

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 15, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

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

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CHAIRPERSON KaSHAMBA L. MILLER- ANDERSON – DISTRICT 2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON
CHAIR PRO TEM JULIA A. BOTEL – DISTRICT 4	CHAIR PRO TEM BOTEL
COUNCILPERSON TRADRICK MCCOY DISTRICT – 1	COUNCILPERSON MCCOY
COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY 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  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
APRIL 15, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I'd like to call to order the Regular City Council Meeting, for April 15, 2020, 6:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam, roll call.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, before I do the roll call I'd like to announce to the public that this meeting can be viewed live on the Riviera Beach Channel 18, YouTube, Riviera Beach TV. Also, on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and Hotwire Communications.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Mayor Ronnie Felder?

**Mayor Felder:** Here.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Chairperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

**Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Present.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Pro Tem Julia Botel?

**Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Here.

**City Clerk Anthony:** 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?

31 **City Manager Evans:** Present.

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

34 **City Attorney Wynn:** Here.

35 **City Clerk Anthony:** You may proceed.

36 **INVOCATION**

37 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

38 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. We'd like to have a moment of silence. I know  
39 we did this in our Utility District meeting a few minutes ago, but a moment of silence for  
40 our employee who we lost from COVID-19, as well as Former Council Member Liz Wade  
41 passed on yesterdays. And I'll go ahead and have Ms. Lanier go ahead and do the  
42 Pledge for us if, if you could.

43 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. I pledge allegiance...

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

46 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.

47 **AGENDA APPROVAL**

48 **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

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

50 **City Manager Evans:** No, Madam Chair. We do not have any additions, deletions  
51 or substitutions from Staff.

52 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Anyone else?

53 **DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL**

54 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Disclosures by Council?

55 [Pause]

56 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

57 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Can we have a motion to adopt the Agenda?

58 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So moved.

59 **Councilperson Lawson::** So moved. Second.

60 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

61 [Chuckles]

62 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Madam Clerk. [Pause]. You're on mute,  
63 Madam Clerk.

64 **City Clerk Anthony:** Ms. Lanier made the motion, Mr. Lawson second?

65 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I made the motion. Botel...

66 **City Clerk Anthony:** Ms. Botel? And Ms. Lanier second?

67 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** , Mr. Law'...

68 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible]. Either or. That's fine.

69 **Councilperson Lawson::** Yes.

70 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. [Chuckle]. Councilperson McCoy?

71 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

73 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

74 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

75 **Councilperson Lawson::** Yes.

76 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Botel?

77 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

78 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

79 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

80 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

81 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Can you explain about the public comment  
82 cards for the Consent Agenda, as well as Items for Regular Agenda Items and for public  
83 comments, Ms. Anthony?

84 **City Clerk Anthony:** Members of the public, if you wish to submit a public comment  
85 on any Item that is on the Agenda, or on the public comment section of the Agenda, you

86 may do so at publiccomment@rivierabeach.org. That's public comments, P-U-B-L-I-C-  
87 C-O-M-M-E-N-T-S @rivierabeach.org. You may also view the Agenda at rivierabch.com.  
88 Public comment will be taken up until closure by either myself or the City Chairperson. In  
89 addition, any public comments that are read, they will not exceed the three minute limit.

90 That will be all, Madam Chair.

91 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. So the Agenda Item public comment cards will  
92 no longer be accepted after you've read it, and we'll announce that.

93 Alright. Do we have anyone that would like to pull an Item from the Consent  
94 Agenda? [Pause]. Alright.

95 **CONSENT AGENDA**

96 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT**  
97 **AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY**  
98 **ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS...**

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100 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

101 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. Who was that?

102 **Councilperson McCoy:** Tradrick McCoy. I was trying to get your attention on No. 3  
103 and I had my phone muted. Can we pull that one, please?

104 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** No. 3 for the Consent Agenda?

105 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

106 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. [Pause]. Alright. So...

107 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED**  
108 **FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL**  
109 **SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.**

110 **MINUTES**

111 **1. MARCH 4, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

112 **2. MARCH 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

113 **RESOLUTIONS**

114 **4. RESOLUTION NUMBER \_\_\_-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF**  
115 **THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING**  
116 **THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FLORIDA EMERGENCY MEDICAL**

117 SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 20019-20,  
118 TO EXPAND AND/OR IMPROVE THE CITY'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
119 DELIVERY FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000.00; FURTHER  
120 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE LUCAS AUTOMATED CPR  
121 COMPRESSION DEVICE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

122 JOHN CURD, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF, (561) 845-4104

123 5. RESOLUTION NUMBER \_\_-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
124 THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING  
125 THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH R1 RCM,  
126 FORMERLY KNOWN AS (ADPI) INTERMEDIX, FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
127 TRANSPORTATION BILLING SERVICES AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES;  
128 AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT; AND PROVIDING  
129 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

130 JOHN CURD, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF, (561) 845-4104

131 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So, we have.., Mr. McCoy is gonna pull Item No. 3.  
132 Anyone else have anything to pull? [Pause]. Alright.

133 Do we have any public comment cards for Consent? You said...

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

135 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Alright. Can we have a motion to accept the  
136 Consent Agenda with Item No. 3 being pulled?

137 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So moved.

138 **Councilperson Lanier:** So moved.

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

140 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

141 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead, Madam Clerk.

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

143 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

144 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

145 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

146 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

147 **Councilperson Lawson::** Yes.

148 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Botel?

149 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

150 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

151 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

152 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote. Alright

153 **3. Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Consent Agenda Item No. 3.

