) 845-4196

4. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS: MS. RENA BURGESS, MR. JON GUSTAFSON, MR. ANTHONY BROWN, AND MR. JAMES GALLON.

JEFF GAGNON, AICP, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, (561) 845-4060

5. AUDIT SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: MADELENE IRVING

JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANAGER, (561) 812-6590

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

6. NELSON OUTREACH MINISTRIES - \$1500 - CHAIR PRO TEM DR. JULIA BOTEL - THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY BASED EVENTS.

7. OPERATION HOPE, INC - \$500 - CHAIR PRO - TEM DR. JULIA BOTEL - THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY HOMELESS COALITION.

8. RISE ABOVE YOUTH CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, INC - \$1,000 - DISTRICT 4 CHAIR PRO - TEM DR. JULIA BOTEL - THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE SENECA L. WILSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

9. SUNCOAST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL BLACK STUDENT UNION - \$500 - CHAIR PRO - TEM DR. JULIA BOTEL - THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS.

10. YOUNG MEN OF DISTINCTION - \$500 - DISTRICT 4 CHAIR PRO - TEM DR. JULIA BOTEL - THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION.

11. PALM BEACH GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL - \$2000 - CHAIR PRO TEM DR. JULIA BOTEL - THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE SENIOR G BLOCK PARTY.

12. PALM BEACH GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL'S BLACK STUDENT UNION - \$1000.00 - CHAIR PRO TEM DR. JULIA BOTEL- THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES HOSTED BY THE PBGHS BLACK STUDENT UNION.

13. THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN YOUTH (S.T.A.A.Y.) - \$500 - COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER - THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE MENTORING PROGRAM.

14. THE T.E.A.M. ELAM FOUNDATION - \$500 - COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER- THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO ASSIST THE YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

15. SOUNDS OF SUCCESS MUSIC CORPORATION - \$1,500 - COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER - THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

16. RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY OUTREACH, INC. - \$1,500 - COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER - THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT.

17. OPERATION HOPE, INC. - \$1,500 - COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER - THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT SUMMER CAMP.

18. NELSON OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC. - \$1,000 - COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER - THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRY AND PROJECT RESTORATION.

19. HEART, HEALTH AND HEALING MINISTRIES - \$1,000 - COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER - THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE A BETTER ME HEALTH AND WELLNESS EVENT.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Do we have any Councilpersons that would like to pull an Item from the Consent? [Pause]. Alright.

Councilperson Lanier: The one that I pulled before?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: That was deleted.

Councilperson Lanier: Oh, it's deleted.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I mean, pot'.., it was pulled from... It was deleted and postponed. Alright. Can we have a motion to accept the Consent Agenda?

Councilperson Lawson: So moved.

Councilperson McCoy: Second.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Madam Clerk. With those modifications that we made with the community benefits, obviously. Alright. Madam Clerk.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Pro Tem Botel?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Chair Miller-Anderson?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Unanimous vote.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED ON THE TABLE DIRECTLY OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF PRIOR TO THE ITEM BEING PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION.

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

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Mr. Evans, so, are we gonna go into public comment first or are we gonna do the presentation now?

City Manager Evans: We can go into public comments first, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. So, public comments.

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, just so I'm..., make sure I'm..., we're on the same page, that is the public comment section that was due to start at...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: 7.30.

City Clerk Anthony: ...7:30?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Manager Evans: Yeah.

City Clerk Anthony: Okay. The acceptance of public comment cards will be until 7:30 or...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Until we finish... If 7:30..., if we're still here, I [stammer] clock not working, 7:30, we'll cut it off, if we're still here and obviously we finish the meeting sooner, it'll be over as soon as we finish the meeting.

City Clerk Anthony: Thank you,, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright.

City Clerk Anthony: Lynne Hubbard.

Ms. L. Hubbard: Good evening.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Good evening.

Ms. L. Hubbard: Lynne Hubbard, Riviera Beach.

I'm here this evening to ask about the project that is going on, or, or pending on the canal behind our homes on 23rd Street. We..., I wasn't sur when that was going to be on the Agenda. We wanted to get an idea about it. We thought that this meeting would be cancelled tonight but since it wasn't and we talked among ourselves last night, so I brought to you a petition signed by the residents that live on 23rd Street that houses abut that canal. What we'd like to have is a clear understanding as to when that would actually be on the Agenda. We don't want it to pass us by and we not come here to be able to speak about it. The other residents decided that if this meeting was shown on television, they would have to do that because of the virus and I would come over and bring you their names and the petition that was signed.

So, if we could get an idea of when this would be on the Agenda because we don't want it slid through and it happens and it's a foregone conclusion and we know nothing about it. Because, for some reason, we thought it was on the Agenda tonight. That was the last information that we received. And..., but it is not. So, we'd just like to get some real clarification as to the Council's intent, as opposed to sliding it through, letting us know, letting us have some say in this please. So tonight, I am..., I'm here on behalf of the, the residents. You have..., each of you should have the petition and we have some concerns

about the structure of our homes, the foundation of our homes. All kind of things have been told by the developer, that we know aren't true. For years they have been trying to do that property, so we know for real what's gonna happen to.., because we have the cast iron pipe and the vibration to our homes, and everybody have'.., all kind' of engineers have come out, geologists that have come out under different management so we know what we can expect and we don't want you to be bamboozled by the pretty pictures because we know those pictures that they have is not what's going on, on that property.

So, we would like to hear from you as to exactly what date will that be on the Agenda so all of us can come over.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Thank you.

Ms. L. Hubbard: Thank you.

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, that concludes at this time.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Mr. Evans.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, I was not aware of the Item being placed on the previous Agenda that we had proffered to the Council but we can definitely get back to the resident and find out exactly when it's anticipated to come before you all. But I can tell you as it relates to that particular projects, there's a bunch of other documents that still need to be executed and agreed upon and Legal would have to review some of the elements associated with the conveyance of that ditch in the water that is in there, because that is a piece of infrastructure that we wanna be conscientious of before we do any changes. So I think it's pretty far along from getting before you all. Nonetheless, I will find out more information and then inform the resident, as well as inform you all, as...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. Thank you. Alright. So, that concludes public comment. Obviously, we'll keep it open and then we'll circle back.

Alright.

19F. Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Item No. 19F. The presentation.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair and Members of the City Council, obviously we are tasked with trying to combat COVID-19. This pandemic has changed the way in which we operate, not just here in Riviera Beach but regionally, statewide and nationwide. Our Public Safety Staff has done an exceptional job in providing service to our residents and we want to share with you, from a multifaceted approach, some of the things that are happening in our community. And, we also have a physician that has a acute understanding of COVID-19 and some of the things that we need to be conscientious of as a community and as people that are dealing with this particular pandemic.

So, at this time, if I can have Chief Curd and his team make the presentation. And then following, immediately after that, it will be our HR Director, Ms. Dickerson and her team that will make a follow up presentation.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright.

Interim Fire Chief Curd: Good evening, Council.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Good evening.

[Pause]

Interim Fire Chief Curd: And how do I get this up on the screen there?

[Pause setting up slide]

Interim Fire Chief Curd: Beautiful. Thank you.

Good evening again, Council. John Curd, Interim First Chief.

I come to you today in a couple of different capacities. As you all are well aware, we have activated our EOC. We are currently at a Level 2 activation, which is a partial activation. This is a very unique circumstance that we're faced with where we kinda have a hybrid system in how we're operating our EOC, meaning that we have our EOC functions as we deal with COVID-19, but once that's done we go back to our departments and we function as department heads or directors. So, I come before you today as the Operation Section Chief within the EOC, and then I'm gonna have my Staff present the fire element of it. And in this Operation Section, I'm going to be responsible for fire operations, police operations. And, Mr. Blankenship, who's been reassigned to what we're using the term as leisure services. So, that's gonna deal with some of the, the municipal elements as far as Parks & Recreation facilities, beach fronts and the like.

So, the operational briefing that was provided to Staff yesterday has been updated and currently, right now, Riviera Beach Fire Rescue has run, run a call on one patient who has been deemed a patient under investigation. Fortunately, with great situation [stammer], situational awareness, our crews, upon arriving on the scene and walking into the unit where the patient was located, identified the potential for an exposure. They donned the appropriate PPE, they then treated that patient, transported that patient to the hospital and subsequently, we were notified by the hospital that that person has now been deemed a person under investigation. That person has been tested but understanding there's a bottleneck with testing and results coming back, we still have not heard whether or not that person is positive or negative. And considering our personnel were in proper PPE, there was no need to isolate or quarantine those individuals.

We've been experiencing some issues with cellular networks. The different platforms, whether it be GoToMeeting, whether it be WebEx, everybody's trying to use teleconferencing right now and it's actually put a stress on the nation's bandwidth. Basically, they refer to times like this, of times of hyper-communication. And this unprecedented. Nobody's ever seen this before. There are multiple platforms that are just shutting down, so it's actually become quite difficult but we're working through that with IT and our AT&T partners through FirstNet to see if we can overcome some of these challenges.

N95 respirators are critically low. And this is not just here in Riviera Beach, this is throughout the county, the state, the nation and the world, China produces fifty percent of the world's N95 respirators and right now, they are holding on to everything that they have. The CDC does have a national stockpile and they're gonna be looking to slow release and fortunately, we've been able to submit a request to the Palm Beach County Emergency Operation Center to obtain some of these stockpiles that are maintained by the Health Department, the ECC's and the federal government.

I'm very closely with Chief Osgood and the Police Department. We've asked officers to refrain from coming into close proximity with medical patients. We're asking that they stay outside of any call that EMS is running, trying to preserve their safety and also trying to preserve the PPE. We can't throw it on, on every call. Currently, we've looked at what our burn rate is. So, we've looked at what we have in stock, what we're using daily and how long that'll last. Right now, we're at about ten days. In ten days, we'll be out of respirators. So, we're looking at all alternative measures. We do have our SCBA masks. That has been thrown out as an idea. We are waiting to hear back from the federal government on some of these other things, but, you know, in order to prevent the, the abundance of usage of this PPE, we're limiting contact with as many people as we can, with suspected patients.

PD has implemented some control measures within their departments. They're conducting roll call outside, that seems to be very popular now, using fresh air environments, when you do have to bring people together. And also, they've been working very hard over the last couple of days to provide notification to restaurants, bars and nightclubs of the executive order signed by the Governor in regards to closing and capacities. So, they've been out there beatin' the streets, making sure that they have this information. And as of right now, there's a lot of conversation about if this becomes a problem, where is the authority to enforce? Right now, we're not taking a very heavy handed approach. We're working with our municipal restaurants and bars and nightclubs and just really asking that they comply. Down the road, if this becomes an issue, we're gonna look at alternative measures of enforcement but right now we're.., we, we've been very successful on just getting out notification.

Fire, basically what we've done is modified our dispatch protocol again, where we're using one responder to go into the home to make patient contact on any suspected patient that may have coronavirus or COVID-19. This will again minimize the amount of PPE that needs to be worn, however, crews will be on the ready with their PPE should the need arise and we need multiple people to address the patient. We've implemented our rescue truck decontamination protocols and will be followed after transporting any patient that is suspected of COVID-19. And for that matter, any patient, there's gonna be a increased level of decontamination, but more so when it's a patient under investigation or a positive patient. We have extreme decon measures to ensure that those vehicles stay clean. We've submitted the Mission Resource Request of Palm Beach County's EOC for PPE, and we've also [stammer] visited all ALF's and senior facilities trying to educate their staff and their personnel by giving them pamphlets and flyers on what they can do to protect our most at risk community. Our initiative this week is to get out to all the daycares. We anticipate with the schools being shut down, daycares are gonna be

inundated with individuals wanting to drop off their children for daycare services. So, we really wanna make sure we get out there to our daycares and have conversations with them on what they can do to make their environment better.

Leisure services. Richard Blankenship's looking to acquire portal handwashing stations that you may see popping up at City facilities. We anticipate having ten on Friday. And these are basically what you see at outdoor events where it has the foot pump, where you can wash your hands, soap and water. We have a strike team that's going to be filling those and draining those, but you're gonna see them at the entrance to City Hall, you're gonna see them at the entrance to Public Works facilities, front and back and anywhere where people tend to come in from the public, we're gonna have those available to them so they can wash their hands before coming into the facility.

We are establishing strike teams. Originally, we were looking to maintain all public restrooms open at parks and the beaches. We've had individuals call out sick, there are individuals that are not feeling well, so we really had to consider an alternative approach and basically, our main goal right now is to keep beach bathroom facilities open for now and cleaned on a regular basis. And when I say regular, we're talking a half an hour to one hour cleanings ongoing throughout the day, because we have noticed a high concentration of people visiting our beaches. This is where the conversations with Mr. Evans has become important because we're noticing what's called the funneling effect. As other municipalities shut down their beaches, who's open? Riviera Beach is open, so everybody's funneling in here. Which right now, it's not a problem but it's something we wanna keep an eye on that's a concern.

