

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 4, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT AT MEETING<sup>1</sup>:

MAYOR RONNIE FELDER .....MAYOR FELDER

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CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON

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COUNCILPERSON TRADRICK MCCOY – DISTRICT 1      COUNCILPERSON MCCOY

COUNCILPERSON SHIRLY D. LANIER – DISTRICT 3      COUNCILPERSON LANIER

COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON – DISTRICT 5  
COUNCILPERSON LAWSON

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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

[Before meeting chatter]

**City Clerk Anthony:** Members of the Board, are you ready?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**City Clerk Anthony:** Good evening. We will now call to order the Regular City Council meeting for March 4, 2020. The time is now eleven minutes after 6:00. Let the record reflect that the Chairperson will be attending via telephone and the Vice Chairperson is running late. As a result of that, Members of the Board, the City Clerk calls the meeting to order and those that are present will have to elect a Chair amongst those present to run the meeting. So, if it is the desire of those sitting at this particular time, I can go ahead and do the roll call and we can do the moment of silence and the pledges.., Pledge of Allegiance and then move forward with you all selecting a Chair. Or, if you wanna select a Chair prior to doing that, it's totally up to you.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Ms. Anthony, we would like to select a Chair. We'll have Councilwoman Lanier chair the meeting.

**City Clerk Anthony:** I formally open the floor for the selection of a Chair. We have Ms. Lanier selected. Is there anybody else? [Pause]. Okay. I now close the floor for nomination of Chairperson. Chairperson Lanier, you may proceed.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Well, I call the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**Councilperson Lanier:** And, we can have the 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:** Did, did she say...

**City Attorney Wynn:** She said present.

**City Manager Evans:** She said present, yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. Councilperson Tradrick McCoy?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Here.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Shirley Lanier?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Here.

**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**

**Councilperson Lanier:** We will have the roll... I mean, I'm sorry. We will have the Invocation given by Councilman Lawson at this time.

[Moment of silence]

**Councilperson Lawson:** 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.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Before we proceed, I need to advise that Councilperson Miller-Anderson is out and attending the meeting telephonically due to illness.

**Councilperson Lanier:** So noted.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

#### **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

**Councilperson Lanier:** We have the Agenda in front of us. Are there any additions, deletions or substitutions for the Agenda?

**City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may? The Item that has been placed on the dais, Resolution 27-20, Staff is recommending that the Board consider this Resolution in place of Item No. 2, that is listed under the Consent Agenda. It is also Staff's recommendation that that Item be pulled for presentation.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Council Members, any objection to that?

**Councilperson Lawson:** No, Madam Chair.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. We will add it to the Agenda. And we'll also pull it for presentation.

### **DISCLOSURES**

**Councilperson Lanier:** Are there any... As you, as you are reviewing this Agenda, are there any disclosures by the Council, any of the Items that are listed on the Agenda for this evening?

**Councilperson Lawson:** No, Madam Chair.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Councilperson Lanier:** Can I get a motion to adopt the Agenda?

**Councilperson Lawson:** So moved.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Chairperson Lanier?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

**Councilperson Lanier:** **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.**

**Councilperson Lanier:** Are there any comment cards for the Consent Agenda?

**City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair. The acceptance of co'.., public comment cards for the Consent Agenda is now closed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. FEBRUARY 5, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

**3. JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL- \$2,952 - MAYOR RONNIE FELDER - THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.**

**4. PALM BEACH COUNTY ALUMNI BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY- \$650.00 - MAYOR RONNIE FELDER - THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE FASFA/COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP.**

**5. OPERATION HOPE INC. - \$500 - MAYOR RONNIE FELDER - THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION HOPE, INC. FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM.**

**6. SUNCOAST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL BLACK STUDENT UNION - \$448 - MAYOR RONNIE FELDER - THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE BLACK STUDENT UNION TALENT SHOW.**

**Councilperson Lanier:** Can I get a second?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Pull No. 2 and move Consent.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Second.

**Councilperson Lanier:** You wanna pull No. 2 altogether?

**Councilperson McCoy:** No. Off of Consent.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. Very good. Item No. 2 will be off of Consent and then presentation. Can we have public comments for this Consent Agenda, please, Madam Clerk?

**City Clerk Anthony:** Lloyd Brown.

**Mr. L. Brown:** How ya doin'? My name's Lloyd Brown, live in Riviera Beach.

Now, I'm not sure but I was just looking at these, like, when you give out donations to these different organizations, and I., I'm, I'm really wondering how many individuals that were in these organizations have returned to the City and work here? I mean, are you just giving them out and you're not looking for them to come back, 'cause, to me honestly, I think it's a bribe. But, you can call it what you wanna say, donations to these people, but I know all those individuals that... Like, I don't know, see 'cause it says Consent Agenda and I was trying to do, like, a couple of the ones, the way you gave, like, the Bethune Cookman, because I was just thinking how many of those college individuals have returned here because it seem' like it wouldn't make any sense, you should go ahead and put that money right back into the City, if these individuals aren't coming this way. And I really can't see a lot of things when you be giving money to people.

And I'm not Lozman, I'm not trynna say anything. And when you hear me up here talking, it's like I'm not against anybody. I'm not against nobody, I just want...

[Inaudible comments]

**Mr. L. Brown:** ...the people to know, you know, like, as far as the food pantry and all that. We wouldn't need a food pantry if individuals had a job. And you know, since this one on 5 is about the food pantry, you know, I go by the food pantry and, you know, mostly all I see is blacks, because most blacks don't have jobs. I don't see any Spanish, I don't see none of that. So, that just let you know that, I mean honestly, you're not really...

I don't know if.., and, I mean, this may not be on your Agenda but I was wondering, you know, like, this Coronavirus, I was wondering if those seats got something that's catching the way you catch it and ya'll go to screwing up. I mean, is there some kinda problem with the seats to make ya'll seem to act like every other Council that we had? And, for the last ten or fifteen years with the black people on the Council, you know, black lives matter. It's not just when the police 'shootin' people. I mean, you're putting all these things and doing all these things, but if you don't ride through the neighborhood, you won't know what's going on. And it's a few of you people up there was in the neighborhood when it was time to be put in here and now, these people that I see, they say ya'll gonna be one-timers so don't look at me and blame me, 'cause I really don't care who's up 'cause I gotta get up in the morning and go to work, do what I gotta do. But I'mma tell you, it's a few people up here, you're only gonna be in here for one time, so you know, it's gonna be like somebody gonna be following you.

[Timer]

**Councilperson Lanier:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, that concludes public comments.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. If there are no more comments, can I get a motion to accept the Consent Agenda?

**Councilperson Lawson:** So moved.

**City Clerk Anthony:** I believe that was already...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Oh, we did?

**Councilperson McCoy:** It's the roll call.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, ma'am.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Roll call.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. So, it's roll call.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON EACH REGULAR AGENDA ITEM. IN NO EVENT WILL ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A COMMENT CARD AND SPEAK ON, ON AN AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE RESOLUTION IS READ OR THE ITEM IS CONSIDERED. 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.**

**Councilperson McCoy:** Item 2.

**2. Councilperson Lanier:** Item No. 2.

**City Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 27-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AN AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRED OF THE CITY'S AUDIT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**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 on this Item is now closed.

**City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, if the City.., City Council will indulge me to modify the title of the Resolution to add, 'Audit Selection Committee'. The statute calls out Audit Selection Committee'. Other municipalities have referenced it in other ways but in the abundance of cautions and in conversations with Legal, it is Staff's recommendation that it is referred to as the 'Audit Selection Committee'.

Some of the components associated with this were discussions that we've had with the City Council. The state legislature, back in 2019, modified how an audit committee is to [stammer] supposed to function, that they really wanted to give the authority to the residents and the elected body to be more participatory members in the selection of the auditor to conduct the annual audit that actually produce the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. In conversations with the City Council, Staff has drafted a Resolution that we believe encapsulates the intention of the statute, but also, gives us under our home rule authority, an opportunity to expand the roles and responsibilities of the Audit Committee. The Resolution and the packet calls for three members, not to exceed five members. In the Resolution that we have put on the dais, we have left that section blank to allow for the Board to provide Staff direction as to how many members the City Council would like to see appointed to that committee.

Also, one of the components that we added into the Resolution was for a term of four years. The premise behind the term of four years was to allow for continuity of the Board because, if they are seated, in that particular committee, however, understanding that another Council may have an opportunity to seat other individuals in those roles, we



wanted to allow for that section to also be blank to allow for the Board to provide some direction to Staff as to how you would like to proceed.

One of the other elements that we added into the Resolution was to allow for an expansion of duties and responsibilities. We believe that the Audit Committee allows for additional transparency to have the Internal Auditor and Staff work with the Audit Committee to provide its findings to get information and feedback from the Audit Committee before audits are concluded.

So, Staff is prepared to answer any questions, to make the appropriate modifications and ultimately seeking adoption of Resolution 27-20.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Clerk, do we have any co'..., comment cards for...

**City Clerk Anthony:** No...

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...this Item?

**City Clerk Anthony:** ...Madam Chair.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Members, do you have any questions for the City Manager in regards to this?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So first, I have a question for Mr. Evans and then I'll come back later...

[Cellphone notification]

**Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Evans, you, you eluded to the statute allows you to expand. Is that the actual verbiage, that they allow you to expand the authority? Because, you saying expand the authority seems...

**City Manager Evans:** Expand the responsibilities of the Audit Committee. They'..., they're core responsibility is actually the selection of the auditor to conduct the annual audit. But, you can utilize this board in other capacities as the legislative body sees fit.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Alright. I just wanted to make sure that we were clear 'cause I just pulled it up. It says, 'However, the committee may serve other audit oversight purposes as determined by the entity's governing body.' Which is..., can be interpreted different than expanding the authority. So, I just wanted to make sure that I didn't miss anything.

Madam Chair, that's all I have for question of the Manager. I do have some other comments.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Mr. Evans, in the event that we want to expand the committee to seven members, what steps will we need to take?

**City Manager Evans:** Right now, we have it to where it is.., we left that section blank. So, if the Board wishes to extend it to seven members, it would just be adding in the appropriate language in the third whereas clause, to say, you know, the board shall have, let's say, a minimum of three and no more than seven members, and then allow for the elected officials that haven't appointed members on the board as of yet to be able to do so. And that's also incorporating the Mayor to be able to appoint an individual to serve on that audit committee as well.

**Councilperson Lawson:** So currently, we have five sitting members, one Councilwoman and then four selected?

**City Manager Evans:** Currently, you have one.., you have an appointee by Councilwoman.., or, the Vice Chair, you have an appointee by Councilwoman Lanier, you have an appointee by Councilman McCoy. There is one outstanding individual that is seeking appointment and is a recommendation by the Chair, and that is Ms. Madeline Irving. And then, we have.., that would be all the members, and then we have our Chair who is Councilwoman Lanier on the Committee.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Okay.

**City Manager Evans:** So, conceivably, it would allow for your appointee to.., and the Mayor's appointee if we were to expand it to, to seven.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Okay. So colleagues, I'd be looking to.., because we're looking to expand the roles of the Committee, I definitely wanna have my appointee sitting on the Board, that actually has a good knowledge and vast knowledge of auditing. So, I'd love to have them be recognized. And then, the first meeting is actually gonna be held on Thursday?

**City Manager Evans:** The.., we have a.., we had a premeeting to get insight from the Board, so our initial kickoff meeting was last week, Monday.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Mhmm.

**City Manager Evans:** And then, we have another meeting tomorrow to go over some of the assignments that were communicated to Staff to bring some additional information to the Board. So, we're still working on the scope of service to be able to solidify the RFP but that meeting is scheduled to be held tomorrow at 5:30, concluding at around 8:00.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Okay. So, colleagues, I'd be looking for any interest of expanding our Committee to a seven members?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Councilman Lawson?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Sure.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So I particularly thought less is more. And I didn't understand why we needed so many members, simply because... Well, before.., so, let me back up. Before, when we first had this discussion, we were here to resolve the Audit Selection Commission, and the Manager thought it was appropriate to expand the role and responsibilities to an Audit Committee that has oversight. And that kinda concerns me. If you have too many members, and I believe that's.., and I even went back to the meetings.., I think we had this conversation in January and what that done is, I think just because of the delay and the number of members and then trying to organize a schedule, kinda creates more confusion when you have too many members. Now, I certainly don't have a problem with whatever we decide, but I just wanted to put it in perspective that, you know, the more members you have, the more training you have to go through, and I certainly didn't want it to impede us in a already delayed audit selection and audit process.

Now, my idea, and I had a conversation with the Manager and he expressed some different opinions that we could it separately. Being that we have an ensuing audit that has to be done, I thought we could organize as a Audit Selection Committee and then bring back, you know, another audit committee solely for the oversight portion, as opposed to joining them all two.., two together. And that way, we can have more time in vetting out the members that's on the Board because, if you look on Page 2 of the Resolution, Section 2 provides that, that they be residents of the City of Riviera Beach and have particular experience in public accounting or managing the activities of a annual fi'.., financial audit for business or other governmental agency, or any other related experience and knowledge. And I'm only offering this because if we're gonna entrust this, this role of providing oversight, I woulda hope that they have some relative experience in, in the process.

So, you know, I'm certainly open for any feedback. And that's to the Chairperson on the phone as well.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

**Councilperson Lawson:** So, Mr. Evans or Ms. Wynn, my question would be, if we did keep our Committee at five with the potential of expanding to seven, how would that look within nominating an additional, well, myself or , or the Mayor nominating additional members?

**City Manager Evans:** If the.., if it is the pleasure of the Board to expand the committee to seven, we would just have to allow for the appointment process which would, in essence, them coming before the City Council and being ratified as part of the Agenda process. But it doesn't preclude them from attending the meetings or anything associated with that. And, from the conversations that we had with the Audit Committee, I believe that the scope of work is, is rounding out quite nicely, but we know that there's some addition steps in the process that I don't think if someone was to join the Board within two or three weeks, that they would be that far behind the, the curveball. We can

certainly bring them up to speed to where they would be able to provide some substantive feedback, especially when the audit entity's auditors come in for their presentation before the Audit Committee. So I don't think it is too late to appoint somebody onto the Board.

**City Attorney Wynn:** Yeah. And I would like to point out that, if you keep it at five, there are currently five members, which means that, I guess, Mr. Lawson would not have an appointee to that Committee. If you keep it at five, if you allow him to have an appointee, that will make six, then you run the risk of having a tie vote. And so, my recommendation would be that you always have an odd number and that you go to seven.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Ms. Wynn, but we haven't appointed five members as of yet though. We've only...

**City Attorney Wynn:** Remember...

**Councilperson Lawson:** ...confirmed or appointed, I believe...

**City Attorney Wynn:** I believe.

**Councilperson Lawson:** ...three or four?

**City Attorney Wynn:** No. I believe that, and correct me if I'm wrong...

**Councilperson Lawson:** Mhmm.

**City Attorney Wynn:** ...Councilperson Lanier, you appointed someone, correct? [Pause]. And then you're on there as well, that's what makes it five.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Well, that's two, and then we have...

**City Attorney Wynn:** Mr. McCoy has appointed...

**Councilperson Lawson:** McCoy's is three.

**City Attorney Wynn:** All the others have appointed.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. [Inaudible]...

**Councilperson Lawson:** Three is McCoy, four is our Chair. Then, who is the fifth?

**City Attorney Wynn:** Ms. Bo'...

**City Manager Evans:** Fi'...

**City Attorney Wynn:** .... Dr. Botel.

**City Manager Evans:** Five is, is Vice, Vice Chair Botel.

**City Attorney Wynn:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lawson:** And she appointed a member as...

**City Manager Evans:** Yes.

**City Attorney Wynn:** Yes.

**City Manager Evans:** Mr. Norm Adams. Yes.

**City Attorney Wynn:** Yeah.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Okay.

**Councilperson Lanier:** So, Board members, how do you wanna proceed with this? I have no problem with the additional appointments. I think that if you are going to make you're appointments to this Committee, that they would be astute enough to become up to speed. And they can also attend the meetings without this formality, 'long as we have this in place. So I haven't.., I don't have any issues with moving forward with adding that number three and number seven to the.., to the Resolution.

**City Manager Evans:** Also, one of the things that we need clarity from the Board in the Resolution, is the term as to how long that the Board recommends for individuals to serve on. And if the Board is okay with the additional expansion of duties and responsibilities. And let me preface my comments by saying I asked the Board at the Audit Committee, if that was something that they would be interested in to assume additional roles and responsibilities, since they are already appointed and they unilaterally said that they were fine with that. So, I wanted to provide that as part of your discussion points this evening.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I don't have a problem with making it.., the number go up, [audio skips].., especially if Mr. Lawson has not had an opportunity to add [inaudible] name.

**City Attorney Wynn:** Did you all hear...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. She said she didn't have.., doesn't have a problem, especially given that Councilman Lawson has, has not made his appointment.

Are there any other questions in regards to this Resolution? Do we have a motion for this?

**Councilperson McCoy:** No. I have a question, Madam Chair.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. Go ahead.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So Ms. Wynn, and I don't know if it'll be proper for the Manager to share this, or to seem as if we're possibly inserting ourself in the scope, but Mr. Evans, would you be able to, I guess, share if that scope that has been discussed, speaks to the term of the actual auditor? Have you guys gotten that far?

**City Manager Evans:** We have got'.., the, the scope that has been discussed and agreed upon in principle from the Committee was a two year contract with a one year option for renewal. That is what collectively the Board felt comfortable with at their particular meeting. Now, they haven't taken any official action to, to ratify that. And Councilman, I will tell you that that was a tough decision for the Board because they didn't want it to be too long of an engagement, and then the other challenge is, if it's too short of an engagement, the concern is would somebody effectively look to apply to be our auditor considering there's only one year or two years on the table for a contract. So, in the discussions, the Board felt comfortable at that two years with the one year renewal. But again, that has to.., that still has to be ratified by the Board but that was the point of discussion, at their first meeting.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Okay.

**Councilperson McCoy:** I'm, I'm sorry, Mr. Evans. You said a lot but you lost me. So, they came up with two years, with a one year option?

**City Manager Evans:** Yes, sir.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, as I, I mentioned to you in our meeting, I wanted to see what the Members would think about doing staggered terms. And I didn't particularly like four years, because four years exceeds any other advisory board in the City. Most.., the most that I seen on terms are three years. And if you had staggered terms, then you'll always have a member on that Committee that's there from the prior selection committee process.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Explain...

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, if you...

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...that process. How, how does that work? Staggered terms?

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, for instance, you would kinda.., if we have seven members, you would make.., you would do them like member A, B and C, and then, then member A would probably.., their term would end, you know, after two years. Member in the class of B...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Oh.

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...would end after three years. Something of that sort. Btu four years seems a little bit, in my opinion, unusual. Which, I mean, I think it exceeds the contract of the auditor in every other board. And even those elected officials. So, I mean, you have a four year... And certainly, I mean, it happens because I know somebody that

served on the Planning Board for over ten years. There was another guy for twelve years. So, I mean, it's just a thought that we should stagger the terms, that way you don't find yourself after..., we're in 2020 now, you don't find yourself, in three years, 2023, now you have the whole Board that's up for appointment. And then, if there was some issues that the oversight is..., has to do, then you really have members, all of them being, basically, up for appointment at the same time.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Well, I don't like the staggered terms, but I do agree with you on the, on the point that if the contract itself is tow year and one year, three years, that we can go for three years. For the, for the Board members. That we don't have to do four, that we can do..., since the, the term of the contract for the auditor is a three year terms basically. Then, it could be three years terms for the actual members.

**City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may? Also, and in doing research on this Item, I've also seen where government entities have allowed for a longer term for members that are professionals and certified in such a field. So, it may be a situation whereby those that have an accounting or CPA or auditing background, serve a three year term, and other folks that do not have that experience, serve a two year..., from the purpose that it keeps some continuity and some institutional knowledge as the Board potentially transitions. So that can be something that the Board can consider as part of its discussions this evening.

**Councilperson Lanier:** What do you think about that, Members? Having it where the people who are the CPA's have a three year term, the people who don't have that professional certification background have a two year term? How do you feel about that?