154 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM**  
155 **BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT**  
156 **BETWEEN THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
157 **AND THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF THE LINDSEY**  
158 **DAVIS COMMUNITY CENTER AS A CONGREGATE MEAL SITE FOR SENIOR**  
159 **CITIZENS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO**  
160 **EXECUTE SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

164 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So moved.

165 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

166 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mr. Evans.

167 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I can Parks & Recreation Director, Mr.  
168 Richard Blankenship present this Item.

169 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Good evening, Mayor, Chair, City  
170 Manager. Richard Blankenship, Parks & Recreation Director.

171 This is our annual agreement with the county that allows us to host the meals  
172 program at Lindsey Davis. This is.., provides about sixty, seventy meals a day to the  
173 attendees at the Lindsey Davis Community Center.

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

175 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

176 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Do we have any... Was that Mr. McCoy? Was that  
177 you, McCoy?

178 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

179 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead.

180 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes. Thank you. Mr. Blankenship, that was my concern. I'm  
181 curious as to why we need to do an agreement. There's nothing in the backup that  
182 referenced that we operate under a current one year agreement. Is that truly, in fact, the  
183 case? If so, when does that agreement expire?

184 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** It is a requirement of the county, since  
185 they, they are the ones that are funding the program, so there's a requirement that they  
186 have a facility use agreement. [Audio skipped] not, not the City. And it's an annual  
187 agreement so we..., we've brought this to the Council several times in, in the past couple  
188 years.

189 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, I couldn't hear him. It was kina muffled. Can  
190 you repeat that, Mr. Blankenship? Madam Chair?

191 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** This is a requirement of the county. Palm  
192 Beach County funds this program, so they require a facility use agreement..., an annual  
193 agreement, so this isn't the first. This, this..., as long as we've been having the meals  
194 program, we've had to have this agreement in place.

195 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up.

196 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead. You still have the floor.

197 **Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Blankenship, I don't see a, a draft of the current  
198 agreement, nor the agreement that's gonna be proposed. I wanna be sure that I  
199 understand what's being proposed here and there's not anything historical that I can see  
200 from the backup that suggests what that agreement looks like, nor do I see an agreement  
201 as to what exactly we should expect for, you know, the next annual year.

202 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** I believe the, the agreement has..., vetted  
203 by Legal [audio skipped].

204 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** What was that you refer'..., you referenced? Legal?

205 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** The agreement that the county provided  
206 us was vetted by Legal for this Board, I...

207 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. So, Ms. Wynn, can you chime in?

208 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yes. The agreement should be part of your backup. It's a  
209 three year agreement. My understanding is that we have always entered into this  
210 agreement with the county. The scope of work is attached, it states what the county will  
211 provide. It's their standard facility use agreement.

212 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It's here.



213 **City Attorney Wynn:** I don't know why you don't have it attached, Mr. McCoy.

214 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm looking at the Agenda. It's not attached anywhere. The  
215 only thing that's there is the Resolution and the actual memo.

216 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It's attached...

217 **Councilperson McCoy:** And with that, I move that we table.

218 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam Chair?

219 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I don't see it attached. The agreement is not on Novus  
220 right now.

221 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes, it is. I'm looking at it.

222 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Where? Where is it?

223 **Councilperson McCoy:** You...

224 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It, it's..., you have to...

225 [Inaudible dais comment]

226 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It, it looks...

227 **Unk.:** [Inaudible] very bottom.

228 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It's at the very... It'...

229 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** It's the sec'...

230 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ..., it's at the very bottom.

231 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** The third one?

232 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** The third..., yeah. The third one is the agreement.

233 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** The third one. Yeah. It's thee. Okay.

234 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It's here.

235 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Where am I looking?

236 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** The very bottom of the page. 'Cause it says..., it's underneath  
237 the Resolution. It says facilities agreement.dcc.pdf.

238 **City Manager Evans:** Under attachments, the section on Novus, it's the, the last and  
239 it says facility use agreement L-D-C-C.

240 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

241 **Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Chair?

242 **Councilperson McCoy:** Alright. My mistake. So, and, and Mr. Blankenship, if you can  
243 help me out, when does this expire?

244 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** To be honest with you, I thought it was an  
245 annual agreement but Ms. Wynn says it's a three year agreement.

246 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I...

247 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** [Audio skipped]...

248 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...thought it was... Go ahead.

249 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** I believe it, it., any party., either party  
250 can terminate the agreement with thirty days notice [inaudible] like that.

251 **City Attorney Wynn:** It's a three year agreement, Mr. Blankenship.

252 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, Mr. Blankenship or Mrs. Wynn, has anything significantly  
253 changed as far as the City's responsibility? Relative to this facility agreement? Because,  
254 I'm literally just seeing it now and it seemed as if it was attached to the Resolution but I  
255 see it underneath now. So, I didn't get a chance to review it before.

256 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** No, sir. Nothing's changed. It's the  
257 standard.

258 **Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Chair?

259 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Finished, Mr. McCoy? [Pause]. McCoy?

260 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes, I'm done. Thank you.

261 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Ms. Lanier.

262 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted to ask, because the., you can't have aggregate  
263 or congregate meals at that location, are they going to be delivering now?

264 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** They deliver., well, it, it's different  
265 situations. We have fifty-[audio skipped] seniors that are getting meals now. Since., with  
266 the [audio skipped]. Some of those are getting meals when they go get them at the North  
267 County Senior Center. And some of [audio skipped] meals delivered by Palm Tran  
268 Connect. But it's all through this program that allows us to provide meals for seniors.

269 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, so what would they be doing if they want., if they're.,  
270 we're, we're looking [inaudible] agreement with something that was., that we've had all

271 along. But, so what will they be doing in the building now that you can't have people to  
272 congregate there?

273 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Well, they're de'..., they're still providing  
274 meals. They're just not...