And most importantly, I wanted to update on our..., excuse me, on our senior center, over at the Lindsey., Lindsey Davis Center. We have closed down the senior center because of the amount of people coming into close contact, most vulnerable population but we did get information from the Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services. While they will be discontinuing service of their usual congregate meals on Thursday, on Friday, they are gonna allow for food pick up, two weeks worth of rations that that the seniors can pick up and bring home with them so they have food for the next two weeks. Mr. Blankenship and his team are reaching out to all of our seniors that normally participate in the meal program, determine whether or not they have ability to go pick it up at one of the distribution sites. If now, we're putting a plan together to go pick up that food and make sure we deliver it to their homes and then they're looking to release additional food on April 3rd. So, every two weeks they're gonna be looking to distribute these foods.

With that, I'd like to turn it over to our EMS Chief, Chief McCarthy. And I'd like to also introduce Captain Mark Johnson who's running our logistics, and Assistant Chief Golden who is managing Fire in my absence, as I am working with the EOC.

EMS Division Chief McCarthy: Good evening everybody.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Good evening.

EMS Division Chief McCarthy: Tom McCarthy, your Division Chief of Emergency Medical Ser'...

[Video interruption]

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...for the purpose of the COVID or? Am I good to go and warm it up a little bit?

EMS Division Chief McCarthy: We can use that excuse but I don't think that's the reason.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. I don't think so either, so we're gonna fix that a little bit over there. Alright. Thank you. Go ahead.

EMS Division Chief McCarthy: Not a problem.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: [Chuckle].

EMS Division Chief McCarthy: So, what you're gonna see in this protocol is gonna be what we call the three leveled option. The first option is gonna be if we have to encounter the patient, performing the full assessment, treatment and transport to a medical facility. The second one you're gonna see is gonna be dealing with having that patient that gets treated in place, not to be transported to a hospital. The reason for that is because if the patient is what we deem to be stable enough to stay at home to prevent surge capacity problems at the hospitals, then we would do that and we provide for a follow up with those patients on a, on a rotating basis.

Okay. The first., the first slide here is what we call a heat map. So this heat map shows us the States of Florida and we, we pared this one down from the national map and actually the international map which is no longer germane to us because of what we have going on here in the state. So, just some statistics up there on the top, Palm Beach County, Florida, there are nineteen total cases, eighteen of them are residents. We had one that came in from somewhere else. Fourteen of them are men and five of them are women. So, what we're gonna do now as, as we get this data coming back from the CDC, as we get the data coming back from the health departments, we'll be able to know whether or not they've converted or they've healed themselves because they are part of their surveillance profiles that the Health Department stays on top of.

So what you're gonna see now is what a protocol looks like. And, and it talks about how we're gonna manage these patients, like I said earlier, and how we're gonna deal with them but it also puts specific provisos in there regarding how we will manage a call on scene and what we're gonna do as far as our protection goes, that Chief Curd eluded to. Now, we talked about, you know, the possibilities that citizens are gonna see a little bit different from our standard normal practice. One of the things that citizens are likely to see is going to be we will manage these calls, much like you see us [inaudible] a fire where we get on scene and we're putting on gear on and going in, well, you may see an evolution to that type of a process whereas we arrive on scene, we're putting our gear on and either the, the Battalion Chief or the Captain on scene will make sure that our people

our putting their gear on in the right fashion. And he's also going..., he or she is also going to determine the number of people who enter into the facility.

So these are some of the hallmarks that we're looking for when we're talking about assessing these patients and deciding whether or not we're going to declare what's called med alert to the hospital. And all that simply does is that alerts the hospital to the fact that we're gonna be bringing them a patient that is a potential patient that could potentially be under investigation for COVID. So, now here's another second level..., well, you see on the hierarchy of the patients that we are going to be doing these treatments and transports for. And again, it provides guidance as far as what we're doing in the back of the truck, it provide guidance as far as what we're gonna do with our personal protective equipment. And also too, something else that's gonna be [stammer] a little bit of a divergence from an old practice, and that is here in town, we have allowed pa'..., people to ride into the hospital, that's family members and, and such. That's gonna be a..., that's a nonnegotiable. We can't do that. We cannot risk the exposure. So, you'll see the bottom point there that emphasizes that.

Now, this gives us a little bit more of a guidance when it comes to non-transport recommendations where you see the patient's age now becomes part of the consideration, the vital signs become part of the considerations. And on this one, you say okay, well now we'll look at the go, no go, then we're gonna go ahead and we're gonna follow up now then for, what we call the exclusion criteria. Because, remember, these are solely EMS patients. We're gonna talk about, you know, do they have chest pain? Do they have shortness of breath? Are they, are they having, you know, fainting episodes? And by the way, Chairperson, thanks for that coloring with the font. Well done.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: [Chuckle].

EMS Division Chief McCarthy: Well done.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I've been having practice.

[Chuckles]

EMS Division Chief McCarthy: God bless you.

So, this next slide you're gonna see where we have whether or not when they meet that non-transport criteria, you see..., we, we now bulleted on there one through six and that's because that is a specific flow of recommendation that we do then provide to the patient, that we've had that contact with. And, the medical director, Dr. Cevall [sp] made it very important, because of now you're gonna see these, these step down type of scenarios happen where we go, we see, we recommend to go see a physician. We go, we see them, we recommend them to go to an urgent care center or through a drive-thru testing center. I can tell you right now, the system for the drive-thru testing centers is not..., nowhere near as robust as it needs to be for this to be a hard dyed in the wool type of a practice but, like..., but nonetheless, that is something that's gonna be a consideration for the patient, once this evolves out.

So, this page here is gonna tell us what we're gonna do once they finish the non-transport recommendation. And you see where we've metallicized those bottom lines. Now, this protocol you're looking at is a protocol that our personnel will have in hand as well. So they're given this real time guidance. Be warned though, [chuckle], if you think about how this thing has evolved, there's been a lot of adjustments along the way, what you're seeing as a protocol today could very well be a totally different protocol by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

And the last has to do with what we call the Patient Hospital Evaluation Form. We don't just leave the patient in the lurch without any type of education or guidance. So, what you see here now is the educational direction. You've got some guidance here, that's bullet pointed here in the boxes. And also too, we do some, we do some maintenance here too and it tell us..., it tells the patient how we're gonna be doing follow ups with them later on. Now, some of this data we share across the EMS community here in the county, where we have eleven provider agencies. And the reason this, this form is so important and it's to show you how, how important it is that we are doing this across the county. So, the level surge you get here in Riviera Beach, is gonna be the same level surge they're gonna get in Palm Beach County, Delray Beach or, as you see down there, Boca Raton. And again, this is part of that data sharing that's important to us. That way, we make sure we pool this as a team effort and, you know, they're not just..., the citizens of Riviera Beach aren't just getting our expertise, they're also getting input from other agencies. And again, we're sharing intel with them as well for some of our best practices.

Thank you for your time.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Thank you.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, at this particular moment, I'd ask that our Human Resources Director, Ms. Rosilyn Dickerson...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Thank you all so much.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Will we have an opportunity to have questions of the Chief?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yeah. Do you want to do it now?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Just a quick one. I, I know you mentioned, Chief, that the..., we don't have really much, much teeth in terms of managing the, the capacity of bars and restaurants, particularly on Singer Island. I've had complaints from some of my constituents that they're packed in the evening and that people are not really abiding by that fifty percent capacity rule. So, I'm just wondering what, what can we do?

Interim Fire Chief Curd: We've actually been working very closely with Legal and there's gonna be some guidance, and with the Police Department as well. And there's gonna be some guidance that's going to be put out where there are complaint forms that can be filed. It's the Center for Business and Professional Development.

City Manager Evans: EDPR.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: EDPR.

Interim Fire Chief Curd: EDPR.

City Manager Evans: Yeah.

Interim Fire Chief Curd: Who's actually the enforcement agency but we do understand that they don't obviously have the ability to enforce this, so we're gonna be working very closely with Legal. If some of these start to become a nuisance or a problem, we may look at other alternatives but I can assure you that there will be guidance out by the end of the week that'll be available to the public, where if some of these issues are becoming a nuisance, we can look at what are mechanisms for filing these complaint forms that have been made available.

City Manager Evans: And, and, Madam Chair...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Thank you very much.

City Manager Evans: If I may also? The distinction between nightclubs and bars and restaurants is profoundly different. Nightclubs and bars have been, by executive order, asked to be closed for thirty days. Restaurants are asked to reduce their seating capacity by fifty percent and practice social distancing. We have, and law enforcement has, interacted with the businesses in our community. I think the activities and festivities that occurred yesterday was probably predicated on St. Patrick's Day and they were their last hoorah or what have you, but we are going to make sure that we continue to inform them that this is an executive order and that we need to have compliance. But we're trying to do it in a way that's understanding and compassionate because these businesses conceivably could be out of business in the next sixty to ninety days if this continues on. So, we're, we're being mindful and trying to work with them and understanding that we don't wanna see a situation where this pandemic continues to spread.

So, we're, we're working on communication tools and talking with the owners to voluntary comply with the executive order.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Thank you very much.

City Attorney Wynn: And, if I can add. Earlier today, maybe an hour or so ago, the Florida League of Cities issued a clarification on the Governor's executive order and it

does not require the total closure of bars and nightclubs for thirty days, there are just some restrictions placed on them. And so, we're continuing to look into that to see exactly what it means.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. Thank you. Alright. HR.

Human Resources Director Dickerson: Good evening.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Good evening.

Human Resources Director Dickerson: I'm trying to reserve some of my time so that I can yield at the end, so I'll move rather quickly.

I want to share with you some of the actions Human Resources has taken to ensure a safe and healthy workplace. It has not been in isolation, it's been in support and partnership with other departments in the City, primarily the City Administration office, Legal, Procurement, Public Works and, of course, the entire executive team in their respective departments. So, I want to share with you, not on this slide, I'm preparing for the specialist to come forward, I want to share that within preparing policy and procedures in conjunction with our Legal team, getting feedback across the organization to move as expeditiously as possible to align policies and practices that are consistent with, you know, the pandemic. We, as a department, have been busy answering questions and concerns and also giving guidance on case by case scenarios, using guidance from EEOC, some of our compliance guidelines with some of the labor and employment laws, as well as..., let's see, I mentioned EEOC, the CDC and some of the other authorities out there during this time. We've been working hard to determine how to support the continuity of operations, being disciplined, agile and looking to make [stammer] continuous improvement, pretty much on, on the fly, very abruptly.

Under the authority of the City Manager, we are waiving waiting periods for new employees, and also making health and medical benefits available to full time and part time employees to ensure that they do not have a lapse of coverage during this time where medical needs may be extremely high at some point, if not now. Risk has worked expeditiously with Facilities Management and Public Works, also Procurement to secure supplies in a very strained supply chain. We have called all across the country and I do believe we owe kudos to everyone who's been involved to ensure that we have adequate inventory of supplies to clean our common areas, and also the offices. We are working on other workplace particulars in partnership with, you know, numerous departments. We've developed employee and workplace communications, trying to ensure that we keep a calm across the organization. Sometimes absence of information can create a little bit more anxiety in these tense times but just trying to ensure that we're working diligently, as a City departments and just partners, to ensure safety for our employees and for our residents.

Through our insurance partner, Aetna, employees have access to Teladoc, which is really remote doctor access through video conferencing. They're able to provide, through observation, actually into a home looking at family members, and make medical

decisions based on visual cues and asking medical questions for screening, and they can also write prescriptions. That will kind of decrease and help support the healthcare facilities and not strain resources for extremely sick individuals. In addition to that, you know, through our partner, Aetna, COVID-19 testings and related services can be received with a zero dollar copay. So, we think that's a huge achievement in partnership with Aetna to ensure that our employees have peace of mind in securing services, not worrying about copay and..., during this time, just kinda reserving resources.

Other information and guidance has been shared from experts at CDC and Florida Department of Health. Moving a little bit more quickly, we are working to determine telecommuting and alternative work arrangements for employees, as applicable. You know, we're..., we'll be identifying the positions rather quickly and giving guidance and guidelines for how those work arrangements will take place to the benefit and the interest..., in the best interest of the City and ensuring continuity of government services, where remote access would be applicable. Of course, we're gonna be looking at essential versus nonessential tasks. Distributing flyers for prevention and safety education has been a focus the last several..., seven to ten days. We are in partnership with the media team and want to give kudos to them. We're ensuring educational postings are also in the common areas for our citizens who may come onsite. We are planning, and will be delivering as of tomorrow, training to Staff who will actually clean the facilities at a level that is necessary during a [stammer] pandemic, to keep down the spread of germs and diseases. We'll be doing training on chemicals and things of that nature, and proper cleaning techniques. So, kudos to the safety team and Risk Management overall.

We'll also be assessing alternative work arrangements. There are some things that are in the works now and we'll be communicating that. Without going into much detail, I'll just share, we're also going to be looking at..., because, at some point, if individuals go out, they have to return so we'll be looking at safety guidelines and giving guidance on the protocol for how that will be done as well, and ensuring that individuals are return with medical, you know, approval to reenter the workforce.