**Councilperson Lawson:** So, Madam Chair, the only concern I have is the individual that I'm thinking actually has served as a City Manager before, in another municipality but he doesn't have the account background.

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

**Councilperson Lawson:** But yet, he would be an amazing asset for the Audit Committee. So, if we limit his term, I think he'd be more beneficial serving as a three year term versus two. But, I do like the fact of the credentials, maybe not just make it a CPA but make it have governmental affairs involvement, whether it's serving in a official capacity within the city, whether it's having a CPA or accounting degree or license, but giving it some type of background.

**City Manager Evans:** And, and, Councilman, to your point, certainly I think that individual with that type of experience would qualify for...

**Councilperson Lawson:** Right.

**City Manager Evans:** ...specialized in, in that particular field. And certainly, it's commendable for a City Manager wanting to come back and, and...

**Councilperson Lawson:** Right.

**City Manager Evans:** ...serve in that...

**Councilperson Lawson:** To support...

**City Manager Evans:** ...capacity.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Right. So that's, that's why I wouldn't wanna limit it based on the verbiage we use for this Resolution.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. Members, do we have another questions or comments in regards to this Item? [Pause]. Can I get a motion to approve this Resolution? With...

**Councilperson Lawson:** So moved.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**City Manager Evans:** And, and, Madam Chair, just for clarity sake, so, we are going to expand to seven members...

**Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible].

**City Manager Evans:** Three, out of the seven members, those that have a., experience in business, financial, accounting, et. cetera, will serve a three year term, those that do not will serve a two year term. And that the Board is okay with the expanded duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Question, Madam Chair.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

**Councilperson McCoy:** That's fine. I just wanna find out, so if that's true, so are we going to apply this in the future? This standard?

**City Manager Evans:** As far as other committees or just this one?

**Councilperson McCoy:** No. This Committee. So...

**City Manager Evans:** I, I would say this would be the standard...

**Councilperson McCoy:** Going forward?

**City Manager Evans:** ...in perpetuity, until the Resolution is modified. Yes, sir.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Until the Resolution is modified?

**City Manager Evans:** Yeah. Until the Council decides to ever modify the Resolution.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, because, other than Mr. Adams and my appointee, I don't know the credentials of the other ones. So, I mean, how would that... I mean, we would essentially be starting it right now. I don't know where that leads us.



**City Manager Evans:** That, that's one of the things that, once we, we can..., I think we do have, if I'm not mistaken, all the resumes and credentials and...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Mr. Evans, let me stop you right there. Do, do we have a second on this motion?

**City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair. You have...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**City Clerk Anthony:** ...Mr., Mr. Lawson made the motion, Mr. McCoy second.

**Councilperson McCoy:** I didn't.

**City Clerk Anthony:** You didn't?

**Councilperson McCoy:** No.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. Then we don't have second.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. We need to get that straight. Who wanted to make the motion to approve this Resolution with the added language that Mr. Evans is providing..., has provided to us? We got a second.

**City Clerk Anthony:** No, Madam...

**Councilperson Lanier:** We got the second.

**City Clerk Anthony:** ...Chair. We don't have a second.

**Councilperson Lanier:** He said...

**City Clerk Anthony:** And let...

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...'So moved.'

**City Clerk Anthony:** Mr. Lawson..., and I thought I heard Mr. McCoy say second. He said he did not say second. So, at this point in time, you only have someone that made a motion. So, the question becomes this, whether or not you make a second, someone do'..., you know, do the second, which only Mr. McCoy is eligible to do the second, or it dies for a lack of a second.

**Councilperson McCoy:** I think it's just premature. I, I'll give a second. I just wanna get clarification...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...from the Manager on...

**Councilperson Lanier:** And that's fine. I just wanna make sure that...

**City Clerk Anthony:** [Inaudible].

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...we have something on the table, we're not just...

**City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. Madam Chair, I was just advised that Ms., Councilperson Miller-Anderson can second the motion, as well.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Well...

**City Clerk Anthony:** If she so desires.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes, sir.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Mr., Mr. Lawson, with you withdraw please so I can finish my questions of the Manager?

**Councilperson Lawson:** I will withdraw the motion.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

**Councilperson Lanier:** What did she say?

**City Clerk Anthony:** I did not...

**Councilperson Lawson:** Didn't hear.

**City Clerk Anthony:** ...understand her.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Audio muffled]], right?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. I don't think [audio muffled] at the beginning, perhaps. And then they have the discussion. So, it, it., still [audio muffled] discussion [audio muffled]

**City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. I believe what Madam., Ms...

**City Attorney Wynn:** [Inaudible], is that was she's saying?

**City Clerk Anthony:** Ms. Miller-Anderson is asking is whether or not a motion needs to be made in order for there to be a discussion on the Item. The heading was read into the record and a motion was not made. Mr. Evans went on into his presentation. So, to continue with the., according to Robert's Rules of Order, in order to continue the discussion, a motion needs to be made.

**Councilperson Lanier:** And I was about to make that motion.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Okay.

**Councilperson Lanier:** The motion is being made., the Resolution that is put...

**Councilperson Lawson:** As...

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...before us.

**Councilperson Lawson:** As Chair, you can't make the motion.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** She...

**City Clerk Anthony:** No. Councilperson Lawson withdrew his motion at the request of Councilperson McCoy. So, in essence right now, we do not have a motion on the floor.

**Councilperson Lawson:** So...

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible] what we're gonna do.

**Councilperson Lawson:** To continue...

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I'll make a...

**Councilperson Lawson:** ...the discuss'... Madam Chair? To continue the discussion, I'm gonna make the motion. So moved.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And I sec'...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you.

**Councilperson Lanier:** There we go. See?

**City Clerk Anthony:** Okay.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Very simple.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Councilman McCoy...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Alright. Councilman McCoy, you can go ahead and finish up this inquiry.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, Mr. Evans, just a point of parliamentary, Ms. Wynn..., Ms. Anthony, can you please provide a reference to that., that you're speaking of in Robert's Rules of Order s'..., you know, sometime this week?

**City Clerk Anthony:** As it relate to?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

**City Attorney Wynn:** Making the motion [inaudible]...

**Councilperson McCoy:** The...

**City Clerk Anthony:** Making the mot'... Discussion before you...

**Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Okay.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, and I think I'm, I'm lost now.

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

**Councilperson McCoy:** I just...

**Councilperson Lanier:** You're...

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...wanted to get some clarification about the staggered terms, and I don't even real'.., really remember where I was gonna go with it but...

**City Manager Evans:** The, the staggered terms, and Councilman, correct me if I'm wrong, I think your question was, how will we effectively determine who would get the three year terms and the two year terms? That is something that we, as, as Staff, you know, sitting down with the Attorney's office and the Internal Auditor, can look at the credentials of those individuals and then provide some type of feedback, back to the Board at your next regular meeting to say, 'These are the individuals that we're considering.' The three year terms and the two year terms, just for clarity sake, so the Board knows exactly who is serving the longer terms based on the [stammer] experience.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up. So Mr. Evans, you have those applications and/or resumes of those individual now?

**City Manager Evans:** They're on file in the City Clerk's...

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, you..

**City Manager Evans:** ...office [inaudible]...

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...know who's who, and where we stand as of now with what we've received?

**City Manager Evans:** Yes, sir.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Alright. That's all I needed.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Alright. Madam [stammer], you can call the question.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, if the Board would allow me, I'm gonna read the heading with the insertion of the word of selection committee, so that there..., it will be clean.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**City Clerk Anthony:** In that sense.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Very good.

**City Clerk Anthony:** And it will be Resolution No. 27-20.

**City Clerk Anthony:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AN AUDIT SELECTION COMMITTEE AND THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRED OF THE CITY'S AUDIT SELECTION COMMITTEE, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT SELECTION COMMITTEE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Inaudible dais comments]

**City Clerk Anthony:** And I believe Councilperson Lawson made the motion and Councilperson McCoy made the second. Councilperson Miller-Anderson and Councilperson McCoy stated it.., stated it at the same time. So, but I heard Councilperson McCoy's voice first, so that's whose will be recorded as the second.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson.

[Chuckles]

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

**City Clerk Anthony:** Chairperson Lanier?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Let the record reflect that...

[Inaudible comments]

**City Clerk Anthony:** ...the motion...

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

**City Clerk Anthony:** ...carries. Let the record reflect that Pro Tem Botel is now on the dais. Councilperson Lanier, you can now pass the gavel onto Pro Tem...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Just [inaudible]...

**City Clerk Anthony:** ...Botel.

[Chuckles]

**Councilperson Lanier:** No. I didn't even get the gavel. I just left it there.

[Inaudible comments]

**Unk.:** I'm so sorry.

**Councilperson Lanier:** We were at No. 7.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

[Inaudible discussions]

[Gavel]

[Inaudible comments]

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam Clerk.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. **City Clerk Anthony:** We're now at Item No. 7.

**City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 28-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF NORTH OCEAN AVENUE FOR THE HAMMERHEAD PRODUCTION FESTIVAL – “JEEPS ON THE ISLAND”; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**RICHARD BLANKENSHIP, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR (561) 845-4070**

**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. And let the record reflect that the time for Pro Tem Botel's arrival is 6:46 p.m.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Can we get a motion?

**Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Second.

**City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, if I can have Director Blankenship present on Resolution 20-28. And if the Clerk can read the Resolution into the record.

**City Attorney Wynn:** No. 7.  
**City Clerk Anthony:** No 7?  
**City Manager Evans:** No. 7.  
**City Clerk Anthony:** I read the heading...  
**City Manager Evans:** Okay.  
**City Clerk Anthony:** I did it...  
**City Manager Evans:** Okay.  
**City Clerk Anthony:** ...Mr. Evans.  
**City Attorney Wynn:** [Inaudible] motion and a second.  
**City Manager Evans:** Okay.

[Chuckles]

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Good evening, Mayor, Council, City Manager. Richard Blankenship, Parks & Recreation Director.

This is a procedural Item that authorizes the closure of North Ocean for the Jeeps on the Island event. This is a change of date from something that you approved back in June for Hammerhead Productions. They've requested the date be moved up because.., so they won't conflict with, with the Palm Beach Boat Show. So, this is March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are excited about this opportunity because, if you know anything about Jeep owners, they are pretty fanatical about showing off their, their equipment, so anticipate a, a great [stammer].., a great weekend of activity.

And with that, I'll answer any questions you may have.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you. Any questions?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Blankenship, do we know the hours that the road is gonna be closed, or is it gonna be closed throughout the night?

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Well, actually, this is a very busy weekend. The, the Pam Beach Marathon.., I mean, Palm Beach Triathlon is that morning, on Saturday. So, the road closes Friday night so they can set up. This event starts around noon, and it'll reopen the roads around 9:00 p.m., and then close again Sunday morning and reopen Sunday evening.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Mr. Evans, so can we follow up personally and I just had some concerns about us closing the roads and what that looks like, as far as when

we close our roads for special events and private events, and the public's ability not to use those events, what does the City actually, I guess, inure to our benefit, financially, for doing that. And I wanna make sure it's something that is.., that Staff can go back and look at it and make sure that this a fair amount.

**City Manager Evans:** That is not a problem, Councilman McCoy. Staff will provide a memorandum and send it out to the balance of the Board concerning that Item.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Thanks.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Any other questions?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Chair? Yes.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Piggybacking off of Councilman McCoy, I'm concerned about the public safety. How is that going to work in terms of public safety, with Jeeps all over the beach?

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Well, they, they won't actually be on the beach. They will be static, they won't be moving. They'll be parked for demonstration. And then they're.., part of the requirement is the event maker has to provide how many ever police officers the Police Department requires. So, it's not like there's a bunch of Jeeps moving...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** ...around.

**Councilperson Lanier:** So there won't be any issue with pedestrians or anything...

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** No.

**Councilperson Lanier:** ..like that? Okay.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Not at all.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. Madam Chair.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you. Anything else? Madam Clerk.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?



**Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

**8. City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 8.

**City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 29-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY TO ACCEPT VOUCHERS FROM THE COUNTY'S DROWNING PREVENTION COALITION PROGRAM FOR REDEMPTION OF PAYMENT FOR SWIMMING LESSONS PROVIDED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**RICHARD BLANKENSHIP, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR (561) 845-4070.**

**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.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Do we have a motion?

**Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** This is our annual interlocal agreement with the county. The county funds the Drowning Prevention Coalition. This allows individuals to apply for a voucher, they bring the voucher to Barracuda Bay and they get free swimming lessons. Annually, when I present this, I always say, 'There's no reason why somebody in Riviera Beach does not know how to swim.'

With that, I'll answer any questions you may have.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Questions?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Mr. Blankenship, how many vouchers were utilized last year?

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** I don't know the number of vouchers, . I can tell you we did around five hundred swimming lessons. Not all of those were vouchers, but the great majority of those were. The year before that, we did about eight hundred.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Eight hundred? And we spoke in our Agenda review about just increasing the numbers and getting more residents to actually take advantage of these swimming lessons.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Yeah.

**Councilperson Lawson:** So, I'd really love just to get a plan on how we're going to attack that, and get as many people involved and engaged as possible.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Yes. Absolutely.

**Councilperson McCoy:** I do have one question. So, I hate to be selfish about this but the backup says that swimming lessons for residents are thirty and.., for residents, and forty dollars for nonresidents. Does nonresidents take advantage of this voucher?

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** The Drowning Prevention Coalition sends a lot of nonresidents our way because we have.., our hours of operation are conducive, we do 'em on Saturdays. So, Drowning Prevention Coalition may send nonresidents to us to.., for lessons.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Would you say that's a stipulation in getting this grant?

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Yes. We, we can't...

**Councilperson McCoy:** Exclude?

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Exclude.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Good enough.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Well, we can exclude if they don't live in Palm Beach County.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

**Councilperson Lanier:** And just one more question. I would just...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Sure.

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...like to... He can bring that back later, the percentage of City of.., City of Riviera Beach residents in that five hundred.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** We will do that.

**Councilperson McCoy:** And.., so, question, Madam Chair.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yeah. Go ahead.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Councilwoman, you, you're asking for the five hundred, or of the grant amount?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Well, actually, both. I'm asking for the five hundred in general, on how many Riviera Beach residents, and then particularly, the ones that are getting the vouchers.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Understood.

**City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may? Also, we can provide a historical perspective to see if our number of residents have gone up or gone down over the last couple of years, so we can see if maybe we've found a place that marketing to the community has been more successful or we're not doing enough.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Okay. Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Go ahead.

**Councilperson Lawson:** And I will say just to Mr. Evans point, we saw a major drop off from two years ago 'til last year. So, what can we do to address that? From eight hundred to five hundred is a substantial number of residents that have this service that we wanna offer.

**Mayor Felder:** [Inaudible].

**Councilperson Lawson:** So.

**Mayor Felder:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Mayor Felder:** How, how are we marketing this?

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Our typical, you know, we do the, the hardcopy brochures, we do social media, we do banners on the Barracuda Bay fencing, and we may even do some banners across the street. I think we do have some across the street.

**Mayor Felder:** So, there's nothing that goes out to every...

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Right.

**Mayor Felder:** ...household? Is there something that goes out to...

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** No.

**Mayor Felder:** ...every household?

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** They're, they're.., we, we could do utility bills. We have not done that [inaudible] here. Though, we could do that.

**Mayor Felder:** That may be something to look at too.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Mhmm.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Mr. Blankenship, you may remember that, probably a year and a half ago, you and I sat down with some folks who represented the School District, and particularly folks who represented the preschool program in the City, and I think that we oughta take up that task again and see if we can make some headway this time. I would love to see preschool programs make the swimming program a part of their offerings.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Mhmm.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** And I, I'm sure that there's a way we can work this out. It, it didn't..

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** We can.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It didn't catch fire last time but I'm willing to give it another shot because I think those little ones, once they get.., when, when three and four and the fear of the water is not so inculcated, that maybe we'll have a better success rate.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Hmm.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So, lets, you and I work on that. Thanks. Anything else? Madam Clerk.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

**Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Thank you.

**9. ITEM NO. 9**

**City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 9.

**City Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 30-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,165 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REENTRY CENTER ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE CONTINUATION OF REENTRY SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE SAME AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**ORIE BULLARD, JUSTICE SERVICE CENTER (561) 840-3124**

**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.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you. Can I have a motion?

**Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Second.

**City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, if I can have Mr. Orie Bullard, the Director of the Justice Service Center present this Item.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Good evening, Council...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Good evening.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** ...Honorable Mayor, Mr. Manager. Orie Bullard, Director of the Reentry Center.

What you have before you is an amendment to the interlocal agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the City of Riviera Beach for our on the job training program. It's also known as the Innovative Reentry Initiative Program. And so, effectively, they want to [stammer] increase our funding for the program by \$47,000. And, also increase the number of clients that will be eligible for the program. So we're going from forty clients and participant to fifty. And so, based on our past performance, they've allocated some additional funding to give to our program to continue the program.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Questions? [Pause]. No questions?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes. Orie, I just wanted to let you know, Mr. Bullard, amazing job with the program. Keep pushing it. It's something that's vital in this community, so, thank you very much.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Thank you, thank you.

**Councilperson Lanier:** And I also would like to say that I think this is a very good model program, that the City needs to.., the City needs to continue to fund and to find additional dollars, especially in terms of even the, the voucher program for the swimming. We need to be looking at grant dollars to fund some of these activities, so that, you know, and don't put so much burden on the taxpayers.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Anything else?

**Mayor Felder:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Mayor Felder:** Great job too. Mr. Bullard, I didn't know you had a twin. I was talking to you the other day.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Oh yeah. [Chuckle].

**Mayor Felder:** And he told me he was your twin. Ya'll look...

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** We're identical.

**Mayor Felder:** ...just alike.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Yeah.

[Chuckles]

**Mayor Felder:** But great job.

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

**Mayor Felder:** And something else I would like to get with you about. I was meeting with Coca Cola, and...

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Mhmm.

**Mayor Felder:** ...we're in the process really of trying to get them to hire offenders.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Okay.

**Mayor Felder:** And so, if we can get together just to set a meeting with them, kinda share what that program is you have running.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Okay.

**Mayor Felder:** And see if we can get some of those guys some jobs at Coca Cola.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Definitely. We can, we can put that together. And also, April is Second Chance Month. I'll be coming back to you all. So, I think it'll be a good.., great opportunity for us to link up.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Ma'... Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Go ahead.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Mayor, don't feel bad. I was speaking to him, but it was really his brother.

[Chuckles]

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, it happened to me too.

**City Manager Evans:** I, I concur. That happened to me as well.

[Chuckles]

**City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may though? They've been doing exceptional work at the reentry program, but Mr. Bullard, if you can please explain how this grant, this additional \$47,000 came to the City of Riviera Beach because it wasn't by mere happenstance, it was because of the efforts of Mr. Bullard and his team.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Yeah, definitely. So, we applied back in 2017 for the original funding, which was \$173,000. And so, there are three providers within the county that essentially do what we do. And so, our program stood out and we had the most involved clientele, I guess. Our base, they're all engaged, and it's .., over the last year and a half, they've kinda looked at the other programs and, and seen where they wanna allocate the additional funding. And so it's because of the success of our program. I have an incredible Staff of, of social workers that are involved in the lives of these men and women that are returning to our area. And so, right now, we're working with the CDC on a home on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and so, they're rehabbing that home. That'll be done within a couple weeks and we're gonna invite everyone out. But that's, that's essentially.., we had the county to come out and look and see what we're doing. We have six to eight guys that are on that project, so they're learning carpentry, masonry, some HVAC, landscaping, they're doing painting. They've done a, a myriad of things that they're learning. And while they're on that ten to twelve week project, we have them coming in and we're doing some cognitive behavioral intervention. So, a part of that week is, they do on the job training, and then they come into our office to do some classroom program also throughout that week. And so, that's all their week looks like. It looks like a typical school, I guess, like a school program but they have the on the site, and then they have the classroom items that they come into.

So, the county looked at the programs that were going on during this timeframe and, and allocated us the funding based on our performance over the last year and a half.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** That's wonderful.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** So, we're excited about that.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I, I have a question. Some time ago we had, we had been having those hard to hire group meetings and we've...