275 **Councilperson Lanier:** Meals to who?

276 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** To those folks that are registered at the  
277 program.

278 **Councilperson Lanier:** So people are coming..., they're coming to that spot to get  
279 meals?

280 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** No. They're going to..., either they're  
281 going to the North County Senior Center on North Lake or the meals are being delivered  
282 to them by Palm Tran Connect.

283 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. Lawson, could you mute your mic, please?

284 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, I'm asking..., but, but I'm asking the question of..., so what  
285 are they gonna do in that particular building at Lindsey Davis?

286 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Well hopefully this doesn't last for three  
287 years and we'll be back to normal at some point soon. [Audio skipped].

288 **Councilperson Lanier:** Right. 'Cause..., [stammer], the reason I'm asking is because  
289 how will we operate during COVID-19? How does that building operate? Does it operate  
290 at all? Is the county in there at all? Do they have food [inaudible] pickup? I'm not  
291 understanding how this is working now that people can't congregate there and get their  
292 meals. And especially during the fact that you can't be, you know, you can't have  
293 congregate meals there, so I'm trying to figure out, at this point, right now, you know,  
294 regardless of the agreement, how is it working now with COVID-19 for this building.

295 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I, I see Mr. Evans is trying to speak. So, Mr. Evans and  
296 then Ms. Wynn.

297 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board. This is the  
298 agreement that is put in place to effectuate the relationship between the county and the  
299 City for the purposes of utilizing that particular site and the facility. It's a requirement for  
300 entities that are providing this service to execute that agreement, especially when it's in  
301 a specific facility. Apart from what we're doing now, COVID-19 is something that is  
302 separate but we are still providing service to the individuals that have signed up for this  
303 program. And so, they're still getting the meals that they would normally get but once we  
304 go back to normal, then that..., this particular site will be the site where the meals will be  
305 held. So, the services are still being provided. This is more so of a standard agreement  
306 that the county asks for all municipalities that participate in the program to execute to  
307 ensure that the use of the facility is provided and that, you know, appropriate insurance

308 documentation, so it's probably a requirement of their risk management and their program  
309 director in order to continue to facilitate the arrangement.

310 **Councilperson Lanier:** So I'm still asking, what is happening in the building now?

311 **City Manager Evans:** There's nothing happening in the facility...

312 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

313 **City Manager Evans:** ...now.

314 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

315 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Ms. Wynn, did you...

316 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted...

317 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...still need...

318 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted to...

319 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...to add something?

320 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted to [stammer] ensure safe delivery. You know, if  
321 people are either coming there to pick it up or however it may..., however it's going, I just  
322 wanna make sure that people are not congregating at that building for meals.

323 **City Attorney Wynn:** I have nothing further.

324 **City Manager Evans:** No. They are not...

325 **City Attorney Wynn:** Mr. Evans covered it.

326 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

327 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. I...

328 **City Manager Evans:** No, they are not.

329 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes. Okay. Thank you.

330 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Any other questions or comments for Item No.  
331 3? [Pause]. Alright. Madam...

332 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

333 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

334 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, is anyone aware of when the current agreement expires?

335 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Mr. McCoy, I don't know off the top of my  
336 head the exact date. This was on the Agenda for the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, so it's been on  
337 the, you know, then it got moved to tonight. It., I, I believe it is the end of June, where  
338 the, the existing agreement expires. But I'm not positive of...

339 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Mr. Blankenship. Just one comment, if I may? I'm  
340 really seeing this agreement for the first time. I guess [inaudible] I thought it was not  
341 there. I didn't see it when I just clicked, but there's some really interesting language in  
342 here that says that the City shall not discriminate based on age, race, sex and all of that  
343 kinda jargon. But, I thought it was interesting to say age if this program is solely about  
344 seniors. So I hope that you don't discriminates against anyone that's not a senior when  
345 it comes to providing access to [inaudible].

346 But that's all I have, Madam Chair.

347 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. And we don't wanna get in debating on who is  
348 what age 'cause we know we have some young lookin' seventy something year olds.  
349 So...

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

351 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We're gonna let whoever comes, comes. Alright.  
352 Speaking of someone near and dear to us. Alright. If there are no other comments or  
353 questions, we'll go ahead with the roll call, Madam Clerk.

354 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

355 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

357 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

358 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

359 **Councilperson Lawson::** Yes.

360 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Botel?

361 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

362 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

363 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

364 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

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

366 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Thank you.

367 **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

368 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** That concludes our Consent Agenda.

369 [Pause]

370 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, your microphone is muted.

371 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you. So, those of you who would like to put in a  
372 public comment card, Ms. Anthony already spoke of how you could do so. I believe you  
373 have the email address as well. It may be visible somewhere, or you can get to it  
374 throughout the meetings. After the Agenda Item is read, we will not accept a public  
375 comment card for that Item. And it will be read for three minutes, once she receives them.

376 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

377 **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

378 **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

379 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

380 **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

381 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Ordinance on first reading.

382 **6. Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Item No. 6.