So, at this time, I think the best thing that I can do is introduce our esteemed guest, who is actually as a public service, coming here no cost to the City. He is an expert. And I'll share a little bit about his background. He's the Founder, CEO and President of Triple O Medical Services and Triple O Research Institute. I wanted to shorten this but I decided to share all the information because I think it will bring credence and credibility to what he'll share with you. In May 1985, he graduated with a bachelor of science degree, in both chemistry and mathematics from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama. He served three years in the U.S. Army where he worked on the development of vaccines, against diseases. Upon completing his military tour, he attending medical school at the University of [stammer] Maryland, Baltimore. He then did three years of residency training in internal medicine and two years of fellowship training in infectious disease at the University of Miami and Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. He spent one year performing infectious disease consultations at the Cleveland Clinic in Fort Lauderdale. Our doctor moved to West Palm Beach, Florida in 2000...

Councilperson McCoy: Madam Chair?

[Stammer]

Councilperson McCoy: I'm sorry. We have a, a, a few other things on the Agenda so...

Human Resources Director Dickerson: Okay. Well...

Councilperson McCoy: If I can interrupt, Madam Chair, and ask that we bring the speaker on up.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I'm, I'm okay with hearing it. I mean, we do have a couple things but I think it.., I'm okay with, with hearing out the rest of it. What about the rest of you?

Councilperson Lanier: No. We can bring the speaker on.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. Mr. Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: We can bring the speaker up.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Thank you so much, Ms. Dickerson.

Human Resources Director Dickerson: I'd like to introduce Dr. Ociani [sp].

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Thank you.

Councilperson McCoy: Osiyemi.

Councilperson Lanier: Madam Chair, we know Dr. Osimeymi, that's why we said we don't need to hear...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Well, I don't know him. So...

Councilperson Lanier: [Chuckle].

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I mean, and the public may not know him so, I mean, we, we gotta...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I don't know him.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: We.., exactly. So, we, we wanna make sure that everyone has an opportunity to know him the way that you all know him.

Councilperson Lanier: And the reason why I said that because she would be reading for the next twenty minutes, based on his accolades.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I mean, I'm sure she wouldn't have taken twenty minutes to do it but, you know, I, I, I do wanna make sure that everyone is aware, just as you all are comfortable and aware of who he is, that everyone else needs to be on the

same, same platform as that. And I, I did meet him too. I mean, I met him once when I went to his new grand opening but I...

[Chuckles]

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: It's okay. We're, we're good. Thank you so much. Go ahead.

Dr. O. Osiyemi: Thank you so much for having me tonight. I'm, I'm not gonna take too much of your time, I'm just gonna try to give you as much information from my perspective, just to give you some background of COVID-19 and what we're doing in healthcare to make this better.

So, to give you some background, COVID..., coronavirus, COVID-19, is a, is a form of coronavirus. And there's several types. You have..., actually four different subgroups. And, most of them tend to affect animals, not humans. But there are thr'..., seven different coronaviruses that cannot affect humans. The first was identified in 1960. And, as of today, there are about seven different types that we know affect humans. And, the last three is what's caused some epidemic or pandemic in the last few years, the MERS, which had about a thirty-six percent mortality rate. SARS, which had about ten percent..., 9.6 percent morality rate. And now SARS [stammer] Cov-2, which is the COVID-19. So, SARS, which happened in 2003, spread to about more than twenty-four countries. Like I mentioned before, the morality rate was about 9.6 percent. MERS, on the other hand, started in Saudi Arabia in 2012. Again, same kinda spread, person to person, the morality rate was very high, thirty-five percent. And if you were sick enough to be in the ICU and [inaudible], your morality rate went..., was as high as sixty to seventy percent. So now, we..., in 2019, we have a new coronavirus, which we've never seen before, therefore, the community has no, no antibodies. So, you know, when you get it, you get sick because there's no way to protect yourself. So, it's a novel virus that was first described in China, as everybody knows. Initially, when the Chinese look at about 72,000 cases they had, the morality rate was about 2.3 percent. That number has gone a little bit when we start looking at data that's come out of other countries, as we begin to test more. The majority of people who get this illness, have, have mild illness.

So, what we do know from the experience of the Chinese, is that it affects everybody. Anyone can get infected from coronavirus. And..., but of those people who get infected, [inaudible] population get very sick. And, and the people that get very sick are the elderly patients. So, if you look at your data, if you're between the age of..., if you are at least eighty years of age, there's 14.8 percent chance of dying from that disease. Whereas, overall, the rate of dying is 2.3. So, if you are between the age of seventy and ninety, you're, you're mortality rate's about eight percent. And if you are so sick to get in the ICU, and again to [inaudible] you're risk of dying is about fifteen percent. So, so that's what we do know from their experience. So we're trying to use that experience to what we have now to prepare. Of those patients who are very sick, apart from age, being an elderly person, if you have chronic illnesses such as diabetes, has not gone through heart failure, cancer, liver disease, [inaudible] disease, you are also at risk of having severe illness. It doesn't to..., seem to make children as sick as influenza. We don't have much

information on pregnant women but influenza can make pregnant women very sick. In our experience as of yesterday, U.S., we have had about 4,226 cases. So, the incubation period's about two to fourteen days but most people will get sick in..., by five days. The difference between MERS and SARS, [stammer], COVID-19 is that COVID-19, when you get the infection, the virus multiplies so quickly that when you fight this, the amount of virus you have in your upper airway is about one thousand the amount you get with MERS. So that's why it's more contagious. MERS take' about se'..., ten days to get to the high level but it doesn't get as high as, as COVID-2..., COVID-19.

So, when you look at the infe'..., infection rate in Germany and you look at nine patients, for example and you really follow them and you realize that again, the viral load picks up the, the five. And that's why it's more contagious. So, if someone's speaking to you, you can actually spread the virus if you're so, so close to them. That's why your social distance is so important. And, after someone..., after the symptoms are resolved, people can see that you have the virus in your airway, in your..., oropharyngeal airway or, or, or your oral mucosa. So if you..., if you thought, 'Oh, I have no more fever, I feel good,' if we swab you five days later, we can see..., find the virus up to, up to ten days, I mean twelve days in some of those case. So, the main [stammer] manifestation is really patient complaining of cough, fever, [inaudible], shortness, shortness, shortness of breath. But, you see the same symptoms with influenza and most of the viral illnesses. And this is a season of..., where we have flu, so it's very difficult to..., for patient to determine..., or, even for doctor to determine if you have the flu or do you have COVID-19? So, it's very important to..., for, for people who may have any of these symptoms to call their healthcare providers, not to rush in the emergency room but to, to call their doctors to get some kind of guidance. And I'll tell you why in a second. We know this is transmitted by coughing or by contact. So, your best way to, to prevent that is by [inaudible] if somebody coughs, it's just gonna go..., if you're at least six feet away, more than six feet away, you are out of that zone. That's why the social distance is being talked about a lot. So, if you stay about seven f'..., I see your at least 6.1 feet away, so you're good.

[Chuckles]

Dr. O. Osiyemi: So, if you can do that, you'll be good. And those are contact. So, if I were to cough on the table here and then I'm putting the virus on the table, so this is where we always advocate for clean surfaces or their surroundings, and quarantine. So, if you feel sick, most people, like I mentioned before, [inaudible] have mild illness. So, if you have fever or cough but don't feel that bad, call your doctor and most likely they will have you stay home, drink some water and not go to Publix while you're, you know, and spreading the viruses, or trying to go get toilet paper at Sam's Club, which is very interesting.

[Chuckle]

Dr. O. Osiyemi: People trying to get, you know, toilet paper and, and you have tons of people fighting each other. This is not social distancing.

Councilperson McCoy: So, you're saying just stay at home and drink water?

Dr. O. Osiyemi: Stay at home, call your doctor. They will give you instructions as..., well, if you need Tylenol they, you know, tell you take Tylenol or Motrin or whatever. If you Tamiflu, they'll call something in for you. We don't want you to go to the..., you know, walking around exposing yourself. So, you know, telemedicine is something we do now, so we can actually talk to the patient by the phone and guiding them as to what to do. And even within your home, it's always important to isolate yourself in your home. So, if you have family members..., if somebody's sick, it's good to have a, a separate room for them so the rest of the family is not sick.

So, we're working on a va'..., we're working on a vaccine, which may take up to a year so that may not be very help'..., helpful in this current..., with this current condition.

So, these are some of the questions people ask. Which really, at the end of the day doesn't really matter. I think what matters the most is social distancing, washing your hands and if your sick... You know, young folks because they think they don't get that ill, they think, 'Eh, I don't care. I don't wanna listen to what the government is telling me to stay home,' they wanna go out. The problem is, you know, even that person's not gonna get very ill, they have family members that are older, that may be at risk, or family members that have chronic illness, they may put them at risk. So, if you're a young person, I say still stay home because you really don't want to infect other folks.

So, there are several..., you know, the issue we've had so far is testing. And, we di'..., we didn't have enough testing, for a while there. We still don't have enough but it's gettin better and initially, the CDC was the only one that was able to test, were the health departments. But now, you have [inaudible] developing their own test. Quest now..., lab has the testing. LabCore also..., they also have their testing. But those testing have to go through the physician offices. The hospitals also have [stammer], they also have their own test. But again, these are in short supply, again [inaudible] more coming in. There are vaccines being worked on because if you have a vaccine against this virus, you can [inaudible] in the future. These are just some of the vaccines.

Just to mention, you know, because of this pandemic, people sometimes forget that we've done so much in the healthcare field. When we have SARS, it took about twenty months before we actually sequenced the virus and then decide..., get to a point where we actually, you know, inject the first vac'..., vaccine into a patient to say, 'Okay. Let's see if this works.' It took twenty months to do that. The coronavirus 2019, it took two months. They sequenced the virus so quickly, within two weeks, [stammer], sequenced it within twenty-four hours, we had a false test. So, the technology we have now to develop vaccines or sequence viruses, you know, it makes it [inaudible] and for the future, we can truly, you know, get things under con'..., control. So, it's very amazing.

Treatment. We have treatment for influenza. We don't have treatment for coronavirus but there are some potential medications that we can use to treat patient who have severe illness. One of which is called Remdesivir by Gilead . The study is already ongoing. There's also some of the inhibitors we use for HIV and the Chinese have used

that in China for the previous coronavirus. So, this has been looked at. So the..., seven different things have been looked at as types of treatment. In terms of what we do now, you know, I, I want to take this opportunity to really tell the public that maybe you have this illness, don't rush to the emergency room. The hospital is really so busy right now. You know, I get a phone call every five minutes because people are so worried that they have this and they have that. So everyone that comes with a fever or cough, we have to worry about COVID-19, which is appropriate but some people don't have anything, they just come, they got a cough. They have no fever or nothing else. They go to the emergency room, because they, 'Ah, I may have COVID-19.' Sometimes you don't have anything at all when they show up. So, we don't wanna fill the emergency room with people who don't really need to be there, because people who need to be there don't get the opportunity to get seen very quickly. So, we don't minimize that exposure. So again, as you all know, N95, and face masks are the things we use [stammer] for first responders, they're in the front line and they've gotta protect themselves because they don't know what they're coming out to. There's several protocol [inaudible] of that.

So, I'm gonna skip that. So, community recommendation. So, I mentioned before, if you..., [stammer], at home, make sure if you have high blood pressure, if you have diabetes, make sure you have enough medication for a couple of weeks because if you fall sick and you don't have the means to go get your medication. Check with your pharmacy, they can [inaudible] medication. So, just call from home, they can get it right to you. If you feel sick, stay home. [Stammer], you know, call your doctor from home. Ha'..., you know, wash your hands. Everybody's trying to buy saniti'..., [stammer], sanitizer. Soap and water is great. If you can get soap and water, it will..., [stammer], you know, remove all the bacteria and virus off your, of your hand. If you haven't had your influenza vaccine, get one because imagine..., you know, we, we, we have a vaccine for influenza, we have a treatment for influenza. You know, get that. At least, remove that from the equation, so when you do get sick, we at least know you're less likely to get influenza. If you haven't had your pneumonia vaccine, get that if you're in your proper age. [Inaudible] if that's the case. Again, always call ahead. Don't just show up in people's offices or [chuckle]. When you're sick, call them so they can prepare. We don't want our healthcare providers to be sick. If you are sick, they're out, we can't take our patients. The employers have to deal with employees not coming to work when they are sick. So, this put a lotta strain on everyone, including the government. Social media has been a bad thing for people because there is so much..., so many misinformation on, on, on social media. And people are sharing this misinformation and it's causing mor anxiety in people. Anxiety and stress is, is piqued. I mean, it's really amazing how much anxiety is out there right now. People are worried, people are scared, people are, you know..., and they panic, panic attack, you know, 'What's gonna happen to me? Am I gonna die? Am I gonna be able to get the medication?' 'How,' you know, 'am I gonna be able to make money to, to pay my bills because I can't go to work?' And, you know, government officials like yourself, you're, you're hearing phone calls every day, people calling and, you know, panicking. Family members are calling you. Our responders have to..., they have, you know, they have to worry about going home safely and going to work. And, people are quarantined also, you know, anxious, they're home. They, they feel trapped. And, and for us, you know, it's..., for my, for, for me, I get phone calls from the hospital, from friends, from, from patients, from everybody in town. So, this is a time where you

need to be conscious of, you know, of the stress and, and manage as best and talk to each other about how to make [inaudible] of the issues. Otherwise, we get burnt out.