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Mhmm.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...not had one in quite some time. And at one of the most recent meetings, we, we set up a system so that the, the various providers, you know, the small people who deal with returning citizens, have a pathway to get them to your..., to you.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Right.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Ron Dixon was gonna be helping, so that we had those hundred employers who are willing to hire returning citizens and we didn't want them bombarded with calls from everyone, so we set up this system. Is that working? How's it working?

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Yeah. So, we've..., it', it's working. There's some things to kinda polish up because we're working now with CareerSource. And so...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible].

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** ...we have a re'..., there's actually a reentry department within CareerSource now...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible].

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** ...thanks to our efforts over the last year and a half. And so, we have a contact there that we're able to kinda connect the guys to. And so, we've kinda used CareerSource and we wanted to kinda bring them into what we're doing. They've actually come out to the site and everything, so we're trying to channel that through CareerSource because they have the, the, you know, the most expansive base of actual jobs in the City, or in the county rather.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Would it be valuable to continue to have that hard to hire group get together?

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Yeah. I think we can, we can definitely get together and just kinda see how we can streamline some of the things.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Then, will you Chair it?

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Will I Chair it? That's... Yeah. We'll take that back to the Staff...

[Chuckles]

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** ...and...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** We'll talk. Let's talk.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** No, no, definitely. You know, that's something we can do.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Chuckle].



**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** I don't have a problem doing that.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** That's great.

[Inaudible dais comment]

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thanks. Great job again. Thank you.

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Okay. Alright.

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

**Justice Service Center Director Bullard:** Thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam Clerk.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

## **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**10. City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 10.

**City Clerk Anthony:** **DISCUSSION OF THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAM**

**MARSHA NOEL, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER (561) 812-6590**

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, we do have a public comment card on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible].

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible].

**City Clerk Anthony:** Okay.

**City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, this Item that is before you this evening stems from conversations that we've had at our workshops that were held on Saturdays, and some conversations that I've had with Board Members individually about looking at the community benefits program. And so, our Assistant to the City Manager, Ms. Marsha Noel has had an opportunity to meet with most of the Board and get some input and feedback, and then did some extensive research as far as what other government entities are doing concerning this particular matter. So, if the Board would indulge Staff, we would like to make a presentation concerning the community benefits programs and proposed modifications.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Alright. Good evening. Marsha Noel, Assistant to the City Manager. Just as Mr. Evans has stated, I've had the fortunate privilege to do some research and come before you this evening to share some ideas with you that I've come up with through my research to consider, as I understand it is the interest of some of you to improve, perhaps, how we're currently implementing the community benefits program. And so, I will begin with a presentation that I prepared. I realize it is very bright but if anyone has trouble, no worries, I will be speaking through each slide to ensure that everyone understands.

Alright. So first, what is the community benefits program? So, currently, it is an optional benefit under the current contract with Waste Management, Inc., that provides an annual community support of \$90,000 to the City for public purpose benefits and this program dates back to 2011, and it's currently being administered under the legislative office. Okay. So, before I get into some of the things that I looked into when coming up with the alternatives that I'll be presenting to you, I had an opportunity to make some observations as to the what Mr. Evans said. I had the opportunity to meet with some of you on an individual basis, to hear from you what your experience has been with implementing this program. In addition, I've had the opportunity to talk with Ellen Smith, our Waste Management representative to hear from her as to what other cities who have this program are doing. In addition, I've spoke to the Finance Department and also, I've considered what the perspectives may be from the community at large, and potential applicants or recipients of the program. In addition, prior to my role with the City of Riviera Beach, I had the fortunate opportunity to be a program manager with the City of Fort Lauderdale developing new programs, and also, streamlining programs. And so, I've kinda used my expertise or my background to look at this from an objective standpoint as much I can to, hopefully, provide you with something useful.

So, lets kinda talk about some of the benefits to the current program that I've been able to hear from some of you, and even engage myself. I think the outstanding thing that's been said for the most part, is that the community benefits program is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact to the community. How? Well fist, it supports community partners. Secondly, it's an opportunity to build relationships with those in and outside of our community. In addition, it engages the community. And lastly, it can meet real community needs as well.

So let's move on to.., maybe what some of the current challenges are with the program implementation and, like I said, I had an opportunity to speak with most of you and kinda consider some perspectives and so, these are just general themes that I've gotten from our discussions. The first being that you receive a large volume of sporadic and continual requests. And oftentimes, that's met with time constraints and lack of manpower. And so, from what I understand, the current policy doesn't necessarily provide as to when and maybe if there's any limitations as to the amount of requests that you receive. I understand that time to time you rec'.., you, you allocate small spurts, perhaps, of, of funding to different requesters, and so I can understand, especially being as busy as you are, taking on other major priorities of the City that this.., it can be, sometimes, a challenge to manage the volume of requests that you get. In addition, you do have legislative aides. From what I understand, some of them do assist, but if they are working on a part time basis, as some of you are in your role, it could present some challenges as well.

The second challenge is lack of accountability measures for recipients. When I took a look at the policy, and I do want to stat that there's an attachment to the memo of our most current policy that I was able to pull up, Resolution 15711, just so everyone's aware, so you can kind of look at that as, as I speak. But, there's nothing really in there that stipulates exactly what we're doing to track and ensure that recipients are utilizing funding in the way that they are requesting for. So, that's one issue. And then the next one is that because, perhaps, of the lack of accountability, we're not certain as to whether recipients are truly addressing the needs of the community. The next is lack of transparency. Not necessarily that work isn't being done but what measures are put in place to ensure that we can make it visible for ourselves and the community that recipients are, in fact, utilizing dollars appropriately. And, a lotta times that can be due to one, the lack of information online or places where people can access information about the program. I understand that they hear about it, perhaps, mentioned in the Council meetings, they may be calling your offices or hearing it through hearsay but when I did some research on our website, it was quite difficult. I didn't find a webpage or anything in particular to provide me that information. The next item, lack of visibility of program recipients and outcomes. So, maybe just not having enough information about maybe who past recipients have been and things of that sort, maybe seeing the outcomes as well. And then the next challenge as well, and this is more so on the operational side is that, the program is currently being ran through a paper based method. So, I understand there's a physical application, or a physical request form and oftentimes, especially nowadays, we tend to lean more towards electronic means, or electronic options to make our programs more streamlined. But if we can package all these ch'.., challenges in one word, I would say that the overarching theme is that this.., the current implementation process can be quite burdensome.

And so, keeping all of that in mind, how then do we improve our community benefits program policy? There are two principles in particular that I'd like to highlight, as to how we can improve the policy and, hopefully, you'll see this reflected in the alternatives that I present. But, the first one being that we create a policy that addresses all of the concerns that I just shared. And by doing so, we can [stammer] achieve three things, one, making it more efficient and effective; two, making it more simplified; three, communicating clear

expectations. The community, or those who are interested in participating, will understand what our needs or requirements are, or what our expectations are of them and vice versa.

And then the second principle is, you always wanna align your programs or any initiatives that you do, ultimately, with your City's strategic goals and objectives. Now, this was prior to my time but I learned that you had the opportunity to spend almost a full day working on strategic goals and in'.., and objectives, which are phenomenal. And so, this can give us some sort of guidance as to how we can streamline and improve our programs to meet our City goals. Currently, we have five strategic goals and.., three of which I believe that this program can meet. The first being operational excellence, the second being government stewardship and accountability, and the third being community engagement and empowerment.

So, with all that said, if we keep that in the front of our minds, I will go through each of the alternatives. I will disclose to you early that the first alternative might require a bit more time, just so that I get through it and make sure that everyone understands exactly what this one is. The other two are, are fairly simple and, and won't take as much time. So, for alternative one, it's an application and selection process. You oftentimes see this with grant programs, where dollars are distributed, and so, this is an opportunity for us to consider making the community benefits program an application.., an app'.., providing an application and selection process. So what I did for this alternative is, I used our current.., I looked at our current policy and essentially tweaked it, changed it around so that it can meet our efficiency effectiveness and so forth. And, in addition to tweaking the four sections that it current houses, I've also added some additional sections to address some of those concerns I spoke about earlier.

So, for the first section, labeled as donations, and I do have a paper copy here in case I can't reads that myself. The first one is Waste Management shall contribute... And, I do wanna start with, I will go through this first alternative and allow me to go t through it first and if you have any questions or concerns, you can ask after each alternative. I say that only because you might have questions that pop up that I may be answering as I go through the slides. Alright. So, 'Waste Management shall contribute a total of \$90,000 per year to the City for use by the City...' And I do wanna stop there. So I have it bolded, City, only because I don't know if you choose to go this route, with alternative one, that whether it would be something you'd want to continue to administer to the legislative office or consider for City Administration. So I'm using that term generally. So, 'by the City, for public purposes as defined herein. The \$90,000 amount shall be donated on a one time, and that's bolded, 'one time annual basis until the expiration of the franchise agreement, unless there are extenuating circumstances to be determined by the City, and the funds shall be used within one year in which they are received.'

The second section, public purpose. For this piece, I only extracted what will be relevant, now that we're changing around the lingo, but the se'.., the section that I extracted is simply that the public purposes include, but are not limed to, charitable events, not for profit organizational events or programs and City functions or projects.

The third section, ineligible uses. And this re'..., mainly remained the same. I just added a few pieces to that, which are somewhat bolded. And I'll through this one as well. 'Ineligible uses or funds include the purchases of tables at events,' and this added, 'promoting religious beliefs.' And then I'll continue but I wanna stop there for a second. So, after speaking with, with Ellen, it's my understanding that maybe in the past, there has been a request to have dollars distributed to a funeral service and some individuals may..., I mean, you can, you know, challenge that and say, 'Well, that's not a public purpose anyway,' but oftentimes, any particular event or initiative that may be more religious oriented, is something you may wanna stay away from as a public agency. It doesn't mean that churches or faith based organizations cannot apply for the funding, as so long as the activity, or what have you, is for a public good, such as churches who do food sharing for the homeless or clothes sharing for individuals who are seeking work. And so, I'll continue, and so, 'contributions to campaigns, payment for salaries or for operational offense'..., expenses, funds cannot be used to cover elected official, or City Staff...' And I, and I highlighted..., not highlighted but bolded that. So, I added City Staff only because I believe that this is applicable to any and everyone in the organization, to hold us all accountable. So, 'City Staff travel, meals or for his or her personal benefit or gain, for the personal gain of relatives as defined by the City's Codes, the countrywide Code of Ethics, or state statutes as applicable. Funds cannot be given to an entity agency, organization for which the elected official or City Staff is the director or officer.

Alternative one continued. Alright. So the fourth section, procedure for requesting and releasing funds. So, this is where the changes occur, on blank date of every year, and I have it blank because, when I spoke with Ellen, from what I understand, they can release those funds whenever we choose. Currently, our policy states there's a release of funds on April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, but if you choose to go a different route with the pol'..., with the current program, you can actually select another date. So that's flexible. 'Waste Management will submit a \$90,000 check to the City of Riviera Beach, as contemplated by the franchise agreement. The City will undergo an application process to select recipients. The City will review applicants and select recipients according to a application guidelines and selection criteria. There will be,' and this is where the change occurs as well, 'there will be blank number of awards of how 'x' dollars each.' And, an example for that could be, there, there will be nine awards of \$10,000 each. 'Recipients will be notified through a letter to the entity, agency, organization acknowledging Waste Management as a donor of funds. Donations will be distributed directly from the Finance Department to the recipients.' A side note to this is that, if you do pursue an application process, you may wanna consider a month long timeframe to have that application available, with an addition of two weeks for a selection process. And sometimes the selection process can be quite lengthy, only because you don't know how many applicants you can receive. And being that this is a pretty, you know, this is a pretty popular program, you could see anywhere between a hundred, maybe a hundred and fifty applicants. If you wanna include a selection interview process or any other components to a selection process, giving yourself at least two weeks could..., may be doable in selecting your final recipients.

Alright. So additional sections that are not currently included in the policy that I've added, is a section for applicants, a applicant guidelines. The first being, must be a

501(c)(3) and, therefore, they would have to provide documentation. The second is the use of funds must be to the direct benefit of the City of Riviera Beach. This is not currently stated in the, in the policy but I think it would be beneficial that it's, that it's clear to the community or to potential applicants, that it must..., you must show proof that this is going to benefit our community. That those dollars can follow those..., the individuals or the community. The third piece of this is, mu'..., it must com'..., they must complete the program applicant. The next is they must provide [stammer] proof of past performance. It's my understanding that with certain [stammer] certain organizations or requests that you receive, you may not be too familiar, perhaps, with what they've done in the past, and so, this allows for you to ensure that you have documentation at the beginning to give you the confidence to move forward, or for them to prove their reputation.

The next is the public purs'..., purpose initiatives of which funding is requested for, must align with any of the following categories. And, keeping in mind again the City's goals and visions, these categories include Public Safety, Workforce Development, Economic Development, Environmental Sustainability, Youth Empowerment, Education, Health, to include mental and physical, Senior Services and Community Engagement. And this, of course, is flexible if you think of any other ideas. The next is, applicants must participate in at least two approved City volunteer opportunities. A list will be provided, and proof of participation must be included with the application by attaching a filled community benefit program volunteer timesheet. In speaking with some of you, I, I think this was a great idea only because, you know, if individuals want to get from the organization, I think there's an expectation that there's some skin in the game, that folks will actually take the time to participate with the City in whatever initiatives that we're doing. One that comes to mind is, like, the clean program. I think in discussions, we've talked about maybe creating a task force and getting folks in the community to help seniors push items out so that they can participate in that sort of initiative, maybe in public safety with our Police Department, Fire Department or anywhere else where we can leverage some manpower, some extra support. This could be a way in which we can make appeal for that.

The next is only volunteer activities completed within a year before the application opens will be taken into consideration. This is there only because you want to make sure that volun'..., that applicants aren't going back five years to apply. You wanna keep that engagement year to year. And then, the last element is that, and this was actually a suggestion by our Councilperson Anderson, maybe we wanna consider a mandator orientation prior to an application opening up. If you want these dollars, then you can attend an orientation to get a better understanding as to what this program requires, and then by doing so, so long as you meet the applicant..., applicant guidelines, we could consider you for progra'..., for the program.

And, I do wanna say, I know that this sounds like a lot but, as I get further into my presentation, I'm going to show you award options, because I think that if much is gonna be required, they'd know why, it's because maybe the award packages are a lot more as well and so we wanna hold folks accountable.

Alright. So, the next piece to this is...

**Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...recipient guidelines.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, let me ask you this...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Yes.

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...Ms. Noel.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Go ahead.

**Councilperson McCoy:** How many alternatives did you come up with?

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Just three. This one, I know, like I said earlier, it.., this one's gonna take just a little bit of time only because I wanna make sure I do this justice. I know that this is a \$90,000 grant and.., so I think it warrants some explanation if this alternative is considered. And I considered this alternative because it's common practice, oftentimes. Especially for something that kinda runs like a grant program.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** The last two are much shorter.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Yeah. These are sh'... Yeah. And, Dr. Botel knows 'cause I went through this with you. So, this is, I think...

[Inaudible dais comment]

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...the last slide before I get into the next two.

**Councilperson Lanier:** We, we...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** So after this...

**Councilperson Lanier:** I'm sorry. Madam Chair?

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...we can discuss a little bit more.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Go ahead.

**Councilperson Lanier:** We... Yeah. We got it.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Well...

**Councilperson Lanier:** We got it.

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...can, can we... Madam Chair, can we.., and certainly I, I respect what it is that you're doing but I have a...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Yeah.

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...some questions about the first...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Okay.

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...alternative and I don't want you to get way down the line because I can only write so fast.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Okay. [Chuckle].

**Councilperson McCoy:** And...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** I know. I'm sorry. I was...

**Councilperson McCoy:** I...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ....speeding through it.

**Councilperson McCoy:** I, I wanna...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Go ahead.

**Councilperson McCoy:** I didn't have the opportunity to view the proposed alternatives.

[Inaudible audience comment]

**Councilperson McCoy:** But...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** It's okay.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, the part., if you can go back one slide. I had seen something that says the applicant must participate in at least two City...

[Pause]

**City Manager Evans:** Volunteer activities.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Volunteer activities. Correct. Mhmm.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I don't know how that helps the organization...

**Unk.:** Yeah.

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...or serves a public purpose. That seems like it serves a City purpose.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Well, so long as the activity is for public purpose as a public agency, like the idea that I had in my, for instance, like, when I brought up the clean program, it allows for organizations that may wanna participate or receive funding to, like I said, kind of invest...

**Councilperson McCoy:** Right.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...in the community a bit.

**Councilperson McCoy:** But, but...



**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...by participating in something that benefits others.

**Councilperson McCoy:** We've seen, you know, I've seen nonprofits that I didn't even know existed. I've seen such a wide array of different organizations come and ask for dollars...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Yeah.

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...they may not be equipped to participate in an organization like this. I got someone that asked me for assisting with senior citizens in some...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Mhmm.

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...programs. So, I'm thinking, like, what are you gonna require of a senior citizen to come and do and volunteer if they're seeking assistance.

**City Manager Evans:** So...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Madam...

**City Manager Evans:** ...to, to that point, my recommendation would be, at a lot of events we're looking for someone to work a registration booth or some type of...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** A variety...

**City Manager Evans:** ...sweat equity into what we're trying to accomplish here as a City, based on your five overarching goals. And so, that was the intent that does the Boa'.., and, and that particular provision can easily be removed. It's just that a lot of times we entities that request monies for community benefits, but can we really see that all the monies that's being expended, is it accomplishing what the intent is, and is the City seeing these individuals more than just the once or twice a year when they're coming to request funds?

**Councilperson Lanier:** I, I agree. Madam Chair? I agree but, but this is.., this is too much. These are mini grants, these are \$300, \$500. I think that all of this that is required is too punitive. These agencies are coming to us because they're struggling to get funding anyway. So, if you give them \$300 or \$500, you're helping the agency. There are not gonna be any evidence based outcomes with this. It's just gonna be making sure that the agency is, you know, can pay their light bill this month.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Mhmm.

**Councilperson Lanier:** So, to have this whole long drawn out process for \$300, and for agencies that are struggling to get funding as it is, I think it's too punitive.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** No. I completely...

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...unders'...

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

**Councilperson McCoy:** KaShamba's on the phone.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Oh, okay.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Hello.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Stammer]...

[Inaudible dais comments and chuckles]

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Can I speak?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Go ahead.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I think.., I understand what [inaudible] saying but [inaudible] the amount, maybe that will bring it into perspective. Because [inaudible] understand what everybody is saying [inaudible] grant. [Inaudible]...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** I, I under'...

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible]...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** KaShamba, is very hard to understand what you're saying. I think what I hear you saying'...

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I know it's difficult, which is why I'm trying not to talk too much.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Could you, could, could...

**City Manager Evans:** She was.., the, the Chair was saying that if you would allow for Ms. Noel to show you the different options, based on the options and the proposed guidelines, then maybe it would provide additional clarity, 'cause we're looking to increase the amount of the grants versus a \$300 grant, where there could be a situation where you have a \$10,000 grant or a \$5,000 grant. Just depending on what the Board's pleasure is. So, that's why the stipulations here were a little bit more [stammer] req'... Yeah. More, more demanding, because the grant funding was more of the, then your traditional allocation.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Could I make a recommendation that we... I really.., trust me that what she has to say, the rest of what she has to say is much shorter than what she said so far. And if we could listen to the rest of it, I think what we might wanna think about, is tweaking this business about... 'Cause it, it seems to me that this business about volunteer activities, that they have to volunteer, maybe that's for the grantees that receive a couple thousand dollars, and they're more... You know, we can look at each one case by case, but lets.., if we do'.., if we can just let her go through the rest of her...

**Councilperson Lanier:** But let me...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...presentation...

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...tell you something to this, Madam Chair, to this alternative, that I don't think that Waste Management should be recognized as a donor. They're, they're giving..., they're giving us this money based on a contract that they received to us. It should be the City, should be recognized because this is a part of their contract. They only give us this money because we gave 'em a contract.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Well...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** [Stammer]...

**Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I'm glad this discussion is going this way.

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Sigh].

**Councilperson McCoy:** And you know what, I didn't wanna say it but I'm okay with not having it. Because I had somebody that contacted me that was disgruntled and said what's the [stammer] status of my application? And I'm saying to myself, who are you and why does one feel entitled? And it becomes too much.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. And...

**Councilperson McCoy:** It really does. And, here's the thing, we got three and a half weeks before a new allotment is set to come in. I would hope that, you know, I don't even like to deal with it. That's just me personally, because it's becoming too much of a problem. And even your first alternative, and I say this respectfully, it seems like now you're just shifting the responsibility off of us and putting it on Administration, and I, I don't know if we should be spending this kinda time on giving things to organizations that there is no accountability on. So, I didn't wanna kinda get premature in this but I think...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah.

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...it kinda opened it up. But I don't, you know, if it goes away, I'll be okay with it. And I, I reserve an opportunity to put that out of., as a motion if the Members...

**Councilperson Lanier:** No. Madam Chair, I'm, I'm not going that far.

[Chuckles]

**Councilperson Lanier:** Because I think...

**Councilperson McCoy:** But, but...

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...that these... No. I think that these agencies, these..., there are, there are nonprofit agencies that are in this City that are struggling to get funding.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Mhmm.

**Councilperson Lanier:** They have small staff, they ha'.., they, they serve a lot of people.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Mhmm.

**Councilperson Lanier:** And they're looking.., and, and if the money is there, this is a condition of the contract and, based on what I'm seeing, it should be more than that, based on the amount of money that Waste Management makes off of this City. It should be more money given to the residents, and to nonprofits in the City. So, if we're gonna have a discussion, it should be about more money being put out to residents and to nonprofits in this City.

Second of all, this should be a Saturday workshop because there's a lot of issues into this. You know, we're gonna get bogged down in the weeds with, you know, we should think.., we.., it should be this, it should be that so I think that we should workshop this because I have some issues on the point. I have some questions about things, and I think that it should be fleshed out in a, in a forum where we have the time and the opportunity to go through each of these points.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible].

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Mr. Lawson first, KaShamba and then... Go ahead.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm actually in agreement with Councilwoman Lanier, being that this contract, we're going back out for RFP. We don't know if our next waste contract will even have community benefit, that may not be a request after we workshop this. We have one more cycle within the current terms. So, to implement a new process that's gonna be taken on and just pass the buck, as Councilman McCoy has stated, I think that's just kinda pushing the problems around. Right now, I have fourteen organizations that were supported over this year using these community benefits. I have tangible evidence and information where each community benefit individual can come and speak upon 'cause that was part of the requirement that I wanted us to put at the very beginning, when we addressed community benefits.

I do agree that we should table this and continue to have this discussion at a workshop time because there's no point of changing it now when we're gonna be starting a new contract within the next year because as of...

[Inaudible comment]

**Councilperson Lawson:** ...right now... We, we have a new contract that's coming out and it's only one more cycle for this. So, to change the entire process, it makes no sense now when the next contract may not even have community benefits.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Okay. Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I'll hold off.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Okay. Mr. City Manager, is this something we can bring forth in a workshop session?

**City Manager Evans:** The saying that they taught all City Managers, if it is the pleasure of the Board, we can certainly do that.

[Chuckles]

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It seems to be the pleasure of the Board. Yes.

**City Manager Evans:** We can certainly postpone this Item for one of our Saturday workshops.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

[Inaudible audience comment]

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, I did announce that we did have public...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Oh yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** ...comment cards on this Item. We have two.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Why don't we hear from the public.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Under discussion?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Please.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** On discussion?

**City Clerk Anthony:** Yes. They are allowed to put in public...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

**City Clerk Anthony:** ...comment cards on discussion items.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Okay. So...

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** we'll hear the public and then...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Okay.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I have a que'...

**City Manager Evans:** And I, and I believe the Chair has something to say...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I wanna thank you...

**City Manager Evans:** ...as well.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I just wanted to thank.., thank you, Ms. Noel, for doing a great job. I know you spent a lot of time on this and we appreciate your time.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** It's okay.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** And we will take the time, at a workshop, to listen to all of the ideas you have and...

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** It's okay.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...discuss them thoroughly. Thank you.

**Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** [Inaudible] Miller-Anderson [inaudible].

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I have a question.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Ms. Miller-Anderson wanted to say something.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Councilwoman Miller-Anderson?

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible]?

**Councilperson McCoy:** What was the question?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Say it again?

**City Attorney Wynn:** I think she's asking...

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** What...

**City Attorney Wynn:** ...what happened.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Oh. What happens with the allotments [inaudible]?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** What happens to the allotments that we have now? Is that your question?

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Okay.

**City Manager Evans:** The, the allotments, we would still continue the program status quo. And, and the intent behind this presentation was that, if the Board would wanna see modifications, that any prior commitments obviously you would want to honor those, but how you would manage the particular program. And to Councilman McCoy's point, this

type of program is, is not very common in a lot of other entities, for multiple reasons. In addition to, as much as we want to believe that Waste Management is giving us the money, actually, the residents are paying...

**Councilperson McCoy:** For it.

**City Manager Evans:** ...those fees and then they're giving us back the residents' money. So, you know, something to consider in future contract' is saying reduce the resident rate...

[Inaudible comment]

**City Manager Evans:** ...based on the \$90,000 that you give us per quarter or what have you versus having a program such as this.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** My sense, I think from all of us, is that we'd prefer to have the residents' rates be lower and not have to deal with this \$90,000. It is burdensome and, and it, it does good.., it does.., as Councilwoman Lanier says, it does good things for the community but I think we might be able to find other ways to do that. In any case, we're gonna workshop this?

**City Manager Evans:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Workshop it. Yeah.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Great.

**City Manager Evans:** Mhmm.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Comments from the public.

**Unk.:** Excellent idea.

**City Manager Evans:** Yeah.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Bonnie Larson, Mary Brabham.

**Ms. B. Larson::** Bonnie Larson. Ms. Noel, you did a tremendous job. Thank you. That was a lotta work. And, Mr. Evans, what you just said I got in my notes right here, because we the residents pay Waste Management, we pay them for our utilities, pricking up our trash, we pay them for vegetation, which not everybody uses, we have to pay anyway. I use it, but not everybody does. So, wouldn't it be nice if we had that money back in our community? Wouldn't that be nice? 'Cause we pay it every month and we pay it also at the end of the year in our taxes, we pay again. And what I've noticed over the years is that a lotta times, Councilpeople are requesting the money that night. Now this has gotta be done in advance and vet it out, et. cetera, et. cetera. They can't come on the last minute there.

And my proposal is.., I hope at that workshop we get to say something. I hope. 'Cause we have some good ideas I think. A proposal would be to keep the community benefits something that benefits our community. Meaning, Riviera Beach. We got a lotta

requests from schools and, of course, that involves Riviera Beach students, but other students as well., And I don't know of any other city that gives us anything in advance. And., so, and oftentimes, another thing, is oftentimes we do it for dinners, parties, uniforms, let's make it something permanent. I hate to applaud this person, the former Singer Island person but I have to say, gotta give credit where credit is due, she did buy a bench for over there, for the walking., or, it was a water fountain or something for cleaning up the Fire Department. It was something that stayed in the community. Let's teach our kids to do something permanent with our money, let's not spend every dime we have [stammer] burning a hole in your pocket. They used to call it. Let's do something for our community alone, 'cause we are the ones who pay for it. And a lotta times, like I said, they're dinners, parties, you forget about t. The next week, you've forgotten about a party. You know? So let's make it something that we can see. We need., we need a lotta lighting in the City, people complain about they don't have speed bumps in their area. So, let's do something that years later we can say, 'Ah. This is part of the payment we made to Waste Management and it came back to us in this form.' Something tangible. Tangible.

And, you mentioned sweat equity. Well, we're not always., like she., like someone said, we're not always spending that much money, five hundred here, five hun'... We need to keep a list obviously. There must be a list somewhere of what entities have gotten money. I know that three, four of our previous Council gave to a., gave to a 501(3)(c), which doesn't even exist anymore. Does it say that it has to be a 501(c)(3)? Why can't it come back to our community? Do something., we all, every community needs something, so let's put that money to good use.

And you know what? You're talking about having them do some volunteer work, and., if you're giving big amounts and yeah. The thing is, I have never, ever heard someone who got money from us in the way of Waste Management, come back here and say thank you.

[Timer]

**Ms. B. Larson::** Never have I heard that.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Mary Brabham.

**Ms. M. Brabham:** Good evening. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

Residents, I want you to hear me loud and clear because any of them, we have talked about this numerous of times, this is nothing but a [stammer].., the pay to play scheme. And the Councilpeoples has whittled this City with this scheme. Waste Management, every stakeholder and resident pay into this here. You distribute this [stammer] money out to your friends and your buddies who you know. See, Ms. Brabham can come in here and put it out on the carpet for ya, but I won't do that tonight because this is what you all do with this money here. It should be retooled. I, along with the rest of the community base, you could not have done a marvelous prestation, Ms. Marsha, than what we as residents has said. This was not your money. See this Council? Peoples down in West Palm Beach, they went to jail for doing the same type of stuff. And



they abandoned some of this pay to play money here, for these entities that wanna come into the City to do business. You all are no better. Some of you all are no better because, see, I know you got family, friends and buddies...

[Inaudible audience comment]

**Ms. M. Brabham:** ...that you give this money out to. We will bring some of them in here and let them stand before these podiums and tell you how they get your money. And then, you write the invoices. You gets a cut and they cut they're cut too. Why Ms. Brabham know this? This is factual. I don't speak it off the top of my head here. The City..., it should be turned over to the City, and if you want to abandon it, abandon it. But you all should not be allowed to distribute any..., any of our taxpayers' money, we struggling to pay these water bills as it is. And you, as a governing Board gonna sit up there and give it to who wanna give it to? No, it won't work like that. Because Ms. Brabham will hold this ag'..., this against every last one of you all, from the Mayor on down. This will be a strike against you. Because we as a base, we have constantly said that this money belongs to the whole entire City, not just who you want to give it to, and how you want to spend it. If Waste Management is not a good company, well, they should not be in this City here.

**Unk. Audience:** Preach.

**Ms. M. Brabham:** In order for them to come into this City here and give us \$90,000 a year. Think how much \$90,000 can do to improve our communities, lay grass, help, help the elderlies with their windows or doors. No, you all inaudible] your programs and this is what happens here. Yeah, Ms. Brabham gonna put you out on the carpet here. And you don't want that. So you all better think, and think twice.

[Time]

**Ms. M. Brabham:** And accept this here, and let's stop this foolishness with our money, 'cause you won't be here long.

[Audience exclamation]

**Ms. M. Brabham:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair,, that concludes. [Pause]. Madam Chair, the time is now 7:41. If you would not mind, Madam Chair, to read the statement into the record.

**Unk.:** That one may be her cheat sheet.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Public comment... Here we go. Sorry. I got it.

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

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** PUBLIC COMMENT SHALL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. UNLESS THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WHICH, IN THAT EVENT, IT SHALL BEGIN SOONER. IN ADDITION, IF AN ITEM IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 7:30 P.M., THEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ITEM HAS BEEN CONCLUDED.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, the acceptance public comment cards for this particular section of the Agenda is now closed.

Bonnie Larson, Lloyd Brown, James Elder.

**Ms. B. Larson:** Bonnie Larson.

A couple questions. We talked last year or so about expense reports of the Council and the Mayor and the City Manager being online. I haven't seen that yet. Has someone told you not to do that? Maybe? I don't know but what about that? We were told that would happen because there a lotta question about it before.

And my second question is why are department heads still signing off on issues versus.., well, excuse me, why are Staff still signing off on issues rather than the department heads? Mr. Evans, you a'.., answered that last time but I forgot what you said.

I saw some people hanging around the LED sign out front, I hope that's a good.., I hope that's a good sign. They were from company. I see tonight.., okay. This afternoon I drove by and it was talking about the State of the City Address. It didn't say anything about the meeting tonight. Shoulda been tonight. Last time the CRA had a meeting... There's a misconnect here, somewhere because I said to the CRA, 'Why isn't your meeting on the Agenda?' Now Mr. Evans has put on several meetings ahead where we know there's gonna be a City Council meeting. CRA wasn't on there. And I asked, I asked the CRA and they said, 'Well, we have no control over what the City does,' but there's a disconnect because the CRA has gotta tell Ms. Anthony to put it on there, and Ms. Anthony's gotta tell the IT Department. So, there's a disconnect here in the communication. But that CRA meeting, those are a vital part of the City, that needs to go on our Agenda so that we know.., I saw at the CRA today, they're having a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Well, it doesn't show that on our website because someone didn't put it on there.

The medians, are those taken care of by the City or DOT because I drove by, and I've been driving by and the weeds are, like, eight to ten inches high, north of Broadway. Now today I noticed someone was out there cutting it but they shouldn't get that high. We get fines if we don't take care of our yard, but those weeds were that high. So that needs to be done more often. By somebody. If it's the City, the City needs to do it, if it's DOT, let's call DOT.

Oh, back on the Waste Management for just a second. Several years ago, somebody complained to Riviera Beach, I don't if was a State Attorney or somebody up in Tallahassee, somebody complained about the way the City was using Waste Management funds. So, we need to go back, somebody here will know who did that and

where that report is so that the people developing these things will know what we were criticized for before. Let's not have that happen again.

Internal Auditor. What does an Internal Auditor do? We, we met her last week but I don't know what they do. New Police Chief, we need to meet him one of these days. I understand he's gonna start in March.

**Unk.:** He's right there next to you.

[Chuckles]

**Ms. B. Larson:** What? He's right there? Well, I haven't met him yet.

[Chuckles]

**Ms. B. Larson:** So, we should all meet him.

Oh, I have something else but it's, it's too long for this. Too long for that, I can't get into that. So, I'll give it up.

Thank you.

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**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Lloyd Brown, James Elder, Margaret Shepherd.

**Mr. L. Brown:** You know, I see all these programs that you're tryna deal with the conditions that are going on in this City. I mean, you know, you can deal with the conditions but you're gonna have to find the cause of these conditions you're gonna have to deal with, or they're gonna go on and on. I mean, just to keep, like.., okay, the program the girl talking about, giving money out, I mean, I know many people who can use this money, just like Ms. Brabham said. But it's, like, what I figure, you got your picks and your choose, your choices or whoever you want.

And then another thing I gotta say is, I came into a community, I don't know, not redevelopment but Zoning and whatever, and I saw one of the individuals in here in that meeting who has property in Riviera Beach, and he's on the Council in Riviera Beach. But, he's up to the front of the podium talking to one of the individuals that are in that Planning & Zoning Board, and I don't trust him. I mean.., and then, I know there's a couple individuals in here who agree and talk with each other, they're, like, real good friends. Don't we have a Sunshine law? I mean, I think.., and they can't tell me they.., they couldn't look me straight in the face and tell me that they don't talk about things that go on, they don't agree outside this place. And that's 'cause that's bull. You can tell just by their attitudes. I mean, I'm sixty-five and let me tell you something, I done seen a lotta different people. I done met a whole bunch of different people and I can look at you people and tell that you.., you know, I wouldn't trust you, and I'm not saying everybody up there, but I'm being honest here, I wouldn't trust you. I think an individual to come in a Planning & Zoning meeting should not own property in these areas, where they're doing this Planning

& Zoning. I think that's a conflict of interest. But then I had some guy to come to me and say, 'Well, it's open to the public.' Yeah. That's okay. But the public don't get up and go to the front ad discuss anything that's going on in that meeting, with those Planning & Zoning people because you wouldn't have a bunch of jurors sitting in the back and you got the public defender and then you got the, the whatever they call it, the State Attorney sitting over there and waiting on them, you know, and walking up to 'em, talking to 'em. That's not right. That's a conflict of interest.

So, I'm saying, I don't think an individual who own' property in Riviera Beach should be in any of those Planning & Zoning Boards, especially if they're on the Council. 'Cause I do think that's a conflict of interest and I wouldn't trust these people as far as I can throw 'em. So, you know, honestly, I don't think it's right.

And another thing I wanna say, you know, I met an officer and I'mma tell you this right quick. We got a new Chief. I think, sir, you need to deal with these people, our community relationship because I ran into a officer who was about to jump on my neighbor because her dog was taking.., and she was walking. She was eighty-four years old, and this officer was gonna...

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**Mr. L. Brown:** ...arrest me because I had concerns about my neighbor. So, I wish I can talk to the Chief whenever he got time.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Mr. L. Brown:** But not right now. I'm gonna [inaudible].

**City Clerk Anthony:** James Elder, Margaret Shepherd, Mr. Willie Milsap.

**Mr. J. Elder:** Good evening. James Elder. [Stammer], let's see. I live in Long Pine Estates, next month will thirty-six years I bought that house and I've lived there continuously. It's on the golf course. It's a golf course community as you all probably know. It's been up for sale the few years. It's a, a private entity, owner, I believe that is.., it, it has it on the market for sale. My interest in it is, is to keep it a golf course, of course, maybe a little selfish. But, I, I believe it could be cash positive, revenue positive. If.., I did a quick look on Google to see if there was a listing price for it. I could not find it, but perhaps as a buy'.., a, a buyer, you would get to look at the books and see if it is cash positive, if there's enough revenue coming in to pay for it. And it may be something that the City would wanna have a municipal golf course, you know? I'm just puttin' it out there and let you guys think about it. Maybe somebody have some' do a little research and look into it and see if it's something that the City would like to do. I know junior golf is a big thing as in the swimming lessons and stuff. There would be a lot of monies that could come in for junior golf. Being down there and watching it, to me, there'.., there's a lot of people that walk the course, older people that walk it. But, I just think it's, it's an opportunity to have a municipal golf course. And I'd like to see somebody do a little research and see if it's feasible that the City could, could do it.

That's it. Thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Margaret Shepherd, Mr. Willie Milsap, Evelyn Clark.

**Ms. M. Shepherd:** Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach. To the Honorable Mayor and City Manager and to everyone in their respectful places.

I am definitely back. I'm definitely back. As I was sitting there listening to the television Channel 18, I have a couple concerns. But, Mr. Evans, I remember when you first came back you said, 'If you need me, call me. I'll come to you and,' and you know. I do have a great concern. Southside Coalition of Concerned Mothers, they're out there every Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 and there's anywhere from eighty to ninety children, and during Ms. Pardo' time, she had the Fire Department come out and they got toy, I mean, they had toys galore. And the children, they never saw a fire truck and they were screaming and yelling. They had to calm 'em down. They had Santa Claus. But they are the forgotten children, they are the forgotten chosen children and I think someone need' to go... Ms. Dawson, today I heard, she's a very proud woman and the last time I was over there, honestly, it was cold and I could not walk. The Brooks Center was built on behalf of them. When they went to Cedrick Thomas, Mr. Guyton came in and he put in money just so Mrs. Dawson and that group could sit in that building. They don't sit in that building. The name was not supposed to be Brookside. I can't think of the name but Ms. Dawson, that building was built for those children. If you go to..., every Thursday, it's like clockwork, those children come there. That's the only meal they probably get, because they don't give 'em peanut and jelly, they give 'em fried chicken, they give 'em meatloaf, meatballs, cake, vegetables, salad and the bread. This is a good meal that they get. So right now, you're talking about community benefits, they don't 501(c)(3) because back in the day, they were afraid of how people was sypholling money out of it. So, they're up in age now. But Mr. Evans, I think that you need to kinda meet with Ms. Dawson. I think she deserves this and... They're not bums. Ms. Dawson is a nurse, Ms. Paulk [sp], she's a nurse. You have Ms. Jones, she's a teacher, Mrs. Matthews, she's a teacher. These are women that give their time and their money. They deserve it, they deserve it.

And one more thing as my time is moving on, I wanna say to you, Tradrick, you're the most disrespectful person I have seen in a long time. You're, you're just an idiot. Mr. Evans is quite intelligent. I might not like what he says or does as far as the money, but you are disrespectful. He is the City Manager and I don't like how you speak to him, I don't not. If you have a problem with him, I would go in the office and...