383 **City Clerk Anthony:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
384 RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOLLING THE CURRENT  
385 MORATORIUM PREVIOUSLY ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 4133, AND  
386 EXTENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 4141, FOR THE PERIOD REMAINING ON THE  
387 MORATORIUM FROM APRIL 1, 2020, WHEN GOVERNOR DESANTIS ENACTED  
388 EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-91 DIRECTING ALL CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
389 TO LIMIT THEIR MOVEMENTS AND REMAIN AT HOME IN RESPONSE TO THE TO  
390 THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OF COVID-19 FOR THE DURATION OF  
391 EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-19, INCLUDING ANY MODIFICATIONS OR EXTENSIONS  
392 THEREOF BY GOVERNOR DESANTIS AS TO THE FILING, RECEIVING OR  
393 PROCESSING OF ANY APPLICATION OR PERMIT ASSOCIATED WITH LANDS  
394 HAVING A SPECIAL PRESERVATION FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION, IN  
395 WHOLE OR IN PART, INCLUDING SUBMERGED LANDS AND UPLANDS, OR  
396 LANDS DEFINED AS WETLANDS OR A WETLANDS PRESERVATION AREA WITHIN  
397 CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE III, OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN ORDER TO  
398 REVIEW, AMEND AND DEVELOP CODES AND LAND DEVELOPMENT  
399 REGULATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE  
400 SPECIAL PRESERVATION FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION, ALONG WITH

401 **CODES FOR COASTAL CONSTRUCTION AND WETLANDS PRESERVATION, IN**  
402 **ORDER TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE THE CITY'S NATURAL RESOURCES;**  
403 **PROVIDING FOR THE BOUNDARIES SUBJECT TO THE MORATORIUM;**  
404 **PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN**  
405 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

406 **JEFF GAGNON, AICP, ACTING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR,**  
407 **(561) 845-4060**

408 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comments on this  
409 Item is now closed.

410 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So moved. Or, do we have to move it? Yeah.

411 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Do we have a second?

412 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

413 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mr. Evans.

414 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, if I can have Acting  
415 Director of Development Service, Mr. Jeff Gagnon, present this Item. And Legal will be  
416 prepared to provide any [inaudible]...

417 **Acting Development Services Director Gagnon:** Thank you.

418 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

419 **Acting Development Services Director Gagnon:** Good evening, Honorable Mayor,  
420 City Council, Staff. My name is Jeff Gagnon, the Acting Director of Development Services  
421 for the City.

422 You have before you on first reading, an Ordinance that would add a toll period  
423 associated with the current State of Emergency, specifically, Executive Order 20-91,  
424 which really prohibits our ability of holding a public hearing in a, a typical sense. I know  
425 we are giving digital meetings now as a last ditch effort, however, we have language that  
426 we would like to bring before the Planning & Zoning Boar, followed by City Council for  
427 your review and hopefully approval, and we would like to follow it to the whole public  
428 hearing process however to do so.

429 So what this Ordinance would do would..., would be to toll an additional period of  
430 time based on the current Executive Order 20-91 and any extensions that there might be  
431 to that Order as well. If no action is taken, the Ordinance is currently set to expire on May  
432 30<sup>th</sup>, so Staff is recommending that we add this tolling period and we ask that the City  
433 Council approve this Ordinance.

434 Thank you.

435 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. Gagnon, April 30<sup>th</sup> or May 30<sup>th</sup>?

436 **Acting Development Services Director Gagnon:** I'm sorry, May 30<sup>th</sup> would be the  
437 expiration date of the current moratorium.

438 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Alright. You said we don't have any public  
439 comment cards for this Item? Ms. Anthony?

440 **City Clerk Anthony:** No, Madam Chair. We do not have any public comments on  
441 this Item.

442 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Do we have any comments or questions from the  
443 Board? [Pause]. Alright. Madam Clerk.

444 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

445 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

447 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

448 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

449 **Councilperson Lawson::** Yes.

450 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Botel?

451 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

452 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

453 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

454 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

455 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

456 **ITEMS TABLED**

457 **REGULAR**

458 **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

459 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Discussion and deliberation.

460 **7. Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Item No. 7.



461 **City Clerk Anthony:** **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION BY COUNCIL ON**  
462 **SELECTING A CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEM.**

463 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comments on this  
464 Item is now closed. And we do have a public comment on this Item.

465 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mr. Evans.

466 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, this is your Item to  
467 reorganize the composition of the Board with regards to the selection of a Chair and a  
468 Chair Pro Tem. Staff has facilitated by creating the memorandum but it is specified in  
469 your City Charter, as far as procedural elements that would be the responsibility of the  
470 Chair and the Chair Pro Tem. At this particular time, Staff is here to address any  
471 questions of the Board, but this is the discussion for the Board to select who will serve in  
472 those two capacities.

473 And in closing, Madam Chair, thank you for your exceptional work in serving as  
474 the Chair during some challenging times every time that you have served in that capacity.  
475 But it's much appreciated.

476 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I have that great luck of being here when all the stuff  
477 goes on.

478 [Chuckles]

479 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you so much. It's been a pleasure. It certainly  
480 has been a pleasure getting through all of those challenges. I'm still writing my book so I  
481 have a lot to talk about.

482 [Chuckles]

483 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. So, Ms. Anthony, we..., we're just gonna put...  
484 Can you explain..., we're gonna do the process that we normally do? In terms of  
485 nominating or? Or?

486 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair. I will open the floor for nominations, if that  
487 is the desire of the Board. However, we do have a public comment. So, would you like  
488 to do public comment now before we...

489 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

490 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...open the floor?

491 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We can do that.

492 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. Ms...

493 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

494 **City Clerk Anthony:** Ms. Deborah Hall will read a public comment into the record.

495 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

496 **Ms. D. Hall:** The public comment comes from Horace Towns. And it reads:

497 'With the COVID-19 pandemic, causing many municipalities to adjust and create  
498 procedures on the fly, I would ask that the changing of the Chair and Pro Tem be delayed  
499 thirty days until some normalcy returns to Riviera Beach. A veteran Chair and Pro Tem  
500 will eliminate some stress on a Council that is already experiencing communication  
501 challenges like other municipalities.'

502 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. That's the end? [Pause]. Okay.

503 **Ms. D. Hall:** Yes. That's...

504 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So, Mr...