Thank you. Any questions.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I just had a comment. Do you know why, why they're not really putting much emphasis on how many people are recovering and, and kinda minimizing the hype of it in terms of people dying? Because I think that's what's adding to the anxiety, people are just hearing about the people that are dying and, you know, they're not hearing that a large number have had it but they're recovering or they had mild symptoms similar...

Dr. O. Osiyemi: That's true. I think, you know, we try to pass the, you know, message out as much as we can, but...

[Cellphone ringtone]

Dr. O. Osiyemi: ...the news media sometimes.., when we... when we project this information on, on, on the screen and, 'Fifty people died today. Fif'..' you know, people tend to gravitate towards that image.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Right.

Dr. O. Osiyemi: And they forget the larger number here that are.., that do well.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Right.

Dr. O. Osiyemi: And, and that's a constant struggle to try to, you know, reinforce that, that data.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Right. Alright. Anyone else?

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Councilperson Lawson: Doctor, thank you so much. The updates for the residents is something that they've been looking for. And, I agree that the anxiety that the residents are feeling is the number one issue that we're hearing and we're seeing. So, just the facts and actually what to expect is the most important thing for them. So, thank you so much.

Dr. O. Osiyemi: Thank you for having me.

Mayor Felder: Madam, Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go head.

Mayor Felder: Also, thank you, Doc. Question, does the fever and the cough go together?

Dr. O. Osiyemi: Yes. What you may see, and patients may have cough initially, then we.., maybe a day later they will have fever, or they may have fever and cough at the same time.

Mayor Felder: Okay. Thank you.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Anyone else?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I just had a question about the beach.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: She's on...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I saw on TV...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...the phone, I'm sorry. [Chuckle]. She's on the phone.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I'm sorry.

[Chuckles]

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: He's looking for you. [Chuckle].

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Okay. [Chuckle]. I saw a piece on CNN today about one of the Florida beaches being so crowded and I wondered if.., I mean, I know we wanna keep our beach open so that people have a place to go out of doors, I wondered if we should be cautioning people who are using our beaches to stay separated and is there any fear of transmission while they're in the water or how does that, how does that work?

Dr. O. Osiyemi: That's a good question. I think some folks down South.., South Florida have already closed the beach because of that. This is spring break. You have all these college students down here now, and they don't really think they are at high risk. So everybody's hanging out. So, it's not really the beach, it's the fact that people are there in large numbers. So, so people are now beginning to say, 'Well, we don't want these people out here,' because the more crowd you have, the more likely they're gonna spread this. So, you know, not having people in large numbers out there is the best thing to do.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Anyone else?

Councilperson Lanier: No. I'd just like thank him for this information. Thank you so much, Dr. Osiyemi.

Dr. O. Osiyemi: Thank you.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Mr. McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Thank you.

Dr. O. Osiyemi: Thank you.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Thank you so much. Alright.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Thank you.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: So, everybody's concerned about me up here.

[Inaudible comment]

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I don't know. I mean, I, I would pray that I'm not. I, you know...

[Chuckle]

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: They won't test me so I don't know but we're gonna say we're all in it together, right?

Councilperson Lanier: What?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: We're altogether, right?

[Chuckles]

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Not me.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: We're a family, so we're good. No, I, I.., I'm, I pray that I'm good but...

Councilperson Lawson: So, Mr. Evans? This is the day you choose to put me over here, eh?

[Chuckles]

Councilperson Lawson: Thank you.

City Manager Evans: Continuity of government.

[Chuckles]

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: We're all one team.

City Manager Evans: There was a show, 'Designated Survivor', right?

[Chuckles]

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright.

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20. ITEM NO. 20

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Item No. 20.

Unk.: Alright.

City Clerk Anthony: **MARINA PHASE II DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DIRECTION**

JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANAGER, (561) 812-6590

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, we do not have any public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards is now closed.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Mr. Evans.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, if I can have Scott Evans, the CRA Director, up here with me.

City Staff would like to proceed forward with selecting a financial consultant to assist us in reviewing the financial docu'..., documents and the financial acumen and the ability for the entities to proceed forward with the development of Marian Phase II. We have proffered two solutions to the Board to consider. Right now, we do have a contractual agreement with PFM that allows for us to move a lot quicker to be able to bring you a final report and items for consideration. We can anticipate that process being concluded by May 27th or June 3rd, but the final report could be provided to Staff as early as May. If we are to move forward with a new competitive solicitation process for a financial advisor, it looks to take us out for the final report, July 3rd and then Council review and consideration July 15th. The premise behind us securing financial experts to assist us with this, is that in conversations that we've had with multiple entities throughout the State of Florida, as well as the nation, they have emphasized the importance of having professional experts onboard to assist in facilitating the arraignment because it is such a substantive arrangement.

In discussions with the CRA, we did want to bring both options before the Council to seek direction because whomever is selected, we wanted the Board to be comfortable with what the end product is. And we know that time is of the essence, but we want direction as to how the Board wishes to proceed. We have, as a joint team, have worked through the elements associated with what proposals..., or what the RFP would look like, so if the Board wants to go through a competitive solicitation with a new RFP, we have that. That is really at the final stages of the drafting process, or, we can have a situation where we can bring in our financial consultants, PFM, who have extensive experience in P3 arrangements, and the RFQ that was submitted some time ago, to look for financial consultants to assist the City of Riviera Beach. That was one of the major components that was asked for.

So, Staff is asking for direction from the Board as to how you would like to proceed and then we can move forward in whichever direction the Board wants to, to move in. Mr. Evans, do you have any other additional...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Ma'...

City Manager Evans: ...comments?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Hold...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Hold on one second. Did, did you have anything to add, Mr. Evans?

CRA Director Evans: No. I think that that covers the topic.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Dr. Botel?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Yes. In, in my previous life, managing \$140M budget for a large organization, PFM was extremely helpful and competent, proficient in dealing with the matters that I had, and they were very, very complex matters. I think that it would behoove us to take a good look of using them because they know the City, they know, you know, they know our issues and it would speed the process along. So, I for one, am very much in support of using PFM and not pursuing another entity.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Anyone else?

Councilperson Lanier: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Councilperson Lanier: I would have to agree. I think that the Board has had some heartburn in terms of how slow the process has been moving with this project. If we already have someone who's contracted with us to do it and it will be in a short amount

of time, then I think we should take that option, given..., because doing an RFP would push this out two or three mor months.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Anyone else?

Councilperson McCoy: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Councilperson McCoy: Mr. Evans? Mr. Jonathan Evans, so I'm clear, I wanted to know the scope. You kinda spoke briefly about it and I know I heard you say assess the developer's financial capability. Then, you also mentioned we need a team of financial experts. What.., I, I guess, where, where is it in the RFP process?

City Manager Evans: If, if we would provide..., if we would go with the vendor that is already onboard, we would provide them a couple of things that we would like for them to look at. For instance, evaluate the financial capabilities of the joint venture development entity, to include financial capa'..., capabilities from each codeveloper, evaluate the sufficient terms and conditions set forth in the proposed partner and reference the proposal. And then, provide future financial advisory services as requested by the City and CRA, which is mutually agreed upon. So, that is some of the elements associated with what we would have them look at. However, as we develop the scope of work, that's something that if the Board says we're okay with PFM and you all, as the Board, have specific elements that you would like to see incorporated in the overall scope, it is not a Herculean task for myself and Mr. Evans to put a document as what we believe the proposed scope should consider, and then the Board decide to add, delete and modify and then that becomes a scope and we hand it off to PFM. So, it really..., if we go with the firm that we have on contract, we have a lot more latitude to have the Board provide some additional information as it relates to, 'what would you like to see accomplished as part of the scope?'

If we go through a competitive process, then we're gonna try to be able to glean as much information from the Board, and then Staff can put together this pretty lengthy document, but if there's certain elements that the Board wishes to see incorporated in that, that's very easy for the Board to either submit questions to Administration, or for us to have a meeting where we go over specifically the scope and then we take that scope and hand it off to PFM to move forward with the criteria, the evalua'... [audio skipped]. You as the Board, can be as involved or as, as intimately engaged in the process as you wish.

Councilperson McCoy: Follow up.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Councilperson McCoy: So, I'm just curious, because I know..., I believe it was the workshop that was held over at the Ambassador Center, one of the comments was that it was gonna be somebody that was completely, I guess, acquired subsequent to the

naming of the developer that had independence, and not currently someone that was already doing business with the City. So did we go past that option?

City Manager Evans: Well, in, in the spirit of some of the conversations that I've been able to watch and, and my conversations with Mr. Evans, is that there's a desire to actively move forward with this process as quickly as possible. And, we have a contact with an existing provider that, if you were to go through a competitive solicitation process, they probably would be a top ranked firm because they do specialize in that particular skillset. So, with the Board's..., to, to try to encapsulate the Board's vision with respect to this, we said that the financial advisor that we do have onboard, PFM, the firm, will provide expertise to assist in that, and that will shorten the timeframe expediently to be able to provide you all decision points to where you can make a decision as to how you wish to move forward. So, they still..., they have an existing contract 'cause they went through a competitive solicitation process with the City of Riviera Beach, so they are..., and our bank is continuing services, but the other side of it is, we're, we're probably gonna engage a different part of their team to assist us t than what we utilized them for financial support on the bond market, et. cetera. So, there's, there's different skillset, it's a large firm so they have def'..., different expertise. So the individuals that most likely will be involved, may be folks that have never done any particular work for us, it may be another branch and another team from PFM.

Councilperson McCoy: Thank you.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Anyone else?

Councilperson Lanier: I would just add that there would be some provision in terms of conflict of [stammer]..., conflict of interest for the firm, for any past or present involvement with past or future or current developers.

City Manager Evans: We can do..., and, and we can get with the City Attorney, there's like a conflict check that we can have them do to ensure that there is no previous arrangements before we then go forward with engaging them as the firm to look at this particular arrangement. Is it..., does the Board wish to proceed forward with seeing what the proposed scope of work would be prior to us handing it off to PFM? 'Cause we can draft something in greater detail and the Board can take a look at it and, at your next meeting, provide us some direction as, 'Yes, this is fine. Let's go ahead.' Because, at the end of the day, we wanna make sure you all get the information that you're looking for. We don't want the consultant to provide a report that misses the mark. We wanna make sure every question and every concern you have is addressed because this is a relationship that has to work.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I, I would..., I would like that for it to come before... Anybody else?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Ma'..., Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Not if it, not if it delays the process to any great degree. I mean, I, I would.., I trust that PFM.., they're, they're a huge organization. I'm sure they have people who have a, a variety of skills that can meet our needs and I, I for one, trust our management to craft whatever, you know, scope of.., scope of work and, and then, and then provide it us. But, I don't think it would make a difference whether the scope of work is provided in, in several weeks or, you know, ultimately when we engage PFM, at that point, then we can have input. I, I would like to move forward'. In other words, I would like to move forward and engage PFM.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Mr. McCoy, were you gonna say something?

Councilperson McCoy: Yes. I'm.., okay. So, I, I'm sorry, Mr. Jonathan Evans. And I just wanna make sure that I'm clear. So, you, you referred to the financial experts as providing information on bonding. So, is that separate and independent from the stage of seeking out whether a firm is financially capable?

City Manager Evans: In, in most cases it would be a different subset of that firm, it would not be the same individuals. And we can do a conflict check to make sure and make.., and create that separation if in fact there's somebody that's done work for the City on another side, to be completely independent and a new team to look at this particular arrangement. We can set that up and structure that, if the Board does see fit. But we will make sure that if there is any cross utilization of any personnel, that we're aware of that before we enter into that arrangement.

Councilperson McCoy: Follow up.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Councilperson McCoy: Mr. Evans, will they also be, I guess, will they also have an arm in the negotiation process?

City Manager Evans: The, the negotiation process, I think they provide us all the information and then from the City standpoint, I think that's where Legal and legal experts would assist us in making that contractual arrangement work. So I think they provide us all the information and documentation because in all the information that we've been able to glean from conferences and discussions is, you need a financial expert and then you need a legal expert that will look at the arrangement. So, I don't think that they would be the ones negotiating the, the terms and conditions. That will be something that will fall under the purview of the Attorney's office and their expertise. Now, they will be providing them information but I believe the negotiations will probably be between the appropriate counsels.

Councilperson McCoy: And, I didn't see this, I think the earliest I seen was 2018. Was there some time before that we used PFM? Prior to that?