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**Ms. M. Shepherd:** ...get it out. But you have no reason to sit there and talk to them... You're...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Stammer]...

**Ms. M. Shepherd:** ...just a full blown idiot. I really disres'...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Ms. M. Shepherd:** ...don't have no respect for you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank...

**Ms. M. Shepherd:** I am back, Tradrick, 'cause you know I know who you are.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you, Ms. Shepherd.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Mr. Willie [stammer] Milsap, Evelyn Clark, Reverend Burrs.

[Inaudible dais comments]

**Councilperson McCoy:** Hmm?

[Inaudible dais comments]

**Mr. W. Milsap:** Good evening. Mr. Milsap, 562 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Riviera Beach.

[Inaudible comment]

**Mr. W. Milsap:** I'd like to talk to each one of you about something pertaining the westside of the tracks, that ya'll don't consider. We are second rate citizens on that side. Seems like. All the events that you put up in the City of Riviera, you put them east of the tracks. East of US-1. We are citizens of this City. We are taxpayers, we're the residents here that looks beyond our beliefs. You have portraits, or a picture, hanging on the wall right there. You're showing the City of Riviera Beach. Show me where the railroads tracks at, where my house sit, and I've been in it forty-two years. Show me anything that you have on the walls in this City Complex, anywhere, that shows anything west of the tracks. For us. You know, I realize that ya'll don't give us no respect, in that sense of the word of doing anything for us over there.

I asked the Council a few times, why do we live in this City and we cannot spend our money here, but ya'll got a sign out there that says, 'The best place to work, live and play.' But each individual that works for the City have to go out the City to buy their grocery, to purchase their clothes, their automobiles or anything else they want because the City doesn't have anything to offer them. Why? Pleasant City has outgrown the City of Riviera Beach, Kelsey City has outgrown the City of Riviera Beach and I've talked to my Councilperson and asked them to talk to me, to call me. I talked to my Mayor about the train horn, he did not get back with me. Has my phone been disconnected? Not to my knowledge, 'cause I'm still paying the bill. But why do ya'll consider us a second rate citizen? Avenue O, off of Blue Heron, you have to drive down through there like you're..., as if though you're going through an obstacle course because of the drains and stuff up outta the ground? How long it's been like that? Ya'll should know because ya'll went out and got the contracts to build it, to do it, to work over there. You got slanted roads on that side of the tracks but you got smooth roads on this side. You got grass growing over there. I got a citation for my lawn and I've been complaining to the City about the corner of Martin Luther King and Barack Obama on 7<sup>th</sup> Street for how long? Since the last hurricane we had and nobody's took time out to clean it up or do anything about it, but have ya'll written the state and told them that you're gonna charge them \$250, the same

as you did me? We don't even have a bus stop, a bus bench in the City of Riviera Beach for the individuals that catch buses. Not me. You don't have a road map out there on the side of 95 that's saying we have anything here that you can get off and visit to. Or nothing. All ya'll doing is just being here. There's a place out on Military Trail that's opening up. You could... Why don't ya'll advertise that? [Stammer], somebody bring somebody in to build something out there, so the residents can have some place to spend their money here? We gotta spend all our money outside of this City. And we complain to ya'll, ya'll don't even address it. My phone number is still the same, and nobody's talked to me but I've seen each one of ya'll at one time or another, outside this City...

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**Mr. W. Milsap:** ...eating.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Mr. W. Milsap:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Evelyn Clark, Reverend Burrs, Amon Yisrael.

**Ms. E. Clark:** Good evening, Council.

I have some good news. We have wonderful people here in our City, especially Staff. So, I'd like to give them their roses while they are still doing a good job for our City. So, I want to give another 'You Make A Difference Award' to Mr. Arthur Johnson. Let me tell you, this gentleman, when he is going to the post office, when he is going to the grocery store, or when he's stepping out to get fresh air, he is driving around the City of Riviera Beach looking for heaps of trash so he can call Public Works to come and get that, and keep this City clean. So, kudos to Mr. Arthur Johnson. He's a keeper. Who else is a keeper, is Malcolm Sammons. He's right behind Mr. Johnson [chuckle]. And, they coordinate together to find these heaps of garbage and keep this City clean. So, Mr. Malcolm Sammons, he's a keeper as well. Let's see, I want to give a 'You Make A Difference Award' to Public Works because they help Mr. Sammons and they help Mr. Johnson. And, also to..., we have, I think, one of the best Police Departments around, so they really came to my assistant' to catch some criminals, and they're still working on that case, so I wanna recognize again Riviera Beach Police Department for a job well done.

And also too, I'd like to say to Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, the City Manager and to the Mayor, I'm proud to see young black men up on the dais doing your civil duty, trying to make a difference in our City, giving up your time and just doing a good job. If I have a difference of opinion about you, I hope I'm woman enough to pull you aside, do it on the side in public, and let us have our discourse. And I hope you would give me that same courtesy. I try to build people up, I don't wanna pull anybody down. I've seen that happen my entire life. So, I want you to continue to do what you do because I've seen over the fa'..., five years that I've been here, how our black men have been torn down by our residents. I wanna lift you up because I want the other young men to come behind you and do what you do. And I want you to encourage them, continue to do what you do because you're professional, you're polished, you're educated, you're trying really hard

and you're taking time away from your family and I know that's really hard. So, I will never tear you down, I will build you up.

Thank you for what you do.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Reverend Burrs, Amon Yisrael, J.B. Dixon.

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Good evening, Council.

I just wanna take a few moments to thank the..., Mr. Lawson and the City Mana'..., Assistant City Manager and the Police Chief, just got here, met with us the..., this Saturday at our meeting for..., out in the park. And we thank Ms. Lanier. She had a funeral and we thank her for letting us know that she wouldn't be able to come, but I think, if I remember correctly, I asked everybody to come. And, only Mr. Lawson came and I don't know why anyone else wouldn't come because it's a very [inaudible] meeting for that..., for the homeowner's association out there in Long Pine. And, we..., the City..., Assistant City Manager... Let me clear up one thing, she was, she was newly here, I understand and she's mentioned in her comments about the golf park. I guess 'cause it was meeting in the park, and talking about the golf course, she got the two kinda mixed up. The golf course and the park is two different entities. So, but..., both of them was bringing the information. And we..., and Mr. City Manager, and the Mayor, we'd like for you all to come and meet with us sometime. And the citizens would..., don't wanna just sit home look at ya on television, they want you to come and meet 'em personally. Like the gentleman was saying here earlier from Long Pine. I..., residents that..., he got some..., a lotta information, a lotta concerns that we'd like to con'..., confront with you all. And like he..., so,, one person in the meeting asked, 'How do you get on the Agenda?' I couldn't tell him. As long as I've been with this City because it's changed so much, how you apply to get on the Agenda to discuss your..., discuss your issues.

But again, we definitely want to thank, thank Mr. Lawson for being there and the, the Assistant to City Manager, Noel and the Assistant..., and the Police Chief, just came to town, I think that he came along. And I thought I saw..., I think I saw one of the Fire Department trucks there as well, showing some concern for the residents of Long Pine. Like Mr. Milsap just said, we' on this side and don't think that we are offering childrens. We are citizens, paying taxes as well. So, we want you to take the time to come. And I think I did say that if it rain', that the meeting would be the next Saturday. Now, we cannot predict the weather, but the, the, the president, when it rained early that morning, he assumed that it was gonna continue to rain but it did clear up before twelve, and at that time, he had cancelled the meeting. So, the..., but we thank those who did come.

So, we want to share this with you as the gentleman was saying earlier from Long Pine, there's a lotta concern. That's how come I mentioned in..., came in the first time, that we would like to meet with [stammer] the Finance Department, Human Resources Department, the Recreation department and the, and the Code Enforcement because all of these entities will play a part in whatever' happening in that pa'..., in that golf course.



We're hoping that it doesn't sell. Hope it'll remain as a golf course. But yet, beside' that, we're asking ya'll to come out to meet with us...

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**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** ...anytime you feel like, 'cause we meet every second Tuesday at the Fire Station just north of Blue Heron Boulevard at 7:00 p.m. Feel free...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you, Reverend Burrs.

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** ...to come.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I, I...

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Just show up and but we'll be glad to hear and see you when you show up. Every second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., at the Fire Station.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Reverend, Reverend Burrs, I'm sorry. I came out to Long Pine that Saturday morning and there was no one there. There was a sign that said the meeting was cancelled, no one called to say it was cancelled.

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Mhmm.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I called you because I didn't know wheth'..., whether...

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Well...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...the meeting was cancelled or postponed or what...

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Well...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...and I never did get a call back. So just be aware that when one cancels a meeting and expects people to be there, it would be appropriate to make an announcement that the meeting is cancelled and so that we know... I would, would've been happy to come, had I not been out of town.

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Okay. We, we, we apologize for that being the case but the president did say after it rained early that morning, we know, but then it did stop before...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Okay.

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** ...12:00 o'clock.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Okay. [Inaudible]...

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** But he ca'..., he had called... I thought he said...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** ...he called the City Manager, someone in the City...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Okay. Maybe I have your...

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** ...and told them that it was...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Maybe I don't have your right...

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** ...cancelled. But if you didn't get the message...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...phone number.

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** ...we do apologize for that.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible]. Thank you.

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Because.., for that instance.

**Mayor Felder:** And Madam Chair, we didn't get the message either. We just know it was...

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Well... Okay.

**Mayor Felder:** ...cancelled the, the Saturday before...

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Mhmm.

**Mayor Felder:** We didn't even know it was the next Saturday. So.

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Well...

**Mayor Felder:** We didn't get that information.

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Al'.., alright. He did say, 'Well.., we do apologize,' 'cause he, he's supposed to had called someone in the City and let 'em know that it was cancelled. And, and it if was cancelled, I assumed that you all knew that was gonna be the next Saturday. So, if you didn't get the message, it's not ya'll fault. We apologize for that.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Reverend W.H. Burrs:** Thank you. Mhmm.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Amon Yisrael, J.B. Dixon, Doretta Paulk.

**Mr. A. Yisrael:** Good evening, Council, Chair, Mayor, Council. Amon Yisrael, Riviera Beach, Florida. The Monroe Heights area where the slanted streets are. [Chuckle].

I'm here to announce that the Elks are having their annual oratorical on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. This is a oratorical, we have four contestants and they're gonna be competing for a \$10,000 scholarship. We expect whoever win the local, will go all the way to the national and win the national. Thus, winning the \$10,000. The students that we are working with, they are really incredible. It's been a pleasure working with them. Some of the students are twelfth graders but they're full time college students already. One will probably have their two year degree when he graduate' from high school. So they are some incredible students. All of them, except for one, attend Riviera Beach schools. The one that don't

attend a Riviera Beach school, he lives in Riviera Beach. But it's some out'..., outstanding students and we'd like to invite the Riviera Beach community to come out March the 22<sup>nd</sup>, that's at 3:00 p.m. at JAYS Ministry.

About a month after that, we'll be having the District, month after that, we'll be going to the state, the regional and then the national. But they are just some incredible students. A lotta times we hear the negative sides of students, but we have two outstanding ladies, two outstanding men that's extremely coachable, and just some of the best students that I've seen. So, you're free to come out. It's a donation of \$10. That's to help with the scholarships, et. cetera. But there are students in Riviera Beach, they're doing some incredible things.

Thank you so much.

**City Clerk Anthony:** J.B. Dixon, Doretta Paulk, Delores Williams.

**Ms. J.B. Dixon:** J.B. Dixon, 3000 North Ocean Drive, Singer Island, in Riviera Beach.

I would like to comment and congratulate Ms. Noel, who gave an excellent presentation as long as she was allowed to, and I would've liked to have heard the rest of that presentation because the public, although they can come to a workshop, cannot comment. And if we had been able to hear the rest of her recommendations, we might have been able to comment on them. I think it.., that was inappropriate to interrupt a speaker, ever, in the middle of a presentation.

In terms of the community benefits thing, I know it's very controversial, everyone has their own opinion about that. In my career, community relations was one of the relations, under public relations, that this Fortune 100 company that I worked for had and, therefore, I had those kinds of procedures in place. When I first heard, you know, those kinda procedures in terms of who applies and how the decisions are made, et. cetera, I think, as far as I was able to see, she was really going down that path of having procedures. And it probably is good to wait until the next grant time to put them in place, but one of the things that you may not understand is that companies who do business in various communities usually have, under community relations, a giving program because they are a presence in that community, their employees live in that community. So, I take exception to somebody saying that that's called pay for play. And, it may very well be that it is better, administratively, to give that, you know, to, to say to them, 'Don't, don't give us this administrative burden,' you know, but I can almost assure you that they will still give money to the community in one way or another. When I first heard about it I thought that their way of doing it was great because rather than a corporation sitting there and judging what a community needs, they were saying the elected representatives of the people should decide that. And that sounded really good to me but then, of course, ii saw where some of the money was going [chuckle] and I didn't think it was such a great idea.

I think in terms of Ms. Lanier's point about the struggling nonprofits, many nonprofits do not deserve to exist because they are very badly run. And they are very bad stewards of money, and that's one of the reasons why many of them are broke. And

so, I think looking at the financial stewardship and, of course, helping as one of, one of the recent workshops did, helping...

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**Ms. J.B. Dixon:** ...them be better is a good idea.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Doretta Paulk, Delores Williams, Mary Brabham.

**Ms. D. Paulk:** Good evening. My name Doretta Paulk.

And I want to mention, I have a couple of neighbors that live on Avenue H and I live on 20<sup>th</sup>, so we're right across. And, they're very concerned, just as the gentleman was saying about the trains. And I was up and I was listening to it, those trains come in four different times in the morning, around 12:30, around 1:30, 3:30 and 4:30. Those engineers are on that horn [roar sound], and is steadily on that horn, release, going [inaudible], four different times coming through our City. That is wrong. And I know Ms., Chairperson mentioned it last meeting, and please look into that, Boar'.., the entire Board, look into that. That is a very much a disturbance. And, a couple of my neighbors have insomnia, and they're sleeping well. And we're generally, in that area, we are little senior citizens and if that could be looked at. 'Cause something needs to be done about that.

Another thing, the Lift Station on Avenue H in part twenty, the stench is horrible. We are breathing in its toxin and, I guess they fix it for a little while, and then they say the snowbirds come in and it, it draws more of a, I guess, a, a power situation that they can't, I guess, handle. But this needs to be taken care of, because this is a very health situation that we are going through, breathing those toxins in. And who knows, it could be cancerous. So please look into that. 'Cause no one should breath that type of stench. No one. It's not good for our health at all, and our wellbeing.

Another thing, hats off to Councilwoman Lanier, concerning the last meeting when you said that we need to table, and it was tabled or postponed. The agent who came up here wanting to put.., build on Solitron, and he even said he didn't realize soil was involved in it, was contamination. Now, somebody's not doing their due diligence. And, you know, looking into this, when people come and want to bring this to our City, this is very hazardous and I thank you for getting a outstanding entit'.., entity to come in and see it, concerning this. That has no bias. Because we need this, and thank you for looking into that, and doing that. Taking care of us. You know? Very responsible. [Inaudible] very responsible. Because, this probably woulda passed, if you didn't bring up that situation with the soil. He said it's just water, water. But it's the soil too. And, until [stammer]...

[Time]

**Ms. D. Paulk:** ...all this is totally cleared up, nothing should ever be bui'.., built on that site. We already have problems with our water as it is. Nothing should be built on that site.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you, Ms. Paulk.

**Ms. D. Paulk:** And I thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Delores Williams, Mary Brabham.

[Inaudible comment and chuckle]

**Ms. D. Williams:** Good evening, to the Board and to our citizens of Riviera Beach and all those that watch Channel 18.

I want you to listen to me, people outside this forum here. The man that came up and spoke about the westside, I agree with him...

**City Clerk Anthony.:** Microphone.

**Ms. D. Williams:** The man that spoke about on the westside. I agree with him every word he said. 'Cause I'm, I'm going through the City, getting the people on the westside to sign a petition and we wanna meet with the CRA and how this is run, that the funds come through from the eastside and not on the westside. I wanna bring back up, they're talking about that water thing on Blue Heron. And I give you kudos too, Ms. Lanier, 'cause I couldn't get up there to speak about that 'cause they had a meeting and... They put the.., anything over there. My [stammer] Reverend Bournes [sp], and my family members, they say a lotta people sick 'cause the stuff is running up in Monroe Height'. So, it should be nothing there. I know you [inaudible] City Manager or something you all was gonna do. They.., one said their gonna build over the cement, then they're gonna drill there. Well, it's not [inaudible] for us to build anything. I don't know what you're.., trying to put the water plant whatever. Capital 'n', capital 'o', exclamation mark, no!

And the solid waste. Management, [stammer] tell ya'll before, ya'll put most of the citizens outta work here by going with this solid waste. They come and paint your house if you ask them. But then, they're gonna give you our money back. What good is that doing to us? I wanna meet with the CRA, I wanna understanding this. 'Cause I'm, I'm really serious about this CRA and the westside. They told me they couldn't do nothin'. And I wanna get it straightened out.

I was told by someone, and [inaudible], that I need to ask one of the Councils to bring this up, to have, what they call that, that the [stammer].., the Manager, where they, the Republican fix it so they could win all the votes. I need a Council to bring up this section that they put about thirty or forty years ago to beautify what part of the City they want, and they say the eastside. Time out, you're striked out, it's time to move to the westside. I want.., I... Mr. Lawson, will you, you look into that and start that for me? If not, I just have to look up for it myself.

And, Ms. Wynn, I appreciate her. I.., you got somebody in your office that will do.., try to destroy you. But this man was back in court again, that say he' worked with your office. I don't think he worked 'your office. He was so d'.., Margaret Shepherd called somebody dumb, but he was just illiterate. The judge kept asking him, 'Who are you?' He jumped on...

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**Ms. D. Williams:** ...the other people cases and they're trynna settle.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Ms. D. Williams:** You all need to check on this man. He came, then the judge ruled for my niece.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Ms. D. Williams:** Ya'll need to check on that.

**Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

**City Clerk Anthony:** Mary Brabham.

**Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

**Ms. M. Brabham:** Ms. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

On the community benefits, you all have given out our taxpayer dollars monies. \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$800 and \$900, and you don't want.., and you don't want we, as residents, to hold you all accountable for it? But we will. The soccer youth, sign up for the soccer. We've always said that it's more than just football and basketball in this City here, so the Parks & Rec Department is asking.., and, you know, all of the youth, it's a certain age, I think they will go up to twelve years to engage in those type of activities. And to the teachers of this City here. Your schools, you have those.., your, your children every day. You teach them and you also should encourage them more about this City too, to be partakers, getting involved in the activities that the City has to offer for our children as well., See? We don't want you abusing our children, we want you to love them, nurture them and let them know that they are a part of this community. So, engage the students more than just you teaching them. Because, when you teach them good ethics and good principles and characters, good character, it goes a long way in their life as well.

The Census here. Residents, count everyone under your roof. It doesn't matter whether you're a renter or you're a boarder, you're a stakeholder, there are billions of dollars in this City, in Riviera Beach, we have lost out.

**Unk. Audience:** [Inaudible].

**Ms. M. Brabham:** Tremendously. It does not matter where you live at, under whatever roof, sign up. It's education money, it's health money. It's a lotta money at stake here for you as residents and citizens in this City here. I totally agree with the picture here. I know this is all a marketing part, but also, maybe a, a whole skycam, a whole picture [stammer] footage of your whole entire City. We have to do marketing and a lotta times with marketing, we pull ed out the most greatest assets of our communities. But we also too, can make a overall view of just our entire City, that will show that part as well. Because

a lotta times it does bring conflict within conflict. So, we all are a part. Everybody does not live on the waterfront.

[Inaudible audience comment]

**Ms. M. Brabham:** So, I, I think that is something to be taken into consideration about.

And the Chair, think amongst you all selves to get...

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**Ms. M. Brabham:** ...a good Chair and a Vice Chair that can make our meetings flow. We do not want our meetings to be labored.

Thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

[Audience clapping]

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, that concludes.

**City Manager Evans:** Do you want me to hit on some of these?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Oh yes. Would you please?