505 **Ms. D. Hall:** ...the only public comment from Mr. Horace Towns.

506 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Thank you. Alright. Ms. Anthony, we're putting  
507 out the nominations for the Chair.

508 **City Clerk Anthony:** I can open...

509 [Inaudible comment]

510 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...the floor for the nomination for a Chairperson.

511 **Councilperson Lanier:** Let me ask something.

512 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes. Yeah.

513 **Councilperson Lanier:** Can you nominate yourself?

514 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

515 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Councilperson...

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

517 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...Lanier.

518 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...myself. [Chuckle]. I am nominating myself.

519 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

520 **Councilperson Lanier:** For the Pro Tem., is it Pro Tem now?

521 **City Clerk Anthony:** No. We're asking for the Chairperson right now.

522 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Or Chair?

523 **Councilperson Lanier:** Well, how about it. Let's nominate Shirley Lanier for the Chair.

524 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. And... I'm, I'm going to nominate Ms. Botel for  
525 Chair. She's been in line. Not that we have to go by that. [Stammer] that isn't always  
526 what happens but she has been on the Board, she has put in her time and I, I would  
527 certainly want to put her name out as a nomination.

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

529 **Councilperson Lanier:** And I'll...

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

531 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...second that. And I'll second that nomination.

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

533 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Any other nominations? For Chair? [Pause].

534 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

535 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright, Ms. Anthony. Who...

536 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay.

537 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Put your hand up because I don't see who's talking.

538 **City Clerk Anthony:** That will be Councilperson McCoy.

539 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. McCoy, what... Go ahead.

540 **Councilperson McCoy:** Does the Chairperson have to be a Member of the City  
541 Council? I was looking at the Mayor over there with a really nice tie and I wanted to get  
542 him involved.

543 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Chuckles]

544 **Councilperson McCoy:** Ms. Wynn?

545 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We'll, we'll save him... We'll save him for the next time  
546 maybe.

547 **City Clerk Anthony:** Mr. Mayor.

548 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** You wanna speak?

549 **Mayor Felder:** I think he was trying to get a meal at Lindsey Davis Center. He look  
550 [inaudible].

551 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Chuckles]

552 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. So, do we have any other nominations for  
553 Chair? [Pause]. Alright. Ms. Anthony.

554 **City Clerk Anthony:** Members of the Board, I need to ask a question of Ms. Lanier.  
555 Ms. Lanier, are you withdrawing your nomination as Chair?

556 **Councilperson Lanier:** I am withdrawing.., I'm withdrawing my nomination and  
557 seconding the motion with KaShamba for Julie Botel as Chair.

558 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. We will now close the floor for the nominations for  
559 Chairperson of the City Council for.., effective April 16...

560 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Our next meeting?

561 **City Clerk Anthony:** Are we going to do it to the end of the month or are we gonna  
562 do it effective tomorrow? Or, the [audio skipped] of May? 'Cause it's usually...

563 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Board?

564 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...the next day but... How do you all.., what's...

565 **Councilperson Lanier:** I, I like...

566 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...the pleasure of the Board?

567 **Councilperson Lanier:** I like... I like the fact that if we could do it.., for.., starting May  
568 1<sup>st</sup>. To let our Chair, our esteemed Chair, run out the month and then we'll have Julie as  
569 the Chair starting May 1<sup>st</sup>.

570 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** That's fine with me.

571 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Is everybody good with that?

572 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay...

573 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

574 **Councilperson McCoy:** Question.

575 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead, Mr. McCoy.

576 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, just for the purposes of starting off a new month, what  
577 other purposes would it be to actually wait? Because, I mean, we've never waited in the  
578 past.

579 **Councilperson Lanier:** The only reason that I said wait was because there was some  
580 public concern about the succession and because of what we're under right now. And,  
581 given the fact that our esteemed Chair has led us this far, I figured we would start, not in  
582 the middle of the month, we'll start fresh out on May 1<sup>st</sup>. And, I'm, I'm not even sure how  
583 the government is going to operate because it, it seems that the government wants to  
584 open this place up on May 1<sup>st</sup>, but, you know, I beg to differ. But, you know, at least  
585 having some type of succession where the Chair starts fresh on May 1<sup>st</sup> and we can have  
586 our Chair, who has served in this position numerous years, to be able to take us through  
587 the end of the month. That was the only reason I suggested that.

588 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. McCoy, are you good with that? Or, you have  
589 something...

590 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well...

591 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I see you, Lawson. I see you. Hold on one second.  
592 Go ahead, McCoy.

593 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Councilwoman Lanier, I respect  
594 that but, you know, other than having a new month to start, I don't really see the purpose  
595 in waiting another month because then, it really creates a process that we've seen time  
596 and time again where, when you don't have [inaudible] Chairperson and Vice Chair  
597 elections, then you basically continue to run down the clock to May and then June,  
598 because that's exactly where we were two years ago and I don't really understand what  
599 would be fruitful, or really purposeful, to, to kinda delay....

600 **Councilperson Lanier:** And, and]...

601 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...you know...

602 **Councilperson Lanier:** And...

603 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...[inaudible].

604 **Councilperson Lanier:** No, but no.

605 **Councilperson McCoy:** Go ahead. You wanted to say something?

606 **Councilperson Lanier:** Mr. McCoy, I agree. That's your opinion. I, I agree with that.  
607 If you want it to be something that starts tomorrow, that's fine with me but I was just  
608 suggesting it based on public comment. To be able to run it out to the end of the month.  
609 But, each Councilperson has their druthers in terms of how they want this to go forward.  
610 I say May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you say something else, we can vote on that as well.

611 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mr...