City Manager Evans: I would have to defer to Mr. Sherman as far as the times that we have utilized PFM.

[Inaudible comment and chuckles]

Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman: Randy Sherman, Finance Director

This is the second financial advisor contract that we have had with them. And the I believe when the Utility District went off and became a special district, I believe they were the FA for the City back then. But that's the timeframe. So, they'.., not the same individuals, obviously, but the firm has, has served the City for probably close to over a two decade period.

Councilperson McCoy: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Councilperson McCoy: So I, like you, would like to see the scope. You know, if we're gonna go with PFM, I think certainly what we are already doing, in my opinion, is foregoing the RFP process to kinda streamline it, and for the sake of time. I mean, I think they have some.., obviously they have some extensive experience in this, however, I definitely wanna know what exactly they're doing as opposed to Pro Tem saying that, you know, she doesn't particularly care to see the scope but certainly I...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Eh...

Councilperson McCoy: ...wanna know what...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: No, no. That's not what I said.

[Chuckles]

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Are you eating snacks?

[Chuckles]

Councilperson McCoy: Okay. That's all. She can respond, that's it.

Councilperson Lanier: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Ms. Lanier and then Lawson.

Councilperson Lanier: Yeah. I, I would, too, would like to see the scope but I don't think that we need another meeting to see it. I think that if you send the information out to us, that we can individ'.., individually make comments to it, in the essence of time.

City Manager Evans: Yeah. We, we can certainly do that. We have tentatively put together a scope and so, we can send that to the Board and then individually you can respond back, and then we can provide the final scope of work as it calls for. Because, you know, from Staff standpoints, we are gonna incorporate the questions that you all ask from the elected officials because, at the end of the day, the decision of the arrangement resides with you all and I don't want to eliminate or preclude a question unless it's a duplicated question in the scope. So, we will send that out to the Board and if you can take the opportunity to read over that and say any comments or questions or any addition questions, we can take that and, and go forward.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Mr. Lawson.

Councilperson Lawson: Mr. Evans, timeframe. If we decide to go with PFM, what's gonna be our next steps?

City Manager Evans: If we can get the scope solidified here in the next seven days, I would anticipate that it's a matter of just meeting with their team to give them the, the scope and then concurrently, Legal would have to do the conflict check. We anticipate, when we looked at this entire process, that we should be able to have in hand, a final report by May 15th. That may be sooner. As it relates to what's occurring right now, there may be additional capacity in their firm to look at these things a lot quicker and we can see what we can do to expedite the process. But, we believe that we can have a final report delivered, with an opinion, by May 15 and then ultimately getting that on a Council meeting for discussion and, ultimately, any conversations or considers that the Council would have to take.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: It's 7:37. Public comments is now closed. Alright. Anything else, Mr. Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: That's it, Madam Chair. Thank you.

Councilperson McCoy: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Councilperson McCoy: Just one last thing. So.., and, that's kinda where I was gonna ask my follow up. In reading the memo it says the next step in the process is to retain the financial advisor to assess the developer's financial capability and review their partnership structure, organization ability to deliver the Phase II project. And I think that's certainly important but my concern, and I hope Dr. Botel is hearing me...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I'm hearing you.

Councilperson McCoy: This goes back to the comments that I brought up at the last CRA meeting about what our expectations were when we decided to appoint a Member of the City Council to the joint team. Certainly, I'm not asking you to go out and do any negotiation or bidding on behalf of the Members of the Board, or even the City, but at least to bring a routine update as to where we are in the process, but my concerns were,

were this, and I've literally had to bring a meeting with both Mr. Evans from the CRA and the City with the developer because they were not [inaudible] feedback from where we are in the process. And before we go into financial capabilities, if there is even a scintilla of a thought that this may or may not be a, a, a possibility for either side, I don't want us to get too far into, to going into financial capability for a single use entity that's just created for this purpose if, you know, the deal is dead on arrival if we don't even have a meeting of the minds.

So, to assess someone's ability is fine, but I think there has to be a conversation or a sit down that has to occur because all of this would be fruitless if we get to a point where there's some acquisition issues, or there's some concerns that may create a problem that a individual party is not even able to move forward with. So, certainly I, I think it's important to do it but I'm not so concerned that that has to be the priority. I would like to see that there is at least an establishment of where we go from here that happens before the financial assessment process.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, if I may? To the, the Councilman's point. I've been talking to the, the CRA Director and Economic Development has, has been working with the CRA Director because we are going to make sure that there is routine updates that you all can receive with respect to the process and the progress that is being made concerning this particular matter, and whether it's something that the Board wishes to see that at, you know, every'.., you know, once a month, we provide you a brief Staff report on the status as what's going on, we have'.., certainly have no problem doing that and providing you written reports on the progress and the communications that we're having with the development team. So the Board is continued'.., continually involved and informed on the process.

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Councilperson Lawson: And Mr. Evans, if we could maybe increase that to just biweekly, written email notifications.

City Manager Evans: That's fine.

Councilperson Lawson: Just because it's to a point now where'.., this new Council is coming up on one year and with this one year anniversary, we wanna see that this process has been in place before we even got in office and we wanna see that it's actually moving forward. So, if we can get it as often as possible so that we can stay on top of it and, as Staff, we know you guys are gonna do your part to make sure it brings it to us but we just wanna make sure we're update.

City Manager Evans: Absolutely.

Councilperson Lanier: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Councilperson Lanier: I'd just like to thank Mr. Evans, Jonathan, and you too, Scott Evans, for pushing this forward, but making sure that it's in the best interest of the City. Proactively, professionally putting this forward and the fact that we're not letting the developer drive the process. This is something that the City is engaging in, this is something that the City will be putting money, this is something that is happening in this City. So therefore, we should be driving the process and not someone else. So I can appreciate the fact, Mr. Jonathan Evans, that you have brought this forward quickly and able to keep us informed about what is actually happening here.

Thank you.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Anyone else?

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Madam...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Lawson and then Botel.

Councilperson Lawson: Mr. Scott Evans, have we obtained all of the land necessary? In this project?

CRA Director Evans: It would be..., excuse me. Scott Evans, CRA Director.

It would be ideal if we could acquire the Yachtsman property. We have..., the CRA Board did vote to purchase..., and we now co'..., will control, once it closes, the entire block on the southside of 13th Street, which is between Broadway and Avenue C. So that's a major development opportunity for the City and, and the CRA to accomplish, as a part of the Marina District project. The last piece is the Yachtsman, which is right in the middle of the City-s Marina. And we are actively negotiating with Viking to come to terms on acquiring that property also.

City Manager Evans: And, Councilman, if I can add on that as well, there's, there's been a lotta good discussion that's happened between Mr. Evans and I concerning that property and hopefully we will be able to bring that property into our inventory here, sooner rather than later. They're willing to concede on some things and, and provide some things as part of the agreement, that I think the Board will be very pleased once we get to the numbers. So, kudos to, to Staff and, and Scott's team to..., working this to a point where, hopefully, we can bring you something to consider in the next sixty days or so.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Mr. McCoy.

Councilperson McCoy: Thank'...

Councilperson Lawson: [Inaudible] Dr. Botel.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Oh, I'm sorry.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I think...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...Botel.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: ...you forgot me.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yeah. I did.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: It's alright.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I'm sorry. Go ahead. That happens.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: It's alright. Just.., somewhat tangential but, I think it would be really important for all of us on Council to have the opportunity to read that book that we brought back from the conference. I know Mr. Evans has it. I think I gave Mr. McCoy a copy of it and perhaps Mr. Lawson has it from the session that he went to with Mr. Evans, but it's a great overview of the P3 process and I think it would behoove us all to be that much educated about it. Second, I think it would be important for us not necessarily for the Marina project but for our City Hall Complex project going forward, if we had the opportunity to Boynton Beach to see what they did and may get some advice from the folks down there. I don't know who they use for their financial advisor but I know that they're happy with the process as it has unfolded, and I think we could learn a lotta lessons from them. So, I'm hopeful that Mr. Evans will ma'.., one of the Mr. Evans', will be making arrangements for us to have that visit.

City Manager Evans: Absolutely. We're working on that and, at this particular moment, the Town of Lake Park would like to have a joint meeting with the City Council towards the end of April. However, the situation concerning COVID-19 is putting a tentative hold on that joint meeting. We're still holding the date, 'cause we're hopeful that things will improve but in the event that we don't have that meeting, we'll postpone but we'll talk about some of things that they're doing to energizes their marina and how that, that particular development, Nautilus 211, can crate synergy on the Broadway corridor and they wanna talk about uniformity and consistency as far as Land Development Regulations and how we can work together to create a sense of place on that corridor. So, that's...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Great.

City Manager Evans: ... tentatively scheduled but we're still monitoring it and, and hopefully being able to bring that to some discussion with the Boards in April, end of April.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Thank you.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Mr. McCoy.

Councilperson McCoy: Mr. Manager, I'm.., Mr. Evens, either one of Mr. Evans, that can answer this question, or even Ms. Wynn, so, I'm back at this financial capability and something Commissioner.., Councilwoman Lanier said about we're using our money. Are

we tentatively coming to the table to acquire some property or have some skin in the game as far as acquisition? Have we developed, like, what's our, I guess, input as far as this deal is concerned? And I have a follow up.

City Manager Evans: I, I think the, the monies that we would bring to the table would be the assets by the acquisition of the property, Councilman. So to your point, we would like to assemble the parcels necessary to be able to bring the set of parcels that the developer can move forward and that would be our contri'.., contribution in the arrangement.

Councilperson McCoy: Thank you. So, you know, and I wanna kinda be clear, it's not so much that the developers are running this process, it should be a development agreement that it requires all parties because, clearly, what we have here is, we need the developer just as much as the developers needs us. And, it's not that we're shelling out all of the money because if that was the case, then we wouldn't need them. But, in light of that, speaking to the financial capability, I, I'm.., I really wanna see if we focus on making sure that we have a common ground and understand what has to happen first. I think that's priority because the other thing that came to mind, and I was just here researching some statutes, is I don't understand how it's to work if we're gonna ask a developer to come in and present financial information to an advisor, which generally that information is, what you probably.., we can consider proprietary or something of that sort when it comes to certain commitments and they're probably exempt. So, I.., you know, I, I think there has to be more conversation as opposed to saying we're gonna look at somebody's financials. We're gonna look at their financials and then do what? What, what exactly is gonna happen? Because that seems like that's kinda.., first of all, I know trade secrets are protected under...

City Manager Evans: Yeah.

Councilperson McCoy: ...1-19, so I need to know exactly what's the plan?

City Manager Evans: Councilman, to your point, you're, you're absolutely right and that's why the financial advisor would look at the information and documentation and provide a report based on his or hers expertise and provide for a analysis that shows that they have the capabilities and the financial wherewithal. I don't think they're going to bring you the book with everything that they have because some of that information is proprietary information, there is trade secrets that it can adversely impact their ability to compete in certain markets. That's why.., but they can have that conversations with the financial advisor, and the financial advisor will then be the conduit that brings information to the Board for consideration. If it is a situation whereby Mr. Evans and I enter into that conversation and review, then of course, some of that information is subject to public records. But there is exemptions for certain things and that advisor would know that and that's why it's important to have that particular expert onboard.

Ms. Wynn, I don't know if you wanted to add on to that comment?

City Attorney Wynn: No. I think you covered it. Thank you.

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Councilperson Lawson: And, also to Councilman McCoy's point, this is a partnership that we're looking to do 'cause we wanna move this forward, our number one word at the conference, the P3 conference, was risk. We wanna mitigate risk for the City and for the developers, and make sure it makes sense for everybody. So, essentially, what we're looking for is the scope, if you can bring that back as soon as possible so we can make sure we are in agreement as a Council that the scope is gonna make sense for what we're looking for. 'Cause we have to actually know what we're looking for in regards to this financial report, and also making sure that we're openminded to the type of financing and the creative financing that comes along with it. Because when this conference we went to, it discussed how creative the City has to be with the developers, how we have to work together to make it make sense for them putting their money on the line.., for us putting our assets on the line to get these projects development, to make sure that they can recoup their money.

So, the financials is not just saying, hey, these developers have a bag of money to just throw at a project to take all the risk on from the City, we have to be openminded to what they're bringing to the table to make sure it's gonna profitable for both sides, to get a development done and also to make sure the City is protected. Our number one and only priority is the protection of the City but at the same time, we're not gonna attract these national developers on any project that we do without actually being openminded to the development process that goes in place, creative financing, to developing means of a P3 project that the City can work with.

So, we'll just wait for that scope to come back and then we'll go from there.

City Manager Evans: And, and Councilman, you're absolutely right. And to Councilman McCoy's point, through information that we've heard through the community is that folks have to also understand, through this arrangement, that there is availability fees that are paid back to the City. There is tax revenue that's associated with these arrangements so, we may assemble the parcel and say move forward with the development of this parcel but they may see an availability fee that's paid back to the City, in some cases, millions of dollars annually and plus, the tax revenue that you get. So, there's a lot of ways that the City can benefit from this type of an arrangement but that's why it's important to go through this process and then educate the public as to what the arrangement will look at and what's the tangible benefit that the City can receive, and risk mitigation. That's the big thing, we don't wanna put the City in a situation that we can, you know, look back and not be proud of the decisions we made.