**City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, based on some of the comments that were articulated by the residents. With respect to the expense report, we're in the process of rolling out a new website, so once we do that, that's when we will populate a lot of the information that Ms. Larson was communicating.

Signage, as it relates to the sign, we have talked to a vendor and we're in the process of solidifying that here shortly.

Internal Auditor. The Internal Auditor's function is to audit internal operations and to look at efficiencies and better business practices. They work and report directly to the Manager. But earlier, we spoke about them working with the Audit Committee, so just more transparency in government.

Our Chief of Police, who is in the back of the room, Mr. Osgood, is here and he's been with us since February 24<sup>th</sup>. But, his official swearing in date is March 12<sup>th</sup>. So, there will be information that will go out to the community, inviting everyone to see the ceremonial swearing in of our Police Chief. And he's very responsive, he's all over the community, so if you haven't had the opportunity to meet him, I certainly would encourage you to take the chance and sit down and hear the vision that he has for our law enforcement agency.

With regards to the Long Pine conversation, Staff did provide some information to me about the residents input concerning a municipal golf course. Before we would ever conceivably move in that direction, I would certainly encourage the board to obviously take a look at the cost for the asset, but then undertake a feasibility study because

municipal golf courses usually do not turn a profit and they become a big cost for the agency as it relates to the maintenance and upkeep. And I believe that particular parcel is well over sixty-six acres, so it is substantially bigger than any parcel that the City currently operates.

With regards to the Southside Coalition of Concerned Mothers, I will make it a point to go out to one of their events and speak with the individuals and see about ways that we can assist and facilitate anything to, to bring our community together and to make sure that the young people have an opportunity to interact with multiple City departments and offices.

As it relates to the comments on some of the projects on what would be called the westside of the community, there's a couple of projects, it I think sizable projects that we would like to have some more discussions with the Board. Right now they're in the internal phases of discussions with Staff, and we're looking about the feasibility of moving some operations that gives us a more prominent presence in the westside of our community. And so, that's something we certainly will look to expand upon.

The meeting as it relates to Long Pine at the Fire Station, I'll make it a point to put it on my calendar and attend one of their meetings and brief them on certain City operations.

There was a lot of com'..., conversations and comments, and the Chair has provided information with regards to the trains in our community and certainly we understand that that is certainly a nuisance and an issue and we do want to bring that to a regular meeting for a presentation for the Board to consider because there is substantial cost associated with it, to effectively move forward with a quiet zone, because what those rail agencies will tell you is that their railroad tracks were down before any communities were plotted and homes were developed in that area. So, if you are going to make the modifications to turn it a quiet zone, then you as a City or the government entity, bear the cost associated with that. And some of those intersections can cost anywhere from two hundred to \$250,000 per intersection. So, we do want to have the conversation with the Board to explore all options to see if there's minimalistic things that we can do to cure that issue, but this is a problem that I've had to deal with in multiple government agencies and being that the railroad tracks in a lot of communities were the way commerce was conducted in this state and across the nation, and when you look at how the land was plotted, that those tracks were there before most people settled that area. So, as we've continued to develop, they've been quite problematic and have restricted the access to our community, even to the point where when there's certain times where the train does stop, there's a public safety concern and, and we're certainly mindful of that.

About the CRA Board, or CRA boundaries. The CRA boundaries that was established by the City of Riviera Beach and the county, in order to expand the Board., or, the boundaries, then you have to go through a pretty arduous process. The CRA cannot expend monies outside of its boundaries. So, if there is projects or issues or concerns that the residents have outside of the CRA boundaries, those would be projects that the City of Riviera Beach should be the responsibility entity, so we would ask to have



conversations with the residents to really identify what are some of those areas of concern.

And then lastly, with respect to the 2020 Census, the speaker said that there's billions of dollars, there's actually trillions of dollars. We anticipate that over the next ten years, four trillion dollars will be appropriated associated with the Census. And the City of Riviera Beach, over the last ten years, has received approximately \$1.9.., close to \$2M, and that's because of our count. We're not an entitled City because our count is not over fifty thousand. If we were over 50,000, then we could be an entitled City to receive community development funds, CDBG funds. Directly, right now, the county receives that money and then remits that to the City. But, one of the things that we can certainly do, and I would encourage the policymakers and members of the community to urge the Board of County Commissioners to consider providing a larger allotment of those CDBG funds to the City of Riviera Beach for certain projects in certain areas in our community that can benefit from substantial investment.

So, it is so important that you participate in the Census process. This year is the first year that you will be able to do it electronically, so, you can do it on a mobile device or a computer. If not, the other option that they have, is you can call on the phone and there will be someone that will take your information on the phone. Then, they will do the mail. If they do not receive any information from you through those medians, then they will actually canvas the neighborhoods and then make sure that people are counted. For our folks that are not here with us year round, we certainly encourage you to fill out your Census here versus wherever home may be because wherever you are when you complete that information, that's where you're counted. So, we are going to be sending information out to the community about the Census, about the community value survey and about the State of the City Address.

And that concludes my comments, Madam Chair.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you very much.

## **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

### **11. ITEM NO. 11**

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, we're now on to Item No. 11.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Mhmm.

**City Clerk Anthony:** On behalf of Councilperson Lawson.

**City Clerk Anthony:** **C5 - ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM**

**DOUGLAS LAWSON, COUNCILMAN, (561) 845-3685**

**City Clerk Anthony:** We do have public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed. [Pause]. Madam Chair, do you want me to accept this card?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes. She, she was right there.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. So, colleagues and residents, we've heard a lot of the concerns with addressing the eastside and the westside, and the CRA boundaries. So, what we've noticed as travelling throughout the country, to these different conferences and seeing what local and other municipalities are doing, is they have a Arts in Public Places Program which is really addressing some of the beautification of our community. We wanna do our very best to beautify the entire community, not just our CRA District. We wanna acknowledge all the concerns and issues. If you look at our surrounding municipalities, they're beautifying their downtown districts, their municipal parks, their, their city neighborhoods and I want us to take that same approach, using the policy making that we have as leaders here in this community to implement a program that's gonna affect the next twenty and thirty years of our community. So, I am honored to allow for a homegrown young man to actually be able to present this presentation. Mr. Jackson is gonna give the presentation on, on behalf of this program.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Alright.

**Mr. J. Jackson:** Thank you, Mr. Lawson. Good evening, Honorable Mayor, Chair, Members of Council, City Manager Evans and residents of Riviera Beach.

The Item before you is a proposal to create an Art in Public Places Program for the City, a program that will not be administered by the legislative body, it will be administered through the City. So, this issue originally came up during the CRA meetings held on July 10<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> of 2019 by Members of the Commission and concerns expressed from the public. Comments such as, selection of mural projects, recurring maintenance costs, determination of placement, selection of artists and project design, to name a few, were discussed. To date, the CRA has completed and installed nine mural projects within the District. The Agency's public art and branding project, round one, had an estimated cost of about \$133,000, and round two has an estimated cost of a hundred and thirty-two. This program seeks to expand upon the successful efforts made by the CRA and address public art through a comprehensive and collaborative approach Citywide. It is important to note that the agency recently received global recognition in 2019 from the Florida Redevelopment Association for the mural projects located within the Marina Village. Currently, there is no umbrella policy in place which requires development projects to contribute to the City's cultural infrastructure.

The primary goal of the Art in Public Places Program is to establish a program for the integration of arts in to both public and private development projects throughout the City of Riviera Beach. The program will visually and live in the City, illuminate the City's history, diversity and culture and foster economic development. This goal will be achieved through acquiring, exhibiting and maintain public art for public consumption in public spaces.

Right out of the budget book, it states that Riviera Beach 2030 is a forward and progressive thinking agenda, that addresses the challenges that the City faces today, the opportunities that lie ahead and how it can deviate from the status quo. And we believe that this program will attempt to accomplish two or three of those priorities established by

the Mayor and Council at its retreat back in 2019, to strengthen community engagement, build great neighborhoods and achieve a sustainable economy. Since the beginning of human civilization, art has played an integral role and is constantly evolving. You see public art is not an art form, its size can be huge or small, it can tower thirty feet or seek the attention of the ground beneath your feet. It may be cast, built, assembled or painted. What distinguishes public art is the unique association of how it's made, where it is and what it means. And here's some examples. [Pause showing pictures of art]. There are a number of municipalities, both locally and nationally which have such art infrastructure programs, over sixty in the State of Florida. It will be in the best interest of the City to create a program that is uniquely tailored to [stammer] to the diverse culture of our community fabric, communities such as West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Boynton Beach, Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Delray Beach, Coral Springs, and the City of Largo, a community where City Manager Evans previously served. And, Mr. Manager, if you care to opine further on the key elements that was contained in Largo's Ordinance, that'll be great.

**City Manager Evans:** Certainly.

To this particular topic, I had the fortunate opportunity, as the Assistant to the City Manager, to work on a public arts Ordinance. But when the City Council was having the discussion, it was more so about place making to create a sense of community, a sense of place that when you walked into your quintessential government facility, it had character to it. The City wanted to effectively lead by example. So, what the City did is, they put in place funding mechanisms that would help spur the growth of the Public Art in Public Places. And so, what would happen is, a portion of the capital dollars associated with public facilities, would be set aside and it would be a fraction of a percentage, not to exceed 'x' amount of dollars and that would be utilized to spruce up your entryways, your common areas, your parks, your parking structures, crosswalks . And what we saw by implementing that, there was private sector involvement and it assisted in creating a sense of community and a sense of pride. And, it really allowed for the community to look at things in a transformational way, to the point where, even now in their comprehensive plan amendments, they have emphasized the importance of placemaking, especially within their downtown core. And, I think as we go into other communities here in Palm Beach County and you look at West Palm and what they've done with the parking garages, and even some communities have utilized some decorative improvements on parking structures to really have them blend into the surrounding area. Actually, Disney World, the biggest developer in the world, over at their Disney Springs investment, their parking garages all have hanging gardens. So, it adds a unique element to the community.

And so, this particular Item, how we choose to move forward can be looked at, at multiple fac'..., multiple ways. You can look at it as a situation that we as a City can adopt an Ordinance that says we would set aside a portion of monies associated with capital projects, you can also look to create a way by looking at a fee structure that says a portion of this fee would go for the purposes of providing grants for enhancements to the facades of private sector businesses. And, when I say that, it would be the façade or common areas that the public conceivably can see or access. It couldn't be something whereby

Jonathan, in his business makes improvements in the lobby or into the breakroom for the employees, it has to be a benefit for the public to be able to do this. So, there is multiple ways to effectively do that.

But if you look at these communities, and I think that's [stammer] what's very important is, these communities have probably experienced the largest growth in taxable valuable, when you look at cities across the county. Palm Beach Gardens was rated the number one community in the State of Florida to live. West Palm Beach and Palm Beach Gardens have both have got over \$3B worth of economic investment happening. One of the other communities that's not on that list is Sarasota and Sarasota County, that it's economic pace is passed where it was prior to the recession and is known for the arts. So, adding those particular elements to creating those sense of place and that destination provides for some value.

And so, the intent behind this presentation obviously is, is to start the conversation and then come back with some public policy recommendations for the Board to consider. And, and there's a lot of research I can tell you that Councilman Lawson and Mr. Jackson have put into this particular matter, but there is a value to looking at through a different lens. Even the other side of it is having a art committee that has a professional artist to help facilitate to ensure that you're putting quality projects in the ground and that they're representing what the collective vision is of the community because art is so subjective. In Largo, we created an art committee that was chaired by a professional artist that we did, in fact, pay but there was capital investment that came as a result of the program. And it continues to this day, and it.., now it is actually memorialized in their Comprehensive Plan. And I probably would argue that most of these cities have put placemaking in their Comprehensive Plan, which is basically, with the Charter an the Comp Plan is your Constitution and your Declaration of Independence basically. That's, that's what those documents mean.

So, certainly, it's something that I think should be discussed and, you know, we are here to provide any additional insight and perspective, from my experience and from the research that Mr. Jackson and Mr. Lawson have...

**Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

[Inaudible comment]

**Councilperson Lawson:** As we continue and actually introduce this program, this was something that was dear to Mr. Evans heart because he was very excited to see the progress, these steps 'cause he's seen municipalities be completely transformed with these Arts in Public Places Programs. Our neighboring cities, the development is booming down in West Palm, right now, and in Gardens. We wanna try to duplicate some of the development that is happening, while utilizing some of this program.

So Mr. Jackson, if you wanna just continue going through some options so we can express some funding mechanisms as well, and then discuss what we would recommend our Staff to do, if we'd like to move forward with something like this.

**Mr. J. Jackson:** So, some of the benefits associated with Arts in Public Places, it fosters civic pride, it acknowledges our cultural history, attracts cultural tourism, enhances our physical environment, brands the City, creates a sense of place, reduces crime, saves money and provides community involvement. The economic impact of Arts in Public Places, it is estimated that the arts and cultural industry has an annual impact of about \$3B in the State of Florida, \$345.3M in Palm Beach County and \$15M was generated for local governments, based on studies in 2018. Funding for the, for the program will be derived from fees collected for new development and/or remodel projects. In the ev'..., event a developer or project decide not to include artwork as part of a project's aesthetic design, a fee may be in lieu of artwork placement. So there, like Mr. Evan'..., Manager Evans said, there are a number of funding options that are available and it will be beneficial for Staff to determine what options should be used.

So, the recommendation from the Office of City Councilman Douglas Lawson is proposing City Council to direct the City Manager and appropriate Staff to develop viable options for an Art in public Places Program within sixty days for Council review and consideration, to include at a minimum, the following: Staff resources needed for such a program, branding for the program, potential locations, estimated annual cost for management, estimated annual cost for maintenance, program development and rollout timeline, and potential revenue.

And at this time, do we have any questions?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Public comment?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Mhmm.

**Councilperson Lawson:** We'll go to public comment first?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Do we have public...

**Councilperson Lawson:** Or...

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...comment... Do we have public comments?

[Inaudible dais and audience comments]

**City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair.

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

**City Clerk Anthony:** We do have public comments.

[Chuckles]

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** We'll have public comments first then.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Bonnie Larson, Evelyn Clark, Mary Brabham.

**Ms. B. Larson:** Bonnie Larson.

Our District projects, you got my attention one hundred percent. I'm very interested in art as everyone knows. And, but I have to tell you a little history on this. The Art in Public Places, that came up several years ago. It was Jeff Gagnon, and he presented it. And every new development or places they were working on had to contribute to that. That came up and it kinda, like, dissipated, it went away. Then, not too long ago, he brought it up again. So, where's all that research and where's all that?

If we're gonna have Art in Public Places, I seen of 'em which are good, some of 'em are not so good. I love the butterflies on, I think it's on PGA Boulevard, they're colorful and they twirl around very slowly. Not so crazy about that bridge in Palm Beach Gardens, when the artist kinda forgot that they were gonna be an outdoor exhibit and so they had to be taken down a couple years ago and redone 'cause they were made outta something which, you know, the elements just didn't protect them. So, we need to be conscious about this. Also, I'd like to say that whatever we put up eventually, be something that's generic, not ethnic because we have residents here of all ethnicities, we have residents,..., snowbirds who come down. We want everybody to be comfortable. No statues of particular people or things like that, but something generic and it could be, [inaudible], if you've ever been down to Coconut Grove, you've seen what they have. A little offbeat, some people don't like it, some people love it. I happen to love it. But, they have a lotta things and they're generic, it's statues..., not statues of people but [sigh]... Gosh. I wish I had a picture of it, but a lot of good ideas coming from there. And I'm just wondering, like, what happened to that..., what happened to those funds which we collected years ago, and what happened to the funds we collected not so long ago? What happened to that money that we already had in the account such as this?

So, I'm all for it. But, like I said, I'd like it to be a generic so that everybody will feel comfortable with it.

Thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Evelyn Clark, Mary Brabham.

**Ms. E. Clark:** Just a little bit of background history. Miami-Dade County was the nation's first Art in Public Places, a program of the Miami-Dade Cou'.., County, Department of Cultural Affairs, which serves the community through implementation of art installations dedicated to enriching the public environment and to preserving and enhancing the artistic and civic pride of Miami-Dade County. Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Program promotes collaboration and creative art projects that improve the visual quality of public places. These public art installations transform public places from ordinary civic areas to sites that can lift the spirit and connect the community, which is a goal of mental healing by Councilperson Lawson. The objective invoke creative problem solving through innovative collaborative project that result in validation, definition and expanded community identity. The goal of Art in Public Places is to exhibit visual art that is compatible and will enhance the architecture and general environment of the City.

Our City can be an official mecca collection of work from local, regional and national artists. The Art in Public Places could include photography, murals, mosaic sculptures and street [stammer] furnishings. The City of Riviera Beach has an opportunity to continue contributing positively to our City's evolving and vibrant urban landscape with Art in Public Places. Just mirror the Art in Public Places Program Ordinance that we see in so many [stammer] municipalities and which was also presented eloquently by Mr. Javarious Jackson. Perhaps Riviera Beach can bring back the cultural board for Art in Public Places and offer internships, coming from cities of Chicago, Atlanta, Delray Beach, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach. You see these great artifacts when you enter the City. It's great tourism just driving up Flagler Drive this past Sunday. My husband and I just stopped to look at the wonderful art that is in that city. And I would like to see that happen to Riviera Beach. I'm onboard, especially because it does provide good uplifting of your spirit and great mental health.

Thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Mary Brabham.

[Inaudible comment]

**Ms. M. Brabham:** Ms. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

I'm for this program as well. But from my understanding, the funding will come from the CRA side with the new businesses or, you know, is that correct before I...

**Unk.:** No.

**Ms. M. Brabham:** Okay. Okay. So, I do agree that art can be subjective, so I know that previously.., I went to a workshop twice when they was doing the murals. I did have some objections to some of that art that was there, so in looking at the presentation, what was presented here, we are a diverse City. And we are.., when we say diverse, it should represent who we are and whose we are. So, I, I, I do like this concept but I, I, I just wanna get away from all this football. You know? And all of that kinda s'.., stuff like that. It's, it's okay in its proper realm but if we are to be branded, we needs to be branded for the diversities of our City, as well as our building complex as well. You know? Because, so many times we just throw this out to whoever can come in and splash a.., paint on the wall and stuff. So, we want this professionally done and I'm hoping that, that, that they get the p'.., the, the artists in that really, really know how to do this. Because a lotta times, you know, you come in and, and you just do not have that, that, that skillset and that [inaudible] for professionalism that I can see, that would de'.., depict what we are asking for you to bring to this City here, to rebrand us. And to do a great, great job so that we can look good. When, when we look good, then that makes everybody look at us as knowing that we know who we are.

When I made the reference to marketing, it wasn't to take away anything from that intercoastal view. But also in our marketing, you know, I, I, I've been doing a little travelling too so I've seen a lotta stuff, so just taking some time off. But, you know, we

have the Rapids here, we have one of the top notch schools here, Suncoast. We have other, other well attractions here that the re'.., that the outsiders really don't know. That Rapids there brings in millions and millions of dollars, you know, a year for this City here. And not just the Rapids, but I would just like to.., for you all to do a little out of the box thinking. You know? In our marketing skills, you know? You can also incorporate all of this. We have that man'.., Manatee, you know, park over there at the Port and stuff, where the kids go over these, as well as other visitors. So, it is more to...

[Timer]

**Ms. M. Brabham:** ...to us than just water, but I thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you...

**Ms. M. Brabham:** Thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...Ms. Brabham.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, that concludes.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Mr. Jackson, if you could come pull back up some of the, the examples. So colleagues, imagine if we had artwork. Like, for example, even though Ms. Bonnie Larson doesn't like the idea of a statue, we have an intersection of Barack Obama & MLK, imagine having a statue of Barack Obama and MLK shaking hands. Imagine in our intracoastal, we having submerged statues when we have the number one dive location in the world, and having that as a tourist attraction. We'd have people from all over the world travelling to our City. Imagine the programs that we'd be able to fund utilizing the money that is actually coming from the developers who are coming to our community to beautify this community. We're trying to attract these businesses, so we have to give them reason to come here. Beautifying our thoroughbasses with.., coming of Blue Heron, off of 95, coming off of Singer Island, coming up Barack Obama and MLK. These are things that we need to really focus on and beautify within our community. So, I want us to really focus on creating a program that's gonna benefit the next twenty, thirty years of this community and beautify it and transform this community. We're not Wynnewood, we're not Northwood, we're Riviera Beach, so we don't wanna do what they're doing in their community, we wanna do what this community can actually benefit from by creating an actual Board that's gonna oversee the development of this program.