612 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, a general question for the Attorney and the  
613 Manager. So, as we stand, what dictates when we do elections for Chairperson?

614 Because I don't think it's in the Charter, I just... I actually was looking at this provision  
615 here but I don't understand why we would wait and what exactly is the purpose other than  
616 continuing to kick the can down the road and creating a situation where we had a  
617 Councilperson who served less than a year and, you know, it became a, a problem.

618 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Right. And I was there for that. So I, I do know what  
619 you're talking about. Let'..., let's listen..., hear from Lawson and Felder and then we'll come  
620 back. I, I know where you stand and I know where Lanier stands. So, we'll hear from  
621 them and then we'll come back. Lawson.

622 **Councilperson Lawson::** Thank you, Madam Chair. And, also to Councilwoman  
623 Lanier's point, that we don't know what's gonna happen on May 1<sup>st</sup> so I wouldn't want us  
624 to wait and determine us..., moving forward with our new Chair and our new Pro Tem.  
625 And, by all means, Council'..., Councilwoman Miller-Anderson has been amazing, so I'm  
626 not rushing her out but I say that we just move forward and starting fresh with our new  
627 Councilwoman Botel..., our new Chair Botel.

628 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Felder.

629 **Mayor Felder:** Yeah. Just, just a question. This was a vote, right?

630 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** It will be...

631 **Mayor Felder:** It was a vote?

632 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Well...

633 **Mayor Felder:** It, it will be?

634 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** If we have more than one person that was nominated,  
635 we would've done a vote. But typically, and correct if I'm wrong, Ms. Anthony, if there's  
636 just one person nominated and no one puts anyone else up, we don't typically vote?

637 **City Clerk Anthony:** The floor...

638 **Mayor Felder:** [Inaudible].

639 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...has been closed for nominations and it's one person and  
640 so, therefore, there's no need for a vote.

641 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Gottcha.

642 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Correct. Alright. So, I, you know, I'm, I'm absolutely  
643 okay... I understand where Ms. Lanier is coming from and I understand where Mr. McCoy  
644 is coming from in terms of the time being shortened and that was an issue a few years  
645 back. So, Mr. Evans or Ms. Wynn, provide there is no documents that need to be changed  
646 overnight, I know that we typically have to sign things. That's on the CRA side, but I  
647 believe Ms. Botel already has a signature on those as a Chairperson. So, I don't think

648 anything like that, excuse me, needs to happen. So, is there anything else that would  
649 require us to have a little adjustment?

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

651 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Evans or Wynne?

652 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...[inaudible] provide...

653 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Hold on.

654 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...clarification to what Mr. McCoy was asking.

655 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mhmm.

656 **City Clerk Anthony:** As indicated in the memo, the City of Riviera Beach terms for  
657 their elected officials was two years and so the Chair changed every year. Once the  
658 terms for the elected officials changed to three years, as indicated in the memo, the Board  
659 that was sitting at that time, [stammer] nor its successor made a change to when the Chair  
660 is elected. But as indicated in the memo, it is the pleasure of the Board of whenever they  
661 want to change the Chair because, as the Charter states, the Chairperson serves at the  
662 pleasure of the Board.

663 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Correct. Okay. I, I'm., I have no problems with it being  
664 tomorrow. We get through this meeting tonight, we'll have a couple weeks to see what's  
665 going on and then Ms. Botel, and whatever adjustments need to happen can happen in  
666 the next couple weeks before our next meeting. So, I'm okay with it going ahead and  
667 changing [stammer] immediately, or it starting effective tomorrow.

668 Alright. So everybody's good with it happening tomorrow?

669 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

670 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

671 **Councilperson Lawson::** Yes, Madam Chair.

672 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And McCoy, yes? Okay.

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

674 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Who was...

675 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam, Madam Chair? The., this is me, Ms. Anthony.

676 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

677 **City Clerk Anthony:** So, the Chair [inaudible] effective April 16, 2020, until...

678 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

679 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...after the election of March 2021.

680 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. Alright. Congratulations...

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

682 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...Chair...

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

684 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...Botel.

685 [Clapping]

686 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** You've done a wonderful job KaShamba. I.., it's big...

687 **Councilperson Lanier:** Congratulations.

688 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ... shoes.., big shoes to follow in but I'll do my best.

689 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Pass my shoes along. [Chuckle]. They're a little worn,  
690 I think, but you can have them.

691 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Chuckles].

692 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

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

694 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Ms. Anth'.., Ms. Antony. [Pause]. Your mic is muted.

695 **City Clerk Anthony:** We will now open the floor for nominations for Chair Pro Tem.

696 **Councilperson Lawson::** Madam Chair?

697 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead.

698 **Councilperson Lawson::** I'd like to nominate myself for Pro Tem.

699 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Do we have any other nominees?

700 **Councilperson Lanier:** I'd also like to nominate myself for Pro Tem.

701 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Going...

702 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

703 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. McCoy, you're the only one hanging out there.



704 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

705 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. I knew it was coming.

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

707 **Councilperson McCoy:** I would like to nominate the Mayor for Pro Tem.

708 [Chuckles]

709 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** You're determined to give him...

710 **Councilperson McCoy:** I withdraw that...

711 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...[inaudible]...

712 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...motion. I withdraw that, thank you

713 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible] more responsibility. Yeah. Alright. Ms.  
714 Anthony, so we have Mr. Lawson and Ms. Lanier for Chair Pro Tem. Nominees.

715 **City Clerk Anthony:** That is correct.

716 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. And...

717 **City Clerk Anthony:** That's correct.

718 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...our next step would be? To do what now?

719 **City Clerk Anthony:** We will need to take a vote, and we will take a vote on Mr.  
720 Lawson first. And...