So, there's a lot of intricate parts that we still wanna bring forward and we think that moving forward with the firm that we already have on a retainer would be the most expedient way to deliver on what the Board's questions and concerns are. And we can send you out that scope. We just need some action from the Board to direct Staff, by

virtue of a motion to enter into a arrangement with our consultants. However, prior to moving in that direction, we would, you know, provide you the scope for feedback.

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Madam Ch'...

Councilperson Lawson: [Stammer]...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Hold on, Dr. Botel.

Councilperson Lawson: And just as a follow up to what our City Manager just said, a conversation that we've had is I would also want s'..., my colleagues to be openminded to obtaining as many parcels as possible, as a City side so that we can start putting together these larger parcels and start developing our City and utilizing the City and our..., the developers to actually build and to grow.

So, I believe Councilwoman Botel had a comment but I just wanna go ahead and make the motion so we can move forward.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I was gonna make the motion, so you can go ahead and I'll second it. [Chuckle].

Councilperson Lawson: [Chuckle]. I wanna make the motion that we move forward with our PF...

City Manager Evans: M.

Councilperson Lawson: ...PFM organization to begin the process of reviewing financials for our Marina Phase II project.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Second.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Any other questions or comments? Madam Clerk.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Pro Tem Botel?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Chair Miller-Anderson?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Unanimous vote.

21. Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Item No. 21.

City Clerk Anthony: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19, WAIVING THE PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO EXPENDITURES; EMPOWERING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXERCISE ALL POWERS AND DUTIES TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CURFEW, EFFECTIVE MARCH 18, 2020 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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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 Miller-Anderson: Alright.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: So moved.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Do we have a second?

Councilperson Lawson: Second.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Mr. Evans.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair and Members of the City Council, this Item is before you to seek authorization to move forward with an emergency declaration stating a local State of Emergency. This is consistent with what our other municipal partners are doing. We have had some executive orders from the Governor concerning COVID-19 and the executive orders have been coming out very rapidly to be able to combat this pandemic. They have provided us guidance with respect to social distancing, looking at closing certain facilities, making sure people are utilizing good hygiene. And so, this particular Item gives the City Manager and the executive management team, and the incident command structure, 'cause we are in partial activation of our EOC, the latitude

and flexibility to take some steps to protect the health, safety and welfare of our public. If this declaration is passed, we have some information that we will be communicating to the public that we'll talk about some of the facilities that we will look to close. Certain facilities will remain open. We will utilize a lot of communication tools, whether it's teleconferencing, answering emails, Facetime, GoToMeeting, to still continue to provide services. We're also looking at options for telecommuting and the continuity of government, making sure that executive management is working at separate facilities and to ensure that we can continue to provide services through this particular situation.

We have been informed that the School District is going to continue to suspend classes through April 15th and so we know we have situations where our young people..., some of them were only receiving a nutrient..., nutritionally balanced meal by the School Districts. Chief Osgood and his team have done an exceptional job working with the partners at Chick fil-A to deliver food to students that we see at parks and going to visit some folks. So, we are looking to increase that effort to make sure that our community is taken care of. Some of the things that we may need to look at as this continues to move forward, is how do we provide some technology assistance to our residents and some of our young people if they do not have the appropriate tools in place. We are also making sure that we separate the workforce and having some work remote and having some work in City facilities. This is a ever evolving and moving target and we are trying to do our absolute best to ensure that the public is informed as well as you as the elected officials.

By passing this Resolution, it gives the City Manager the latitude and flexibility to extend the declaration after seven days. If there is not an extension after seven days, it will continue on. We are working on some of the policies that Ms. Dickerson has communicated, as we have found out that there is certain policies in our agency that are not in place as it relates to a pandemic. So those policies are all under review. We're making sure that our information systems are secure and how we're gonna provide service to our residents. Law enforcement, Public Safety, Utility District will still remain operational, as well as Building and Inspections. The way in which we conduct business will change, however, those core services will still remain operational. Some of, some of our recreation facilities will see some closures. Our special events and permits for special events, we are not gonna be issuing any permits for special events, whether they're City sponsored or co-sponsored events, for at least a period of thirty days under the guidance and direction from the Governor's office, as well as the White House. So Staff is recommending approval of the Resolution that is before you.

And Staff is prepared to answer any questions that you may have.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Do we have any questions or comments...

Councilperson McCoy: Yes.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...from the Board? Go ahead.

Councilperson McCoy: Mr. Evans, I, I wanna understand the option of implementing a, a curfew that's gonna be decided by you. What's the thinking here, because I so happened to see Sheriff Bradshaw yesterday on the news that said that we aren't even at that place to even consider a curfew. I wanna know why, why is that something that you want to have...

City Manager Evans: You're, you're...

Councilperson McCoy: ...in this Resolution?

City Manager Evans: ...you're absolutely correct, Councilman, and I will defer to our Legal advisor to provide a little bit of direction concerning that.

City Attorney Wynn: Yes. Good evening.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Good evening.

City Attorney Wynn: Councilperson McCoy, I added that language because if I don't add it and we need a curfew, and we don't have the ability to come back before you to request one, this gives us the ability to do it in the event that we need it. This doesn't establish a curfew right now, but it gives us the ability to do so if we need it.

Councilperson McCoy: Okay. That's it.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Anyone else? Mr. Lawson.

Councilperson Lawson: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Mr. Evans, the..., I know you had mentioned the internet. Off topic but I would really like if we started to look into Citywide internet for situations like this, to have the ability. This is unprecedented but if we had Citywide internet for these kids that are gonna be out of school to have access and maybe looking into that process of that Citywide broadband. I know we looked at a few other municipalities when we did a few of these conferences that had that option and that has the ability for that, but possibly bringing that before us.

City Manager Evans: Absolutely, Councilman. We can certainly do that and, and I believe there is some funding that we may see from the feds after we get over here to talk about the digital divide. And so, there may be some additional monies that may assist in facilitating that. But we'll reach out to our partners at Comcast and see what we can do to provide coverage throughout our City.

Councilperson Lawson: And I also wanted to just congratulate Chief Osgood and his Department, the community Police Department because they've been doing a phenomenal job the last couple days. Riding around with them today and I saw th'..., just, the interaction with them and the kids. It was really something that we need to continue to build upon. So, kudos to Chief Osgood. Welcome and thanks for jumping right in.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Mr. McCoy.

Councilperson McCoy: Yes, Madam Chair. Councilman Lawson, I actually reviewed this article just today where Comcast has opened up..., Comcast has opened all the Xfinity wifi networks nationally in light of COVID-19. So, certainly, if anyone is in the area where wireless access or a neighbor has a modem, without going onto your neighbor's network, you have access to access the internet. You have access to the internet.

[Chuckles]

Councilperson McCoy: So, yeah...

Councilperson Lanier: The access to access?

Councilperson McCoy: Yeah. Access to access.

Councilperson Lanier: [Chuckle].

Councilperson McCoy: So, I, I did see that happen today. I just would imagine that there are some..., well, most of the people here are Comcast subscribers, so I think that probably won't be as a challenge as compared to maybe eight years ago when they were first rolling out. Now, I understand that they have some, similar to cell towers, they have some local area hotspots. So, if you're just in a relative community, then you can actually access the internet off of one of their cell towers. So.

Councilperson Lawson: What I, I noticed at one of the conferences is that we can actually implement a, a Citywide internet. And it was..., for our square miles, it was less than a million dollars for free internet for the entire City. So right now is beneficial because we're in a crisis that they're opening up these towers but once this is averted, Comcast is going right back to, you know, charging for their service. So, if we can provide that service as a City, that'd be something that we'd wanna look into for the near future, so it can be a continuation moving forward.

City Manager Evans: And, and, Madam Chair, if I may? To that point, when I was the Manager in Haines City, we had a conversation with Bright House and they provided internet service at all our public parks because they knew that people were coming to visit those public parks and that if they weren't in the community, they didn't have a Bright House account, they'll pay the two dollars or three dollars an hour. So, I think us having the beachfront that we do have, Peanut Island, the Marina, all those different areas, there may be a likelihood of them looking at creational facilities to say we already have a strong customer base but we know we get a lot of visitors to this area so it may be advantageous for them to look to drop some of those wireless units throughout our community and all we had to pay for was the electric, which was nominal. So, we can have that conversation with Comcast and look about the feasibility of at least starting at some of those major hubs where we know people congregate.

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Councilperson Lawson: And just one more follow up. I'm just kinda looking through the memo and the order. I, I actually just have some concern with the curfew because I know that with that discussion, with establishing a curfew, I think that, colleagues, we may be interested in just calling a special meeting, if necessary, to implement a curfew for the sake of..., every resident will be calling us on a, a daily basis the minute we start talking about a curfew in the City. And that can truly affect the operations of our small businesses..., of our businesses throughout the county'..., throughout the City and then all of our residents. So...

City Manager Evans: Ma'...

Councilperson Lawson: ...being that... Go ahead.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, what I can do is, before that gets to that point, I will not issue a curfew unless it's..., there's a meeting to discuss that particular Item, exclusively. So, it can remain in the Resolution but, with the City Attorney sitting here, we're..., we will not institute a curfew without coming back before the Board to speak specifically to that Item.

Councilperson Lawson: I can agree with that, Madam Chair. As long as it, it comes before the Board, we don't need to amend or update the Resolution.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: In, in the past, I think we've had curfew but it was basically coming from the top.

City Manager Evans: Yeah.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: And, and I would imagine we would do the same thing. We wouldn't just randomly do a...

City Manager Evans: Right.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...curfew, unless it's being recommended from a higher up.

City Manager Evans: It, it would have to be uniform from the county, countywide to institute a curfew because from a law enforcement perspective...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: It's difficult.

City Manager Evans: ...you know, people don't know jurisdictions...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yeah.

City Manager Evans: ...and it just becomes a policing issue. So, it would have..., the county would have to lead and then we would bring something before this Council for following the recommendations the Board of County Commissioners will execute.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Okay. Anyone else? [Pause]. Alright. Madam Clerk.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Pro Tem Botel?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Chair Miller-Anderson?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Unanimous vote.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Discussion by City Manager.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair and Members of the City Council, obviously with this pandemic, we're looking at alternative means to be able to conduct our meetings. We have explored some digital means that can probably be able to accommodate remote meetings, however, there's still some testing that we need to do on the Cityside. The City Attorney has provided a letter to the Governor to ask for direction, as well as some other City Attorneys and we're awaiting some response from the Governor as to how to proceed. Some other local municipalities, after they have declared their State of Emergency, they have found that the statute does provide us the necessary steps to protect health, safety and welfare of the public and so, they've utilized that mechanism to move to digital meetings. So, the question I have from the Board is that would you like for us to continue to explore digital meetings, and would you like to see, if we cannot move in that particular fashion for our next meeting being digital, that we have a situation where we go back to what the Charter prescribes and that's one meeting per month?

So, Staff is looking for, for direction from the Board. We believe that we can accomplish the digital meetings, and to all for a element that the community can participate but there's still a lot of research that we need to do on our end to make sure that that can occur. With...

Councilperson Lanier: Madam Chair?

City Manager Evans: ...good certainty.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: We'll have Ms. Lanier and then Dr. Botel.

Councilperson Lanier: I say to pursue the option of digital meetings. I'm afraid that the way this pandemic is going, we may be..., we may be quarantined or we may be..., have curfews. We don't know what this, you know, what the future holds but I would say to definitely pursue it so that that can be an option for us.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Dr. Botel.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Well, as the oldest and, therefore, the most at, at risk Member of this Council, I would highly recommend that we go to digital meetings and also pursue, you know..., any'..., anything that we can do to keep ourselves safe and I wouldn't mind just meeting once a month. I think it make sense. We can do a lot of things... Yeah.

That's my statement.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: The..., if we do the digital, we're, we're still talking about doing two [stammer]..., our regular meetings, two a month.

City Manager Evans: That is correct...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: The once...

City Manager Evans: ...Madam Ch'...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...a month would be if we can't work out the digital stuff.

City Manager Evans: That, that is correct, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I'm fine...

Councilperson Lanier: Madam Chair?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: ...with that.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay.

Councilperson Lanier: Once a month, that meeting would be twelve hours.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: [Chuckle].

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Well, that's alright. We're [inaudible]...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Doesn't have to be.

Councilperson Lanier: That's what ya'll always say.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: No. Well, look at what time is it right now. We said..., at least Mr. Evans, we had a conversation, this meeting was supposed to have been thirty minutes. What...

Councilperson Lanier: That's right.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...happened to that?

Councilperson Lanier: See what I'm saying? You see what I'm talking about?

City Manager Evans: I...

Councilperson Lawson: I think he lost the bet.