So colleagues, I'd love for the support of this and instruct Staff to move forward with creating a policy within the next thirty to sixty days.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Lanier.



**Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. I would just like to say, I do, I do like this project and I like the.., if we can link this in terms of a fund to new development/developers contributing to this fund. Also, in a sense that it would be a competitive process that we would focus on local Palm Beach County artists and not so much all national artists. And also, you know, being able to have something that...

[Inaudible dais comment]

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...the developers who come to this City can play a part in it. That means that they can fund these type of projects. Now I know a lotta times they in'.., in lieu of them doing it themselves, they actually contribute to a fund and that would be something I would be interested in. I just don't want the taxpayers to be on the hook for it, I want it to be something that can be generated so that the people who come into this City, to build in our City can fund this project.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Mayor Felder:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Anything else?

**Mayor Felder:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Mayor Felder:** Let's not.., and Doug, I love your idea. But let's not forget the Bahamian cultural also.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Mhmm.

**Mayor Felder:** You know, you, you hear history about Bahamians really came over to Riviera Beach to.., founded it but you never hear that history. So, you know, we have a, a great Bahamian population here. If we can include them also in, in, in some of the artwork, I think that'll be great.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you. I don't... Anything else? Yeah?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Yes. So, Mr.., I guess Mr. Jackson or Mr. Lawson, I think it's a great idea, I just was concerned, because I know I had a conversation with Mr. Evans last year sometime about the amount of fees that new construction costs, that the City just earns on... Help me out. Impact fees.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Impact fees.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, if we're looking to.., and I, I think I heard you kinda reference, like, derive fees from portions of fee structures. So, would that be modifying our current fee structure or basically adding an additional fee, in addition to the current permitting?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Based upon what some of the other municipalities are doing, they've added on an additional one percent., half a percent to one percent fee to the new development that comes into the community. So, what we did is, we actually asked Mr. Sherman to come up with numbers for us to see what additional tax that would be so this fund can actually be established. So, it would be an additional tax of anywhere between half a percent to one percent, that we would add on to all new construction, and then we would ask Staff to outline and determine if that's gonna be based upon certain residential, commercial, if that's gonna be based on a certain number of units. So, creating the best policy.

But, Mr. Evans, you had a question? Statement?

**City Manager Evans:** And, and, Councilman, to your point, some have also crafted the Ordinance that allows for if a developer says, 'I would add artist elements to my building and to the exterior and to the crosswalk,' they have an opportunity to opt out of that with the understanding that they will make the improvement son their side as well in lieu of paying that. But if they didn't want to, they can contribute to that fund. And usually, their contribution to the fund was lo'., is lower than what they would spend themselves to do that. And so, you had some situations where developers would say, you know, 'We believe in what's going on but one of the things that's critically important in this, is we as the City have to set the tone. If we don't lead and we don't embrace and, and start changing how we create those places in, in our parks and those types of things, it's hard to get that business community to buy into, 'Why should I pay more when you're effectively not leading by example?' So, I think it's important for us to look at our parks and our infrastructure and say, 'What things can we do today to really have this take hold and have the business community excited about it?'

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I'm hearing consensus from the Council that this is something that we agree that we should move forward on, and I think that we would ask Staff to pursue this and to investigate the possibilities and, and come back with a proposal that we can vote on.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. 'Cause, 'cause it's...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So, thank you.

**Councilperson Lanier:** It's...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...usually only to, only about., I think that, from my understanding at., a lotta times, only about \$5M that they put this surtax or extra tax to, it's not like somebody coming in with the \$100,000 project...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Right, right. So...

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...and you tax them.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Exactly. I think...

**City Manager Evans:** Right.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...Staff needs to...

**City Manager Evans:** Yeah. Usually...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...come back to us with a proposal...

**Councilperson Lawson:** Right.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...that we can actually vote on. But, I appreciate the work that you put into making this presentation, Mr. Jackson. Mr. Lawson, it was great of you...

**Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...to bring this...

**Councilperson Lawson:** And...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...to our attention again. I know we did discuss this. Ms. Lars'..., Larson is right. It's..., I feel like déjà vu. We've had this conversation [chuckle]. It was probably about a year and a half ago and I, I also don't know what happened with it. So, I'm glad that it's brought up again and we can pursue it. Yes...

**City Manager Evans:** Ma'...

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, Mr. Evans, I wanna ask, in addition to the percentage of the, I guess the derivative of the fee, you mentioned a portion of capital dollars?

**City Manager Evans:** Yes.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So...

**City Manager Evans:** Yeah. There would be a portion of capital dollars for City projects that we would set aside and so we would.., and, and it would be a certain percentage, not to exceed a dollar amount. So, if we had a \$50M project and let's say we put one percent, we wouldn't say, 'Okay, the cap may be \$500,000 with that \$50M project and we incorporate that in the overall design elements [stammer] associated with the capital construction costs. But, we'll, we'll tinker with some options and bring it forward.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Well, can you also bring back an'..., a possible option to allocate existing fees that we earn from Code Enforcement, since it goes directly back to, you know, beautifying the community. I think, you know, if we can use the allocation of those dollars.

**City Manager Evans:** And to your point, Councilman, I think you're..., you hit the nail on the head. I think we have to look at our entire fee structure, because I also think we need to look at some type of fee for the acquisition of Parkland or, you know, greenspace

as properties come available to the City, do we effectively want to acquire parcels for looking at regional parks or looking at preservation of greenspace, or providing for additional boatlifts or, you know, kayak launches. Anything we can do to get folks out on the water in our community. As a beach community, we should really look at that but I, I think our fee Ordinance associated with that is..., needs to be looked at.

So, we'll, we'll bring some options for the Board to look at but sp'..., we'll hit on the arts element, but then look at other items that the Board may wanna consider as we have the discussions.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Councilperson Lanier:** Thank you. Madam Chair, I'd just like to...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...thank Councilman Lawson for bringing this forward and, you know, to tell you the truth, this is really something the Community Development Department should be bringing to the City..., to the City Council. But, I appreciate the fact that he took the lead to bring it to us.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Councilperson Lawson:** And Madam Chair, I just wanted to thank Mr. Jackson for all the research and the great presentation. And thank you for all the work that you're actually doing for the City as well because these are the policies that we need to incorporate, that's gonna really affect our grandkids, and our next generation. So, thank you, Mr. Jackson. Excellent job.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It's a great [inaudible].

**Councilperson Lanier:** Thank you, Mr. Jackson.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

[Inaudible audience comments and clapping]

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Last Item.

[Inaudible comment]

**Councilperson Lanier:** [inaudible].

## 12. ITEM NO. 12

**City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 12.

**City Clerk Anthony: DISCUSSION OF RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DONATION REQUEST FOR 1052 W. 30TH STREET, RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA, 33404.**

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

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, we do have public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

**City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, I'll, I'll begin with the presentation and then Ms. Jenkins will, will assist in providing some additional comments concerning this Item.

The Riviera Beach Community Department Corporation has sent letters to City Administration talking about the possibility of working with the City to effectuate something that is very important in our community and that is workforce housing. One of the things that we have tried to do, is to work with our partners to move forward to see some of these properties revitalized and ultimately be placed on the tax roll. A lot of the property that the City of Riviera Beach currently owns remains vacant. There's some situations where we have worked with partner entities to see some of these projects come out of the ground. And I had the opportunity to have an in depth conversation with the CDC and Mr. Bullard, and take a look at the phenomenal work that the individuals from the Reentry Program are doing at the home on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and I think Mr. Bullard was being very modest with regards to the trades and the crafts and everything that they're learning, and the exceptional workmanship that is happening on that property. So, in the conversations that I had with Mrs. Jenkins, there was a property that was identified at 1052 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, that the City of Riviera Beach currently owns. That home is, in essence, shuttered. There's no activity that's occurring in that home. It basically is a shell. And so, we thought that this may be an opportunity, if the Board will indulge Staff and the CDC to consider the transfer of the City's rights on the property to the CDC, for the purposes of moving this asset to move forward with the first time homebuyer program and having the reentry Staff assist in bringing this property up to standards.

We believe that this is a...

**Unk.:** Mhmm.

**City Manager Evans:** ...great opportunity. We believe that the CDC, based on the information that has been provided to us, has the wherewithal, the abilities to deliver this particular property. We would recommend that if the Board wanted us to move forward in such a fashion, it would come back at your next regular meeting to effectuate the transfer, with the understanding that the City would have some type of restrictive covenants to ensure that the City's interests are protected and that they can deliver on the timeframe that is articulated and it is an asset that goes into the first time homebuyer program.

So, without further ado, Ms. Jenkins is gonna provide a presentation concerning this matter.

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Thank you, Mr. Evans. Vice Chair Botel, Council Members, Mr. Mayor. Thank you for the opportunity to come and make this request in person. And I've had the privilege of working with the [stammer] Reentry Program for the last.., more than six months on a particular property. And, what Mr. Bullard did not mention is that we've also done about ten smaller projects with the Reentry Program, working with Code Enforcement, doing beautification, painting, landscaping with a number of residents throughout the City.

So, I'd just like to give you a little information about the house on 30<sup>th</sup> Street. As Mr. Evans said, it's a stalled, single family residential project, which the City of Riviera Beach currently owns. It was acquired in May 2008 and we believe, for the intention of creating first time home ownership. The CDC would be in a position to apply for a permit upon receipt of site control and we believe that we can have this house completed within one hundred and fifty days from permit and notice to proceed to the general contractor. And in this case, it will be the general contractor working with the Reentry Program.

We'd be asking for expedited permitting and the construction, the vertical improvements would be financed with dollars provided by the CDC. Our intent would be to sell it to a first time homebuyer, who is a member of the Riviera Beach Homebuyers Club. And, we do have a current wait list of prequalified buyers. And we always do affirmative marketing, and that was one of the questions that Mr. Evans asked to City workers, first responders and City residents, of course. The property would have a restrictive covenant which we would negotiate and bring that back to the City. Here is an aerial view, right off of President Barack Obama and 30<sup>th</sup> Street. It's several lots in and you can see it outlined in red three, on a single family lot.

We would do this under our Neighborhood Reclaim Workforce Housing component. Currently, the house has an asphalt comp'.., composition roof and, based on our inspection report, there are about ten years of useful life left on the house. There is some, some damage to some of the shingles because it's been sitting for the last ten or eleven years. There is some damage to windows, although most of the windows are covered. You can see there's overgrown vegetation and there were some instances of wood destroying organisms or wood rot, which would be repaired, of course. Because it is basically a shell, the major systems were never completed, the interior was never completed and the walls, ceilings, floors remain unfinished. And I believe in your backup, you have a copy of the inspection report that gives you some additional pictures and information.

Riviera Beach CDC would issue a Request for Bids, which would include the Reentry Program. And we go through a formal process because, depending upon the source of money that the buyer might receive, it might be federal funds, CHIP funds, we anna make sure that we've done all of the appropriate steps so that we widen the opportunity for different financing to participate in the project.

As I said, we'd be ready to begin construction and we could have it completed within a hundred and fifty days after receiving a notice to proceed. Once completed, we would have a new family, senior or veteran single family unit, three bedrooms, two baths with a one car garage, with nineteen hundred square feet on .15 acres. So it's a nice size

house. We always put in impact resistant windows and doors. There is a little back yard patio which will be really cute on the back. There'll be custom cabinetry, a wired security system, energy efficient appliances, lushly landscaped yard. And, we would target and hope that we could bring it in to price at about two and a quarter. However, we'd sell it at appraised value, whatever that value is.

And I thank you for your attention. And I'll take any questions.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible] public comment?

**City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair.

[Inaudible dais comment]

**City Clerk Anthony:** Bonnie Larson, Delores Williams.

**Ms. B. Larson:** Bonnie Larson.

When I looked at this Item on the Agenda, I looked at the photographs and it was exactly as you said, Mr., Mr. Evans. It's a shell of a building, so I'm wondering what the history of this... Who owned this building? Why was it sitting there like that for ten years? It's been sitting there for longer than that but what happened that they only built the outside of it? Who owned it and why did we buy it? So now, you're talking about turning it over to the CDC, and the intent is to sell to a first time homeowner from the Club, in Ms. Jenkins heads up.

Now, what we heard last month was that most of the people in Homebuyers Club are not residents of Riviera Beach, so what assurance would we ha'... Well, it's what they said. You're nodding no. I heard it. But, what assurance would we have that this would go to a Riviera Beach person? Who's in the Club. And, we say we'd sell it at market value. What would market value be? 'Cause that's a big house, one thousand nine hundred square feet. But I'm just curious as to why was there only a shell built? And what's it gonna cost to renovate it? I think she s'..., well, she didn't say what it would cost to renovate it. But that's great that we would have the returning citizens working on it, give them some experience. But I'd really like to see it go to a Riviera Beach person. So..., if they're in the Homebuyer's Club, rather than to somebody from another city get it. But, I'm just curious as to why that was only a shell.

Thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Delores Williams.

[Inaudible audience comment]

**Ms. D. Williams:** Again, I'm up here. Hello, Ms. Botel. Are you doing alright? Being a widow? Okay. Prayers are with you.

Well, Ms. Jenkins, [inaudible]. You're tryna give a first time homebuyer. Someone was telling me to tell you, you could build a new one from the ground...

[Audience chuckles]

**Ms. D. Williams:** ...less than that. But, you're doing what God has placed in your heart to do. So, we're asking the Council all to help her do that for our first time homebuyer.

I should go back to something but, Mr. Evans, you responded to Mr. Lawson when I asked him to be able to, to check for me, the CRA. But you said it's two things that you're gonna do for the westside. Two entities. Two things. And we've been waiting for thirty-five years, something to come to the westside, to do two things? Two? One, two, turn two? No. We need more than that, we need the whole City. I have to give this to Ms. Brabham, about the whole thing up here. Show it all. Because, if you show it on the we'.., on the westside, you're not gonna get that pleasural marketing thing for the State of...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** We need to stay...

**Ms. D. Williams:** ...the City.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...to the topic of this house, if you please.

**Ms. D. Williams:** Yes. I'm talking about the houses, 'cause it's still gonna be on the westside, that's on the westside. That's one thing they're doing on the we'.., that's one of your two things for the westside? The house there? Is that one of them?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Just keep your, you topic...

**Ms. D. Williams:** That's on the westside. We're talking about the houses. It's the project that's on the westside, so can I talk about that?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Ms. D. Williams:** So, is that one of your.., of the two items you say you have...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Mr. Evans...

**Ms. D. Williams:** ...for the westside, ya'll got...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Mr. Evans will respond when you're done. Thank you.

**Ms. D. Williams:** Okay. I wanna address the question to him so he can respond afterwards. Okay? So, is that one of the two? You answer me that. I, I think I'll stay here 'til you get to the end. [Pause]. But, I think there's a lotta lots here. You can do more than that. For the westside. To be for the.., what you call it, the C'.., CDR' whatever? There's a lotta houses they do. A lotta land and stuff here. But you're bringing these investors in that are buying up. I think the last time someone brought it up said our City was sixty-seven percent rentals, that all homes and stuff like that has been converted into rental property. That family members and grandmothers and.., struggled hard and paid for... On the westside. And I'm telling the westside gonna have to jus wake up and



try to get more demand. [Inaudible]. I don't like to demand nobody or force nobody to do something but we got to just wake up and do a little more on the westside. It just bothered me about that. They told me they couldn't do nothin' for me on the westside. That bothers me. And the things I've been looking about this, it's not right what they've been saying. And about giving this to that and the county. There's a little more to that. Watch, I'm gonna bring it to here. I, I had a federal U.S...

[Timer]

**Ms. D. Williams:** ...judge call me.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, that concludes.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thanks. Mr. Lawson.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam. Ms. Jenkins. [Pause]. The CDC is allowed to operate outside of the CRA, so anywhere in Riviera Beach we could possibly have this project, correct?

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Okay.

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** We can operate it anywhere within the City.

**Councilperson Lawson:** So, with all the projects and any of the land or the revitalization of any of these properties, it can be anywhere in Riviera Beach?

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Yes, sir.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Alright. So, just a few quick questions. What contractors are used and how were they selected?

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** For this particular hose? Our primary intent would be to work with the Reentry Program. We'd like to do that. We will issue a Request for Bids. We'd have them submit a proposal because we wanna make sure that we are being financially prudent, and we'd move ahead. The CDC has a, along with the CRA, we went through a process, if you all may recall, where we had a contractors outreach, and we have a list of vetted and approved contractors that we give bids.., share bids with. But it would be a public process.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Okay. So, was that a public process for the one that's being done on 1<sup>st</sup> Street now?

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** I'm sorry, sir?

**Councilperson Lawson:** The project.., you guys.., the CDC is working on a project now, cur'...

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Currently? And was that a public process...

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Yes, it was.

**Councilperson Lawson:** ...for the selection? Okay. Are these contractors providing training and certification for these individuals that's coming from the, the..., what is it? The Reentry Program, that Brother Orie's doing?

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Yes. There is a general contractor who's overseeing the construction, who signs the permits, who submits the payouts, who is doing training with the Reentry Program. And we'd invite you, all of you, to come out and see the program in action. As Mr. Bullard said earlier, there's a classroom portion for the re'.., for the returning citizens, as I like to.., I refer to them. And, onsite, they're learning various skills. There are some skills subcontractors who are on the job from time to time, to provide finished elements of the construction because we are delivering a quality product. There are several other reentry members that I've observed before they started on this particular house and just seen the evolution and development of their skills is remarkable. So, they're doing things.., assisting with forming.., putting up form boards for the concrete walkway, they're painting, they're helping to put up drywall and finishing and sanding the drywall. They're helping with baseboards, they're learning how to lay tile, they're learning how to do basic carpentry. They're looking over the shoulder of the electrician who rewired the house. And on this particular house on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, it's a former rental property that the CDC acquired a year or so ago. And, we went out to the market for bids to rehab it, so that we could sell it to a first time homebuyer. Those bids were so high, and because appraisals were lower than what it would cost us, we couldn't afford to move forward with that house. So, working with the Reentry Program is a perfect marriage of...

**Councilperson Lawson:** Mm.

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** ...creating a laboratory in the community, taking a dilapidated property, returning it to the tax rolls, making it available for a first time buyer and having something beautiful in the neighborhood. You should see the neighbors and the passersby who stop to go inside the house to look at it. We have a fence that's up now, that has the stain on it that is very, very unique. So, I would invite you to go by there. We have promised the neighbors in that particular area that when we finish that house, and I've talked with Mr. Evans about it, we wanna go and do landscaping and painting for those who need it, get some of the neighbors to come out and volunteer and we want to create a model block. And I also didn't mention that, next to that house that's under construction, the CDC acquired a vacant lot. So, we're also taking with the City about our next project, building a brand new house there, so we'll have two homes in that 900 block of West 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Councilperson Lawson:** And, follow up question, Madam Chair.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lawson:** The selection of the first time homebuyers, what steps do you take for selecting the..., who actually gets these homes?

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** If you've attended some of our classes, you know that for each session, and we just had our kickoff this past Thursday, there are anywhere from thirty-five to forty people who go through each session. And, and I mentioned earlier that we'd always do affirmative marketing. And that means that we look at first come, first ready, not necessarily first come, first serve. You have to be first and ready. A few months ago, the CDC had a bus tour and I know some of your aides were able to join us. It was a rainy day but we put our buyers, potential buyers, on the bus and we showed them all of the potential opportunities for homes that we either had under our control or that we were working in partnership with, and we drove them around. And, they had sales packets with potential sales prices, descriptions of the homes and they were asked if you're interested in a particular house, you know, sign a letter of intent to let us know that you want the house on 1<sup>st</sup> Street or the house on Avenue J, or wherever it might be. And what we told them is, if we had multiple people interested in a particular property, we then do a lottery for that house. The buyers must be..., they must be..., go through the counselling program. They have to qualify. All of these buyers acquire a mortgage of some size and we have to be able to put a deal together with the appropriate subsidy so that it is a financially viable deal. So it's a, it's sorta complicated but it works, and people have an opportunity.