721 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

722 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...if necessary, take a vote on Ms. Lanier.

723 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

724 **City Clerk Anthony:** So, can I [audio skipped] a motion and a second, nominating  
725 Councilperson Lawson as Chair Pro Tem?

726 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** What did you..., I didn't hear you. What did you say?

727 **City Clerk Anthony:** Can I get a motion and a second nominating Mr. Lawson as  
728 the Chair Pro Tem?

729 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

730 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Do we have a sec'...

731 **City Clerk Anthony:** Who was that? I, I can't distinguish voices on, on..., virtually.  
732 Was that Mr. McCoy?

733 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

734 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes. So moved.

735 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mhmm.

736 **City Clerk Anthony:** Can I get a second?

737 **Councilperson Lawson::** Second. Can I second?

738 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, you may, Mr. Lawson. It has been properly moved and  
739 second. Councilperson Lawson?

740 **Councilperson Lawson::** Yes.

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

742 **Councilperson Lanier:** No.

743 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

744 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

745 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Botel?

746 [Pause]

747 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Chuckle]. Your, your mic is not on, Botel. [Chuckle].

748 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It's a subliminal closing of the microphone not wanting to say  
749 either way but... I say no.

750 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

751 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Oh. Leave it up to me, huh? Um, I'll, I'll say yes.

752 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. That motion is approved with Councilpersons Lanier  
753 and Botel dissenting.

754 Okay. Can I now get a...

755 [Inaudible comment]

756 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...[audio skipped] and a second for..., if you all want to move  
757 forward with a vote on Ms. Lanier, can I get a motion and a second...

758 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Well...

759 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...nominating Councilperson Lanier?

760 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I have a question. What...

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

762 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** What, what point would there be?

763 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair., Madam Chair, it's just a matter of formality. I  
764 just cannot make the...

765 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Okay. Alright.

766 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So, let's ask this then...

767 [Inaudible]

768 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Let's just ask this first. So, if we voted and changed  
769 our..., and did the same but the opposite...

770 [Inaudible comment]

771 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...you have Co-Chairs? Co., Co-Chairs?

772 **City Clerk Anthony:** No. That is not...

773 [Inaudible comment]

774 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...in our Charter, Madam Chair. The, the...

775 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Ms. Wynn...

776 **City Clerk Anthony:** Ms. Wynn, wanna chime in on this.

777 **City Attorney Wynn:** Madam Chair, Mr. Lawson received the requisite number of  
778 votes. You wouldn't go to the next person.

779 **Unk.:** Right.

780 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Right.

781 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam, Madam...

782 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Right.

783 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...Chair?

784 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Uhuh.

785 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I, I would like to.., let's see. I'm trying to remember, Roberts  
786 would allow me, if I had been on the prevailing side, to reintroduce that motion and I would  
787 ask somebody who had been on the prevailing side to reintroduce in an effort to provide  
788 Chair Pro Tem Lawson with a unanimous vote to support his candidacy. I think it's really  
789 important for us, if we're going to be together, to move together as one. And if somebody  
790 on the prevailing side would ask to have that rescinded.., is that the proper word, Ms.  
791 Wynn? [Pause]. Yes. To rescind that vote, I would be happy to change my vote.

792 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

793 **City Attorney Wynn:** It would be... Yeah. It would be a reconsideration by the  
794 person on the prevailing...

795 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** That's is. A reconsideration.

796 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...person on the prevailing side. Yes.

797 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** A reconsideration.

798 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. McCoy, did you have something?

799 **Councilperson McCoy:** I wanted to offer a motion to reconsider.

800 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

801 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Second. Oh, can I second if I wasn't on the prevailing side?

802 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yes...

803 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

804 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...you can.

805 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I second.

806 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

807 **City Clerk Anthony:** Are we ready for the vote?

808 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

809 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

810 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

811 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

813 **Councilperson Lanier:** No.

814 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

815 **Councilperson Lawson::** Yes.

816 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Botel?

817 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

818 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

819 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

820 **City Clerk Anthony:** That motion is approved with Councilperson Lanier  
821 dissenting. [Inaudible]...

822 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

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

824 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Congratulations, Mr. Lawson. And...

825 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Congratulations.

826 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Ms. Lanier, you definitely are right.., I'm sure you'll  
827 probably bump him out soon.

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

829 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I'm sure.

830 [Chuckles]

831 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** As long as.., if we get back...

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

833 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...to the Chambers, I know she's gonna hold you to  
834 task, Mr. Lawson. So right now, you're kind of free to be you.

835 **Councilperson Lawson::** Absolutely. I'm safe in my, in my area right now.

836 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** In your area.

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

838 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Congratulations to you two. Would you...

839 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible]...

840 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...two like to say something?

841 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I would, Madam Chair.

842 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Botel. Go ahead.

843 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I would like to congratulate Mr. Lawson and recommend that  
844 he not have himself looking over his own shoulder for future meetings. [Chuckle].  
845 [Inaudible]. Thank you. No, seriously. Congratulations, Mr. Lawson.

846 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mr. Lawson.

847 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank., I just wanted to thank Madam Chair. You've done a  
848 phenomenal job this past year and I just transpire., I really just aspire to fill those shoes  
849 that you've left for us. So, and, Dr. Botel, you as well as Vice Chair. I just look forward  
850 to working with you.

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

852 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you. I appreciate it and good luck to you two. I  
853 am sure you all will do very well and we'll all be working together, as we have done in the  
854 past year. So, I'm sure once we get passed this., I think once we get through the meeting  
855 tonight, we can do anything because we were able to maintain some control here. Which  
856 I was very concerned about, I just want you all to know that. Mr. Evans can tell you that.  
857 So, I appreciate it, for making this, this situation go by pretty smoothly.