City Manager Evans: I lost the bet. Milkshakes.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: No. [Inaudible]...

Councilperson McCoy: Well, you know, if we didn't get Mr., Dr...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson:[inaudible].

Councilperson McCoy: ...Osiyemi's military background.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I was a few minutes. Thank you very much. I knew what you were gonna say.

Councilperson McCoy: If we didn't get his military background...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Two minutes. [Chuckles].

Councilperson McCoy: ...we probably woulda been much further ahead

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Two minutes.

Councilperson McCoy: But, you know, I, I certainly support that, and I don't know if this is possible and I'm just kinda brainstorming here. I know we have community facilities throughout, one on the north end, one on the south end, we have the Event Center, we have the Ambassador Center. If it all possible, if we would were to go to some sort of telecommu'.., telecommunication or video, you know, I, I certainly don't wanna infringe on the public's access, but if we had a way to utilize those facilities and do a live feed and be able to real time have people participate relatively in their communities without having to come into a such contained environment like the Chambers and be able to conduct

and facilitate a meeting, I think that's certainly worth exploring. Nobody, I don't believe nobody kinda expected that we'll be in the situation where we are a month ago. So I think we have to kinda figure out what works best but, you know, as I said to someone today, you know, the City of Riviera Beach, at least three departments that I can think of off the top of my head, runs 24/7, that's Police, Fire and our Utility Department. And, we still have to do business. So, you know, I would rather not be here at a, a meeting for..., once a month because that's gonna be pretty much a strain. You know, if we do that, then we would have to kinda consider not making it at 6:00 o'clock and perhaps making it earlier in the afternoon, maybe at 3:00 o'clock, especially since our Chair, you know, she's off on an extended vacation...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I have to report to work...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: [Chuckles].

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...tomorrow, thank you very much.

[Chuckles]

Councilperson McCoy: So...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: [Inaudible].

Councilperson McCoy: ...she certainly can make the meeting, and I know Councilwoman Lanier has a little bit of free time too. So, you know, whatever we decide...

[Chuckles]

Councilperson McCoy: ...you know I certainly support it. So..., but, certainly, let's kinda be openminded and thinking about the options that's available to us but I certainly don't wanna infringe on anyone's ability to come to the meeting.

And, that's all I have for..., in response to that.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: I have a question. [Stammer] to what extent can we limit remarks from the public? Can we shorten the length or can we have them only address Items on the Agenda? Because I think many times our meetings go so late because we have so much personal..., we have so much public comment.

Councilperson McCoy: Personal...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: What's out...

Councilperson McCoy: ...you're right. [Inaudible]...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: ...ability to limit that?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: [Chuckles]

City Manager Evans: The... Madam Chair, if I may? Yes and yes. Yes, you can..., the citizen comment section of your meeting is not something that is required by statute. The statute requires you to allow for public comment before the Board takes action on any Item that's on the Agenda. So, you can... And you can restrict and reduce the time in which people are allowed to speak. Some agencies just have a situation where you only have the opportunity to speak on Agenda Items and there's no citizen comments. Some agencies have citizen comments on one meeting a month and don't have it on the next meeting. So there's multiple ways to be able to, to address the situation. But, there is an Item that we have postponed for further discussion as to how the Agenda process and the meetings and all that is looked at, so we can certainly look at that because I think if we go to a remote platform or a call-in situation, you will get inundated with folks that will call in to be able to provide their comments. So, it, it may continue to make your meetings a little bit longer. But, there's some ways that we can work to provide some options that can allow for the meetings to go a little bit smoother, whether it's email in your comments, call in your comments, Staff will scribe it and, and read the comments for the record, et. cetera. So, we're talking about all those opportunities on the administrative level to be able to provide some options for the Board.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Okay.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Anyone else? [Pause]. Alright. Is that it, Mr. City Manager? Discussion?

City Manager Evans: Yes. Yes, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright.

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Discussion by City Attorney.

City Attorney Wynn: Yes. Just two sm'..., short things. Just to update you and the public, the Florida Supreme Court issued an Administrative Order cancelling all jury duty, all trials, all nonessential matters. Basically, all the, the Judge Marks here, the Chief Judge here, decided that she wants to hold our bond hearings first appearance and domestic violence matters.

Also, I'm happy to report that I was able to hire a labor attorney. Ms. Denise Matumba started with the City last Monday and we're..., she's working out very well thus far and we're very happy to have her. I would've had her here to introduce her, however, because of the situation we decided not to. So, you'll meet her at a later date.

Thank you.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: City Council committee reports.

[Inaudible comment]

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Statements by the Mayor and City Council. We'll start with the Mayor.

Mayor Felder: Yes. First, I just wanna give kudos to Mr. Evans and his team for the wonderful work you guys are doing, of keeping the public aware on what's going on and also the [inaudible] elected officials.

If you are a senior, tomorrow, we are gonna be giving away grocery bags of food. You can reach us at 268-3396 or 268-8867. I'm also working with the food bank and Feeding South Florida to make sure that we continue to get our seniors food that can't. 'Cause we're recommending that they stay in the house so we wanna make sure that we're taking care of those seniors also. And we are in.., trying to get.., we're vetting some people because I met with some seniors and right now some of them have a, a, a tough time getting out and getting their medicine so we are also putting together a team that we can go and get their medicine from pharmacy stores for them. So, the two numbers that I gave, you can reach us at those numbers. Tomorrow, we'll be giving out food bags so call us. We're here to serve you.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Where is it, Mayor?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: What is what?

Councilperson Lanier: [Stammer] he'll be giving...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Pull your mic down. Can't hear you, pull your microphone.

Councilperson Lanier: Oh, I'm sorry. He's gonna be giving them out where? Here?

Mayor Felder: No, no, no. We're gonna take 'em to them. They...

Councilperson Lanier: Oh, oh, okay.

Mayor Felder: ...call the number...

Councilperson Lanier: I see.

Mayor Felder: Yeah.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay.

Mayor Felder: And we'll take the bags of food to them.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. That's it? Mr. Lawson.

Councilperson Lawson: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chief Osgood, I was gonna see.., if you're gonna continue the process of feeding some of the kids in the community and going around with that, if we could utilize some of the local small business vendors to provide the food. I know we've been using Chick fil-A as a partner but there's a lot of different small restaurants that do lunch specials that we could possibly utilize at a similar comparable cost, to possibly feed them for.., if you continue that process of helping out the kids. I know they're gonna be on spring break next week, so maybe Thursday or Friday if we could utilize one of the small vendors. There's a few restaurants locally that we could possibly reach over to, and that would provide lunches for the kids as well.

Police Chief Osgood: Yes. Nate Osgood, your Police Chief.

Yes. We're looking into other vendors to look at, to help us to provide for the community, for the kids while they're out of school. So, I guess next week sometime, I spoke to one of the majors to facilitate this request already and I told him not to keep going to the same restaurants, take a look around and find out... First of all, go out to the community and find out what the kids want and give a different variety of food flavor for them. They don't always wanna eat Chick fil-A, they may have something else they wanna have. And, that's a good idea, sir. We're gonna look into that tomorrow and I'll give you an answer on it.

Councilperson Lawson: I can send out a few vendors from restaurants...

Police Chief Osgood: Mhmm.

Councilperson Lawson: ...in the City. It's just, as a small business owner, I just know that the struggle that they're experiencing now, with this, with this time and they're not gonna have the same influx of people coming into the restaurant. So, if we can kinda patronize them and provide that service and feed the kids with good food from the different small restaurants, I think that'll help both sides.

Police Chief Osgood: Yes, sir.

Councilperson Lawson: Thank you, Chief.

Madam Chair, also, I wanted to announce that on Tuesday, March 24th, I'm gonna be hosting a Facebook Live show. It's gonna be an emergency panel discussion. I'm gonna have guest speaker, Senator Bobby Powell speaking about legislative updates, Attorney Edwin Ferguson to talk about some legal updates with landlord and tenant issues, Jeanette Marshall from Healthier Neighbors is gonna be talking about the mini grant that she's offering, Tonya Davis Johnson will be talking about the bridge loan and the SBA loan, and a few medical professionals will be on there to talk about the COVID-19. Also, our City Manager will be giving a City update and I'm gonna ask if our Police Chief can come as well, just from the Legal Department to give an update. It's gonna be right here in the Chambers. We're gonna have about seven to ten people that are gonna paneled, [inaudible] panel discussion. We'll have it on Facebook Live, we'll have it on Channel 18 and we'll also have it on Riviera Beach YouTube.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Mr. McCoy.

Councilperson McCoy: So, Councilman Lawson...

Councilperson Lawson: Yes, sir.

Councilperson McCoy: I guess I didn't understand. So, who's providing this food? You said..., so you gave the Chief the idea to look at other restaurants, where's this..., where, where does the money come from to support this?

Councilperson Lawson: Oh well, this week the Police Department has been feeding some of the kids, they've been driving to different complexes and areas, so I believe it's coming out of their, their budget. Or whatever emergency budget they have for feeding kids. I'd have to defer you over to the Chief to see where's been using that money to come from.

Police Chief Osgood: We have a few different budgets we're taking a look at that we have small items that we can use for the community. So..., long as we don't go over a certain amount. So we just have small budgets that we can put back into the community, so it's not a specific area. I ask them to go ahead and put it on the card and we'll take a look and see which budget we can pull from.

Councilperson McCoy: Okay. So, like, how long do we plan on..., I mean, help me understand because I only knew about this today. So, like, what's the plan? Is this something that we're looking to do for the next couple weeks? The next month?

Police Chief Osgood: I can answer that for you, sir. We decided we can go for two more weeks with this, to keep it..., because we have it budgeted in our line items that we can take a look at and if we can't meet that, I already spoke to Mr. Evans and see if we can meet some of the budget over there, to find out to help meet the requirements to help facilitate the need to feed the kids. We also spoke to the Boys & Girls Club and to the schools. So, it's not all coming from our budget, we're also looking at the schools, I think it's Suncoast and one of...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Lincoln.

Police Chief Osgood: ...the other...

City Manager Evans: Lincoln.

Police Chief Osgood:local schools.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Lincoln.

Police Chief Osgood: I'm sorry?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Lincoln Elementary.

City Manager Evans: Lincoln.

Police Chief Osgood: Lincoln Elementary and the Boys & Girls Club to also to send them over or they can call us and we'll pick up the food items to bring them to the schools in the communities. From...

City Manager Evans: [Inaudible]...

Police Chief Osgood: ...the school to the community.

City Manager Evans: And, and...

Councilperson Lawson: And as foll'... And as a follow up, Councilman McCoy, I also was able to provide the drinks for the students as well. So, I rode around with the.., some of the officers and used my budget to allow for the Capri Suns and drinks to give out to some of the kids. So, it's an option that we, as well, can support and help if there's something that we wanna put towards it.

City Manager Evans: And, if I may, Madam Chair? We're also trying to.., the, the immediate response that we took was, we didn't know if the schools would let us leave with meals to go deliver, so, in the particular situation, we went out and got resources because we knew there was going to be a gap there and so that's why we went to some partner agencies and those types of things.

Now obviously, there is a time where this cannot continuously be sustained, and so we're looking at what are some long term needs. But we just wanted to be able to fill the gap at least for the interim, as we know that some of the only meals that some of our kids may get is, is during lunchtime at school. So, we have a intermediate plan but we're also looking at how it's long term and how we as a City may be transitioned out and other services complement or augment what we were trying to do.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Mr. McCoy, you finished?

Councilperson McCoy: If he's on this subject.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Who?

Councilperson McCoy: If you're on the subject, Mayor...

Mayor Felder: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Mayor Felder: Chief Osgood.

Police Chief Osgood: Yes, Mr. Mayor, go ahead.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: [Chuckle].

Mayor Felder: Maybe I can help out with some of the businesses that in our City, to see if some of the days they will front. So I got a list of businesses that I'm working with and I'll see what..., are they able to sponsor some of these lunches for our kids also.

Police Chief Osgood: Yeah. That would be very helpful because we kinda, not running out of ideas but we would love to have more ideas to find out who can help facilitate to help out the community. And I'm sure we have a lot of businessowners who will probably...

Mayor Felder: Yeah.

Police Chief Osgood: ...be willing to help out.

Mayor Felder: So, I'll start working on it tomorrow for you.

Police Chief Osgood: Thank you, sir.

Councilperson McCoy: So...

Councilperson Lawson: Ma'...

Councilperson McCoy: Go ahead.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Hold on.

Councilperson Lawson: On the same topic as well. Mr. Evans, is it possible for us to follow up with the, the School Board or the, what is it, the, the School Board again to just see if we can utilize some of the food that they have? 'Cause they're literally throwing out all the food at the end of the day. So...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: [Inaudible]...

Councilperson Lawson: ...after their session at 1:00 o'clock, they're just throwing everything out. So the same food that we're going spending money on, we could possibly

utilize that to take to different students that can't get to the schools, or don't have the transportation to get there.

City Manager Evans: Absolutely. We'll make a, a call to the district office and see if there's an ability provide us those meals so they're not being discarded.