And for the public who's listening, I don't have a contact on that house. I have people who are interested but I don't currently have a contract. We hope that by the time we invite you out for our ribbon cutting and open house, we're gonna have a grand affair, that it will be under contract. But I guarantee you, once people see it, we're not gonna have any problems selling it to one of the members in the Club. And incidentally, it's the Riviera Beach Homebuyers Club. We have a number of City employees, first responders, residents, there are a couple of people in this building who are in the, in the Club. Homes we've completed, we sold to Riviera Beach residents, a number of them who were employees. We have four or five homes, we didn't build them but we put deals together for Riviera Beach residents who are buying homes in the City.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Ms... Sorry...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Go ahead.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair? So, Ms. Jenkins, just to let you know, I'm very much in support of this program.

**Ms. A. Jenkins:** Mm.

**Councilperson Lawson:** I love the process that you're creating. You're actually getting these properties back on the tax roll and creating home ownership with this community. So, as quickly as you can turn these over, we wanna be able to get as many of these properties back over to you. The City owns a lotta these single dilapidated properties that we need to get renovated. So...

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Thank you.

**Councilperson Lawson:** So, if we can get them revitalized and sell them to the right people in the community, at the right price and make it affordable, this is actually what we can do.

And, City Manager, I also want us to really start looking at larger tracks of land and really going after some of the real estate that's out there and putting together bigger parcels, 'cause these one offs are great where we can get these back on the, the payroll. But as we spoke about in our Agenda review, I really want us to kinda develop at, at a bigger rate, at a larger rate and provide an..., address the concern that we had with the housing crisis, address some of the concerns that we had with some of the dilapidated property and really revitalizes our community.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you. Anyone, anyone else?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Oh. Yeah.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Ms. Lanier.

**Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted to say I definitely support this project. And also, to look at other infield properties around the City that we can acquire to be able to do something like this.

Now, what about housing for returning cit'..., citizens? Is that too controversial in terms of looking at a, a grant subsidy grant [inaudible] for people who are, are return citizens who qualify?

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Definitely not. And that..., wouldn't that be the most perfect thing for this partnership, is that one of our returning citizens then move into one of the homes? So that is the ultimate goal and we're looking forward to it. We have a homeless crisis, so, you know, creating some quality housing for people who are house challenged, is also our goal. That's, that's the beauty of having a CDC working in partnership with the City. So most definitely, we're open to that.

And let me clarify something. Orie mentioned guys and..., I, I want you all to know that in this group of returning citizens who've been learning beautiful skills and learning how to report to work and wo are doing great work on the house, there is a woman who works harder than all of them. So, Lele, this is a shout out to you.

[Chuckles]

**Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible]...

**City Manager Evans:** And, and I've seen her in action, she's...

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah.

**City Manager Evans:** ...she's good.

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Yeah.

**Councilperson Lanier:** And one more question.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Go ahead.

**Councilperson Lanier:** I wanted to ask, in terms of.., I know that there's a Homebuyers Club and it's a lotta about home ownership, but have you ever had any discussions about lease to own, about people who...

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Most...

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...are not in that position right this minute. But...

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Yes.

**Councilperson Lanier:** ...are going in that direction?

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Yes, ma'am. If you will recall, in the budget presentation from the CRA when I presented the housing portion, we set aside some money to do two to three lease to own homes. So, some of the houses that we hopefully will do in partnership under this program, could be leased to own, where we can get people back on their feet and eventually into full home ownership. Most definitely.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Anyone else? Mr. McCoy.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. A couple questions. Ms. Wynn or Mr. Evans, do you know how we acquired this property? Was it through a foreclosure or a conveying by the property owner?

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** It was a tax deed.

**City Manager Evans:** Yeah. I, I would have to defer to, to Ms. Jenkins but I think it probably was a tax deed ...

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Yes.

**City Manager Evans:** ...that we...

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** It was a tax deed.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Do, do you know approximately when?

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** In 2007, 2008 the City acquired it and it sat... The construction started back then and, you know, we went through a deep, deep recession and it was just sort of sitting there. And that's why it was never completed.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, the.., so, I guess this is a question for Legal. So, whatever surplus, is it possible that we can recoup this? Like, obviously, we took the property, right? So, if there was any other fees or anything that's outstand, can we recoup that? Because I know a similar situation came up just recently when we had a property, and we were going to give it away but then the new buyer had to then come up with the lot clearing fees, because that was a true cost that the City had incurred. And that was something

that we couldn't waive. But I just, you know, I know we got it from a tax deed sale and I know certainly it's well intentioned and I like the program, but if at all we can recover the cost that was associated with the lot clearing fees because if it's been sittin' there for twelve years, I certainly appreciate what it is that the CDC is doing but I don't think, you know, at least we should be able to cover back the cost that we spent our taxpayer dollars for, to send people out to maintain and even board and secure those properties.

So, that would be my concern. And any true cost, like litigation costs.

**City Manager Evans:** We can bring that back as part of the follow up, 'cause this is basically to see if the Board had the appetite to move forward in such a direction. So we can bring those numbers, and then that would give Legal and, and Administration an opportunity to research what those hard costs were. And then, you know, the Board can take the policy direction to say, 'Yes. We'd like to recoup this or, or no, we don't wanna do this because we are concerned about the affordability element, associated with it.

But we'll do some more research and bring that back.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Anything else? I certainly support this. I thank you so much, Ms. Jenkins, for bringing this to us. You know, every year the C'..., the county sweeps..., the state rather, sweeps out the Sadowski Fund and we are left with nothing for...

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Mhmm.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...workforce housing, affordable housing and, in fact, Mack Bernard now is suggesting that we have a \$150M bond, which would go fifty to workforce, fifty to affordable...

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Mm.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...and fifty to homeless. So...

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Right.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...I think this is something that's clearly on our minds as, as something that we can do in the community to help citizens who are in need of housing. I, I...

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Yes.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...support it completely. Would the City Manager like us to suggest a., that we recommend to, to Staff to pursue this and to effectuate this transfer? Is this something you'd like a motion on?

**City Manager Evans:** Yes. And, and one of the things, as a point of clarity, the Resolution that was adopted that creates the opportunity for the City to transfer property interests to nonprofit entities has a sixty day waiting period, so the Board would..., in order for us to move quicker, the Board would have to waive that sixty day language to allow for us to move through the process, or basically, the clock starts from today for sixty days to allow for anyone to express any interest in the property. So, if the Board wants to see

that or, or truncate that to thirty days, we can certainly do that but it is the pleasure of the Board. That's one of the mechanisms that have..., that has to be discussed or addressed for us to, to move in that direction.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So, if we can have a motion that we direct the City Manager to work with the CDC to effectuate this request and to conduct any other associated investigations they have to do to make this happen, and to waive the sixty day waiting period. Can we have...

**Councilperson Lanier:** So moved.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Do we have a second?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Second.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Second.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, I think I heard Miller-Anderson trying to...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Oh sorry.

**Councilperson McCoy:** ...get your attention.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Ms. Miller-Anderson.

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Second. It was a second.

**City Manager Evans:** She..., I think she was trynna second it.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Oh, I think she was trying second. Thank you [chuckle]. Thank you, Councilwoman Anderson.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

**Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

**Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

**Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** Thank you.

[Chuckles]

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Good job, Annetta. Thank you.

**City Manager Evans:** And, Madam Chari, just to.., at the end of the presentation, the CDC has done their homework and has provided us a list of properties to really move forward on that. And, I think that's probably more suitable for a Saturday workshop because I know the Housing Authority also has some interest on some of those parcels, so there may be some opportunities...

[Inaudible comment]

**City Manager Evans:** ...to work with these two entities, to effectively get some substantial progress on the Board's initiative to address workforce housing in our community.

#### **DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So, discussion by City Mana'... Oh no. I think there was another question that you might not have answered. It had to do with something about the westside and we [inaudible]...

**City Manager Evans:** Oh, the, the comments that was made with regards to, to the westside.., and, and I really hope that everyone attends the State of the City Address because we're starting to look at our community holistically and look at it as the City of Riviera Beach, that from corner to corner, ocean to as far as our municipal boundaries touch, is that we're gonna address issues holistically and as a community, but we are working on projects that we hope to have further discussions with the Board, that's gonna give us a significant presence in our community in a certain particular area. I don't wanna be very specific because we're still working on some of the nuances, probably in the next wo weeks we'll be briefing the Board on some ideas that Staff has come up with. But, it is a substantial move to be able to address some of the challenges we've had with regards to our facilities in the City. So, we will be having briefing conversations with the Board, we're just trying to obtain all the information necessary so it can be a thorough conversation. But certainly, we know that from a recreation footprint, and from a community footprint, we need to start looking at recreational spaces, community spaces north of where they traditionally are, north and, and west to try to be more inclusive and, and provide for recreational amenities. So, that's something that we're looking at. And Director Blankenship is moving with a Parks Master Plan and that will look at our existing Parks inventory and how we need to look at things holistically as a community and improvements that we can make.



So, we're working on that same vein but there's some additional information and it's too premature to provide it in a public setting, but certainly, once we get to a good point where we have good information where the Board can make a policy decision, Staff will bring that forward for you to consider. But we will be briefing you probably in the next couple weeks individually.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you. Was that the extent of the discussion by City Manager?

**City Manager Evans:** A couple of quick things, quick things.

Certainly, excited to have Chief Osgood onboard. If you can be in attendance, we have his swearing in ceremony and we will be putting out information to, to the community, inviting them to participate in the ceremonial swearing in. Chief Osgood and his family will be in attendance and the law enforcement team is excited about this particular process and really forging forward with a new day in, in law enforcement here in the City of Riviera Beach. So, we're excited about that.

Also, I would like to also tell the Board that we were successful in securing the services of Ms. Althea Pemsel, who is going to be the Procurement Director. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience. One of the things that was very impressive and exciting for us is, she is a member of the Design-Build Institute for water and wastewater. So that is a great thing for us, having the understanding and experience with regards to the Procurement processes when you talk about major infrastructure such as that, has served in various capacities in procurement from, I think a buyer all the way up to the rank of Assistant Director in agencies that are larger than, than ours, has a graduate degree and a wealth of knowledge and experience, and she will be coming on towards the end of the month of March. So, we're excited to have her onboard. And thank Mr. Little for serving in that capacity.

We also will be making a final selection for the Development Services Director position by end of week this week. And then I will provide additional information to the Board.

So, a lot of the Staff level positions as, as it relates to executive team members are starting to come onboard we're hoping to finalize some of the [stammer] existing job descriptions to put that out by the end of the week. So, certainly encouraging people to look out for information on the community value survey, as well as the State of the City. And, we will also be putting out information for the City's Leadership Academy. So, I'm excited about some things that we have on the horizon, as well as our Youth Council. The elected officials all received these nice cards, and these are personal invitations from the elected officials because we want their assistance in filling up the room at the auditorium at Suncoast. So, each of them have ten, so we're gonna see if all our Council Members can get at least ten people to, to attend the State of the City Address. We've got a really good program in place and I think the community's really gonna be excited about what the City is getting ready to embark upon. And, and the success that this Board has made just in the short term that you all have been in office. So, we're looking forward to that event. And looking forward to the community participating.

And that concludes my comments, Madam Chair.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY**

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Comments from City Attorney.

**City Attorney Wynn:** No, thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Comments from..., committee reports. I attended the Economic Development Committee of the Palm Beach North Chamber, as well as the Government Affairs Committee of the Palm Beach North Chamber,. And I wanted to report one interesting thing that we had an opportunity to experience at the Economic Development Committee and that is that we had a gentleman there, Justin Dennis, who's the cofounder of a group called Urban SDK, and they're working on a piece of software... You know, we have this smart and connected communities project that we've been working on as a consortium of the ten cities that are in the Palm Beach North Chamber, and this gentleman's software will allow us to go even deeper into sharing data amongst cities. One of the projects that he talked about having effectuated in the Jacksonville area is, for example, homeless people up there can go to a kiosk and get a ride to a hospital when they need it. No matter where they are, they can get service..., a ride to a hospital within five or ten minutes because they use this software to connect all of the, all of the different municipalities in that area. So, I think it's very exciting that we have this at our disposal, or will soon. And that's something that the Chamber is gonna be paying for.

That's all I have to say about hat.

**STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**13. THE MAYOR WILL APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO THE RIVIERA BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD TO FILL A VACANCY CREATED BY THE EXPIRATION OF COMMISSIONER DELVIN THOMAS' TERM.**

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** And then, statements by Mayor and City Council, starting with the Mayor.

**Mayor Felder:** Yes. Just a couple things. First, I wanted to make an announcement that I will be appointing a new member to the Riviera Beach Housing Authority Board to fill a vacancy created by the expiration of Commissioner Delvin Thomas' term. You can reach my office for a application. Get with my Chief of Staff, Jatelsa Brown.

And also, Mr. Evans, it did come up tonight about the O Avenue, and I know it was passed a month ago but they're not doing work on M Avenue. I think they're supposed to leave M Avenue and go to O Avenue and for the past couple weeks, I see nothing on M Avenue. So, if we can have that checked out.

**City Manager Evans:** I'll, I'll certainly check on that tomorrow and, and update you, Mr. Mayor and the rest of the Council.

**Mayor Felder:** Alright. Thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Lawson.

**Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, ma'am. I just wanted to thank Principal Granger and Mary McLeod Bethune. We had a Student Appreciation Day over at Mary McLeod where the entire police force and Fire Department came out, and the kids had a phenomenal time. If you guys haven't seen it, it's on social media. It's..., City of Riviera Beach Facebook Page has already put out a video from there. And those kids, just seeing the police officers, the firefighters, seeing Chloe the dog. They had a phenomenal time. We need to continue to give that exposure to these kids to show them..., and to have them working with the officers in blue, and with our Fire Department. And actually, you know, really encourage them. They wanna see people besides just their parents and these teachers. So, if we can continue to go to these schools and mentor to the kids, that will help bring down the crime in our community. That will help with these young people that are gonna be citizens, voting citizens, in the next ten years to actually being engaged and staying in the community. So, I want us to really reach out to do that and continue to do that.

Ms. Jenkins, gain, I wanted to congratulate you on that project. I'm really excited for what the CDC's going to do, and we just keep pushing it as well.

So, colleagues, thank you. Have a great night.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Lanier.

**Councilperson Lanier:** I also attended a meeting with the [stammer] Transportation Planning Authority. The last meeting that I went to, which was a couple of Thursdays ago, was just a huge meeting on the whole State Road 7 expansion and..., so that meeting was totally taken up by that particular issue.

Secondly, I wanted to thank Ms. Noel for her presentation. I also wanted to say that Mr. Manager has spoiled me with these Saturday workshops because a lot of these issues, especially something like this. This has been a controversial issue from the beginning, with these community benefits. And I wanted to give it enough time to be able to flesh it out because you had a lot of very good information but it was a lot of stuff to discuss and you see that the Agenda looked very small tonight, but we're still here and it's almost 10:00 o'clock. So, I wanted to be able to have the time to be able to go through this issue and to be able to have the input that we have the time to be able to do. So, no offense to you, I just wanted to make sure that you understood that it was good information but we just did not have the time to be able to flesh it out like we really, really need to, and also have public feedback with it as well.

And also, again, just thank the residents for coming out. I appreciate the fact that they come to the mic and they let us have it. And I, I can appreciate that, and I appreciate the fact that people who are looking on television, that they always have something to say

about how we do business here and that's a good thing. So that, you know, we can be able to say that if we're going to serve the citizens of the City of Riviera Beach, then if we don't, then you're gonna let us know and we need to change our ways. And we appreciate that.

Thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Mr. McCoy.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Evans, so, the two items.., I, I think you said Housing Authority and also CDC has some houses. Are they.., did they both identify the same properties or the concept?

**City Manager Evans:** Same, same kinda concept. Same...

**Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

**City Manager Evans:** ...kinda concept. So, we want to bring.., have a joint meeting and then, you know, look at.., see where there's lapse as far.., or, there's consistency on both lists, or there's properties that have been because the Board may decide to set, you know, policies that says, you know, traunch 'a' goes to the CDC and 'b' goes to the Housing Authority with some intentions but I'd have to reconcile. There may be some similarities on the list but there may be some, some difference. But we do wanna have that Saturday workshop to talk about housing in its entirety.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And I, I certainly wanna bring back the community benefits. Was it Staff's desire to have something done before the expiration of the current, I guess, the end of the month?

**City Manager Evans:** We can, we can bring that back as, as part of your.., one of your Saturday workshops 'cause we'll probably start those again in April.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Mhmm.

**City Manager Evans:** The intention is to get some direction from the Board as to how we wanna move forward because I think there's five hundred and seventy-eight days left on the contract. Not that I'm counting but...

**Councilperson McCoy:** Your counting.

**City Manager Evans:** [Chuckle]. But we do want to, to have some clarity as to providing some type of process that, hopefully, alleviates, you know, the items on your, your desk.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Thanks. Last item. We're already in March, and I think I sent something earlier, has there been any dissemination about the closure of Wells for the early voting?

**City Manager Evans:** We have had some co'.., we've had conversations about early voting and we've even, to make sure from a public safety standpoint, obviously that has

been communicated that, that's really under the, the purview of the county. The City Clerk's office also told us that the area where people are able to stand outside of a, a voting location has now increased from about a hundred to a hundred and fifty feet. But we have been working with our county partners concerning that and being prepared for anything that we can do. The other side of it is, we would have to work with the SO 'cause they would be a, an entity that would be present in the event that there was anything. And the other side of it is, if we did have a police presence there, we would probably do with ununiformed personnel because we don't wanna intimidate or, or create a situation where people feel concerned about that, you know, that part of our democracy. But we will make sure that folks are safe going in and out of the precincts as, as best as we possibly can, but we're prepared from the Staff side.

**Councilperson McCoy:** So, from operational standpoint, from Parks & Rec, like, the normal functions of whatever would be occurring there? Has that been addressed, is my question.

**City Manager Evans:** I, I believe that the programs have been..., 'cause they've been working with Staff, I believe those programs have been resolved and, and that those are not gonna conflict with the, the early voting location.

**Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Thank you.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** That's it? Thank you. I wanted to thank Ms. Jenkins again for letting us know how successfully that project is going. I'm so happy that Orié Bullard was here this evening because I've been meaning to get a hold of him because that hard to hire group hasn't met in a while and I'm determined to get it back going so that we can really address the needs of our returning citizens. So, thank you for involving them. Could you tell me once more the address of that house so people will know to go by there and check it out?

**RBCRA Ms. A. Jenkins:** 950 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** 950 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Okay. I'm gonna come over there and take...

**Mayor Felder:** Ma'...

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...a look. .

**Mayor Felder:** Madam Chair?

[Inaudible comment]

**Mayor Felder:** Oh go ahead.

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes. I'm happy to say that we will be very..., in the very, very near future, finalizing..., actually, putting in process, the pre-apprenticeship program for the marina industry that we were able to obtain through CareerSource. We've been working very closely with CareerSource to get jobs for people in the community. They've been very active in my Workforce Development Taskforce and I'm so happy that's

happening. We've also got a, a \$3M grant in front of the Department of Economic Opportunity that will bring more CareerSource training right here in Riviera Beach by refurbishing what's now the Rog'.., Judge Rogers Center, so we'll be able to give courses right there fr'.., in the marine industry. So, I'm happy to see...

[Audience clapping]

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...that the work of the Career'.., of the Workforce Development Taskforce is moving along nicely.

And that's all I have for tonight.

**Mayor Felder:** Yeah. Madam Chair? Just.., Ms. Jenkins, I'm proud of you. Keep it up. My Chief of Staff, she is so excited. She's about ready to get her house and I give kudos to you for walking her through the process.

[Inaudible comments]

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** If there's nothing else, we stand adjourned.

[Gavel]

[End of video]

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