Mayor Felder: Ma'..., Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Mayor Felder: Is there one area you, you guys are feeding or you're just?

Police Chief Osgood: No, no, sir. We're going Citywide.

Mayor Felder: Okay.

Police Chief Osgood: Today we use..., yesterday was Monroe Heights and the community back here. Today it was..., I got a list of them matter of fact.

Mayor Felder: Okay. You're, you're, you're good.

Police Chief Osgood: I'm gonna give you all the list...

Mayor Felder: But it's Citywide?

Police Chief Osgood: ...and let you know. But we're doing Citywide, we're not leaving...

Mayor Felder: Okay.

Police Chief Osgood: ...any area out.

Mayor Felder: Okay.

Police Chief Osgood: We hit Marsh Harbor today, Sonoma Bay, Villa Rosa and Thousand Oaks today. That's the areas that we came and delivered food in today.

Mayor Felder: Okay.

Police Chief Osgood: And, different from what we did yesterday. So, tomorrow we'll probably hit..., repeat, go back around and just drive around. And the, and the guys have been really doing a good job. I wish I could take credit for them, they're really enthused about going out to, to meet the kids. They see kids walking on the street. And I rode out with them, they say, 'Hey, would you like a meal?' They say sure.

Mayor Felder: Well, well, I think it's good too because it's helping keep the kids..., the police and....

Police Chief Osgood: Yeah.

Mayor Felder: ...our children relationship. So...

Police Chief Osgood: Yeah, yeah.

Mayor Felder: You're [inaudible] the...

Police Chief Osgood: They're not being stopped and asked for their names, just being stopped and saying hello to them and giving them a chicken sandwich. And, they appreciate that.

Mayor Felder: Good.

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Councilperson Lawson: And one of the things I did observe is a few of the officers, they already knew the kids. Like, kids were running up to them, giving them hugs. So, it was really..., it was...

Councilperson McCoy: They were hugging?

Councilperson Lawson: ...empowering. Huh? They, they...

Councilperson McCoy: [Inaudible].

Councilperson Lawson: ...they, they didn't, they didn't observe the social distancing but...

[Chuckles]

Councilperson Lawson: ...they, they definitely were engaging with the kids and it was beautiful to see. So, continuing that process and how we can do it, as long as we can fiscally, financially [inaudible]...

Police Chief Osgood: Yes, I will. Thank you.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Mr. McCoy.

Councilperson McCoy: So, Mr., Chief Osgood, are you... So, actually, I spoke to School Board Member Robinson over the weekend about the food distribution and she did give me some information. Do we have police officers that are there during that time when they do the distribution in the parent pickup lots for Suncoast and at Lincoln? Do you know of?

Police Chief Osgood: I do not know that answer, sir.

[Inaudible comment]

Councilperson McCoy: We do?

Unk.: Yes.

Councilperson McCoy: Okay. 'Cause that's what I was concerned with. I didn't have any idea what this turnout was gonna be, but certainly, one of the things..., and I certainly appreciate what you're doing, but one of the things Dr. Robinson mentioned was that her idea was that we have a lotta school food service employees that's not gonna be working and also transportation personnel that's not gonna be working, and that was the District's way of keeping them employed by helping distribute throughout the summer. So I think, you know, cer'... Not, I'm sorry, it's not the summer, throughout this pandemic crisis where there's no schools. So, I think that was definitely good on the District's part in making sure that we employee people, as well as serving in the community. And then, ironically, it came down from the state that these meals were gonna continue. I think it's actually Department of Agriculture that is making sure that these items still get distributed to these communities. I was gonna ask about transportation but, Mr. Evans, certainly, you know, if it comes to the point..., let's kin da explore the idea if we have to kinda do some sorta transport or something like that. I certainly wanna keep those options open to us. We're not, and I don't know if we're doing anything currently. Is Youth Empowerment doing anything?

City Manager Evans: At this particular moment, no. Their numbers have dwindled down to where they're seeing about five to seven kids that are dropping in.

Councilperson McCoy: So they're not..., I mean, currently, like, 'cause I know they were doing GED programming. All of that's suspended, correct?

City Manager Evans: They're, they're not..., right now, they don't have the, the students that are coming in..., they're..., some of them are coming in for some testing and those types of things but their numbers was up, you know, over twenty, now there's only five to seven and they're dropping in. So, I don't think as far as curriculum base, school related, we're seeing that, that spike. There may be a few that are in there but not at the frequency that we've had in the past.

Councilperson McCoy: Okay. Well, I, I definitely wanted to know about the policing at the schools, in the event that, you know, we needed, you know, additional City Staff because I don't know, is the School District police...

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I'm sure they're there.

Councilperson McCoy: ... involved in this?

City Manager Evans: Yeah.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: I'm sure [inaudible]...

Councilperson McCoy: Oh, they are these as well? Okay. Good. So, that's all I have for that. And certainly, I wanna know when you guys go out and distribute so, you know, we can kinda be a part of that as well.

Mr. Evans, our HR Director, Ms. Dickerson, mentioned that we were waiving the wait periods for health insurance for, I guess that's new employees?

City Manager Evans: For new employees. Yes, sir.

Councilperson McCoy: What is.., I guess, what was typically the wait period? Was it...

City Manager Evans: Sixty...

Councilperson McCoy: ...ninety days?

City Manager Evans: Sixty days.

Councilperson McCoy: So they're.., they start and they go...

City Manager Evans: Yeah. As soon as they start, they will become.., they will be eligible to receive their insurance benefits.

Councilperson McCoy: And is that because we covered the cost or is that a insurance carrier...?

City Manager Evans: Well, that is because... Well, one, we cover the cost for individuals. And that.., we have the ability to make modifications with regards to the start time. And the rationale behind that is, we had a lot of employees that expressed some concerns, especially the new ones that were coming onboard and the ones that we're looking to recruit that are postponing their time to come to the agency because of not having the health insurance for sixty days, et. cetera. And the cost associated with COBRA so expensive, so in, in spite of just continuing to maintain that policy during this pandemic time, we're going to allow for their insurance to start immediately. Once things get back to normal, then we will go back to our standard policy where there's a sixty day wait.

Councilperson McCoy: Okay. I think that was a great idea. Because certainly, you know, you would be petrified if started at the City and all of this is going on around you and...

City Manager Evans: Yeah.

Councilperson McCoy: ...you have no health insurance coverage. Also, it [stammer] almost begs to question, if we can explore the idea to seeing if the insurance carrier will allow us to open up.., not, not a open enrollment but to kinda make some modifications for individuals that may want to contribute more or less to their flex spending accounts or

to their HAS's or something like that, because I do..., I did..., I think I sent you one of the emails that came through from Aetna, that first's it's...

City Manager Evans: Mhmm.

Councilperson McCoy: ...indicated that any kind of visits associated with the coronavirus will be waived but I don't know if that's true when it comes to prescriptions or medications or other out-pocket. And Members, I just wanna remind you that, you know, we have high deductible plans and I don't know if members, or even employees who participate in this plan, anticipated something of this sort. And especially when you're dealing with possibly a family size of maybe five or six. So, if there's an option to explore making sure that, you know, we can give as many resources to our employees to keep from, you know, assured that, you know, there's a safety net there, and also to have some abilities to use funds if they need it for medical treatment ahead of time, if that's possible. And I know..., I'm sorry, Mr. Sherman, this might create, you know, a, a little bit of a financing nightmare, but I, I certainly wanna see if we can give them whatever resources that we have at our disposal.

City Manager Evans: And, and, and Councilman, we'll provide a, a response back to you concerning that 'cause I think there is some leniency that the insurance company has provided associated with the treatments for COVID-19, so I'll send that out to you. And if, if there's some things that are missing, we'll see as to what we can do to provide any opportunities for coverage for the employer's support for the employees.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. That's it, Mr. McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Ms. Lanier.

Councilperson Lanier: I'd just like to thank the Staff. Mr. Evans, your office, the residents..., I know that it's..., it's difficult for them not to be out tonight but we're hoping that we can move forward in having that piece with our meetings. I know that, you know, having the public to speak lengthens our meeting but, I mean, it's very exciting when they come. [Chuckles]. So I would like to..., I mean, [stammers]..., maybe we can limit the time but I think it's just so entertaining that, you know, we just gotta keep that part [stammers] on our Agenda. But we...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: [Chuckles].

Councilperson Lanier: ...maybe we can just kinda limit the time.

Well, I also would just like to thank the, the Staff of, of, of the City of Riviera Beach. Mr. Evans, your office and all of the hard work that you guys are putting in, and I know that it is going to not get better. So, we are hoping and praying that things move forward and move along so that the, the residents in this City can be as safe as possible.

Thank you.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright then. Just.., I hope that you all will sit and wait before I finish...

Chair Pro Tem Botel: [Clears throat].

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...and not pack on me. Go ahead, Dr. Botel. I guess that was your cue to...

[Chuckles]

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...yeah, you know I was there to do my exit speech. [Chuckle].

Chair Pro Tem Botel: You were getting ready to make your exit speech, I know. Stage left. I also wanted to thank City Manager Evans and Staff for a job well done. And, and especially for the level of communication. That always makes it so much easier for people when at least they are being communicated with.

I especially wanna thank Walter this evening because it seems like you all are hearing me, which is great. For a change.

I got my Census envelope in the mail today and I wanted to encourage people to fill out the Census when they get their envelope. It looks like a pretty easy process. They give you a, a Census ID that you use when you go on. You can use your iPhone.., your, your mobile phone, I think to do it, as long as you can access the internet. And so I, I hope everybody completes the Census because it makes a big difference to us in terms of the amount of money we get from the government to meet the needs of our citizens here in Riviera Beach.

Just so you know, I did put in a, a Flor'.., a National League of Cities Census grant for about \$33,000. If we get that, we'll be able to employ people who lives in the City to go help people with completing that form. So, I'm hopeful that we'll get that.

And that's all I have.

City Manager Evans: And, Madam Chair, if I may? The City of Riviera Beach's response rate, the last Census was 52.2 percent.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Mm.

City Manager Evans: So we certainly need to work on getting that number up. 'Cause it has a profound impact on federal dollars.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Madam Chair, may I also add if I might? It was striking to me that the response rate in Singer Island was greatly lower than that. So, what.., we have a task also to convince people who are here only for the season, that when they.., when they fill out the Census, they're supposed to do it where they are at that point in time, which in many cases, will be on Singer Island.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Alright. And I just wanna echo what everyone else has said. Really appreciate the hard work that you're..., you and your Staff have done during this time. I know a few other elected officials, they basically are having to do a whole lotta heavy lifting because of either not having as a, as competent a City Manager as we are privileged to have, so, I wanna thank Mr. Evans, as well as his team, because I know you all have been trying to make sure that everyone understands what's going on and keep everyone abreast of all of the information.

I just had a question about the project on Blue Heron, the storage..., the storage one, the old Solitron site. Do we have any update on that?

City Manager Evans: That particular site, Staff has secured a environmental specialist to look at the conditions of that site and working on the report. So, as soon as we get that information, then we'll bring it back before the Council. But they're still doing their research and analysis.

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. Alright. And, I know we had an email that came, I believe, on Monday about the funds that we'll receive..., we'll probably get for the projects, the four projects, the Riviera Beach Early Learning to kindergarten, \$15,0,000; the Riviera Beach YEP, \$150,000 and the Riviera Beach Utility District Intracoastal water main replacement, \$200,000; and the Firefighter Cancer Reduction Plan, \$250,000. That was some good news that I thought we could share. That was..., a lot of those were the things that we discussed when we went up during Palm Beach County Day. So, it was their... I guess they heard us. I know there's some cities that put in for things but we were very fortunate to have four of our projects heard and, and followed through on, so we appreciate all of the hard work that went into this. I think Mr. Pittman has done a excellent job and his relationship up there probably helped out a lot as well. And, Mr. Evans. And, as well as the team. When we went in to speak with the different legislators. So, that was some good information.

And, you know, I just wanna tell everybody to be safe out there. I know we've talked a lot about COVID but, you know, unfortunately, because of the slow testing of everyone and the criteria that's so stringent that you can't get a test, you really don't know who has it and who does not have it. People that are not coughing could have it. People who look well could have it. So..., but, I do want everybody to know, remember two meetings ago, I was not here and there was a reason why I wasn't here because I was sick. So, I did quarantine myself in the house for about ten days. I was out of work for a very long time, so if I did..., it's day seventeen so I would hope I'm outside of that so everyone should be safe. I wanted to provide some comfort to...

[Inaudible comment]

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...everyone that I come in contact with but I couldn't get a test so please don't worry, we should be all okay. If not, I look good, right?

City Manager Evans: [Chuckle].

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: So you all will probably be fine.

Chair Pro Tem Botel: [Chuckle]

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: You all should be okay. But, no, so... All jokes aside, everybody please wash your hands, do what you need to do. Stay.., do social distancing and stay out of meetings so that we could make sure that everyone stays safe.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: With that, we stand adjourned.

[Gavel]

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