858 Alright. So, No. 7, we are finished with No. 7.

859 **8. Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Item No. 8. [Pause]. Discussion...

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

861 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...by the City Manager. It's No. 8, discussion by City  
862 Manager? Is that correct?

863 **City Clerk Anthony:** **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION ON THE**  
864 **AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR 2129 NORTH**  
865 **CONGRESS AVENUE.**

866 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair?

867 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Hold on.

868 **City Clerk Anthony:** We do not have...

869 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Hold on. Now, I have this Agenda. That...

870 **City Clerk Anthony:** Mhmm.

871 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...is not correct.

872 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It's wrong. You have to go by the..., by what's online.

873 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We got... So, please don't throw anybody else off like  
874 that. When you have it printed, if you all add anything or change anything, we have to let  
875 the Council know 'cause otherwise we're operating on a old Agenda. Alright. So...

876 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, something was changed on the Agenda?

877 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I don't know. I have to pull it up and see. Mr. Evans,  
878 do you know what the situation is?

879 **City Manager Evans:** I believe that this Item, when the Agenda was originally  
880 published, had an additional document that was inserted, so Staff did put it..., pulled the  
881 Item down and pulled it back up. And so, I think it was probably a matter of a couple of  
882 hours when you may have pulled down the Agenda, why it didn't populate on the Agenda  
883 Item that you printed. But the Item is discussion and deliberation to authorize negotiations  
884 and purchase agreement for 2129 North Congress.

885 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. 'Cause that was somewhere else. That was in  
886 another..., originally. I know when I originally saw the Agenda it was in another position,  
887 so I guess it changed.

888 **City Manager Evans:** Yes. It [inaudible].

889 **City Clerk Anthony:** I, I believe it was on the Agenda that we sent to you yesterday,  
890 Madam Chair.

891 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** No. This is the one I have, the one you all gave me.  
892 No, it's not. It's not on here.

893 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. My apologies.

894 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. So, we're at No. 8, discussion and deliberation  
895 on the authorization to negotiate a purchase agreement for 2129 North Congress Avenue.  
896 Mr. Evans?

897 **City Clerk Anthony:** That is correct.

898 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

899 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam...

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

901 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair. At this particular moment, I will have the  
902 Assistant to the City Manager, Ms. Marsha Noel, begin the presentation and then I will  
903 interject towards the end of the presentation. Ms. Noel.

904 **Assistant to City Manager Noel:** Alright. Thank you, Mr. Evans.

905 So, aside from my task of making sure that everybody could get on to  
906 GoToMeeting and have a smooth meeting..., meeting, which I'm glad we were able to do,  
907 I also did have an opportunity to, to assist in this endeavor regarding the 2129 North  
908 Congress Ave. parcel. I do have presentation slides that I would like to share. So, I'm  
909 gonna go ahead and share my screen. Once I do that, you should see my slides show  
910 up on, on the GoToMeeting.

911 [Pause]

912 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Just one thing. Ms. Anthony, did you say we have  
913 public comments for this Item?

914 **City Clerk Anthony:** No, Madam Chair. We do not have any public comments for  
915 this Item.

916 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

917 **Assistant to City Manager Noel:** Alright.

918 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

919 **Assistant to City Manager Noel:** So, I will go ahead and begin. So, with this  
920 presentation, the purpose of me providing this to you is for the purpose of providing you  
921 with some background information that'll be useful for this discussion, as we are seeking  
922 your approval to, to negotiate a purchase agreement for the property. I'm gonna start  
923 with a backdrop, provide some information on the current state as to where we are with  
924 the Library and Youth Empowerment Program, what our search process like. Later into  
925 the presentation, Mr. Evans will provide some input and then we'll make sure to finish off  
926 with any questions that you may have. So, with that being said, I will begin.

927 Alright. So, what you see in front of you is the first slide. As you know, the Library  
928 did receive a grant back in 2016 for the construction of a new Library facility. That grant  
929 now expires in December of this year. From what I understand from Library Staff, there  
930 was a four year period by which they would be able to utilize those dollars for the Library,  
931 but given the circumstances that we're in currently and with that deadline coming up  
932 shortly, we..., there, there will not be a plan to utilize these dollars for that. So, with that  
933 being said, I would like for you to keep in mind that the authorization for negotiating a  
934 contract would be at the full cost of the City.

935 So, why is it specifically that we would like to seek out a facility to relocate the  
936 Library and YEP? As you..., as I've already stated, the Library has [inaudible] to, to  
937 construct a better facility than where they are in the past, but with that plan no longer



938 being in place, we're looking for another option that can still serve the purposes of the  
939 Library and now the Youth Empowerment Program. Now, there is a dire need, I think,  
940 which is quite obvious, that we can see, that the community can see with regards to our  
941 Library facility and also our Youth Empowerment Program. I wanna focus in specifically  
942 on those areas that are overarching in this case, that can showcase why in fact the newer  
943 facility would be better accommodating for the needs.

944 So for the Library, the first is that it's outdated. From what I understand, the Library  
945 facility it was constructed back in the 1970's. It has not seen any major renovations or  
946 changes since. And so, that facility is still stuck in the 1970's. And with that, you're going  
947 to have.., you're going to have maintenance challenges. One of the major issues with  
948 regards to maintenance and repairs have been issues with the.., with water intrusion or  
949 flooding inside. And so, when you go into the Library facility, you will see areas that have  
950 been taped off and what have you, things that have been done to try to manage the  
951 situation. But with those maintenance challenges, it also presents health and safety  
952 issues as well, both for the Staff and for the community that utilize that facility.

953 For the Youth Empowerment Program, the main challenge with that particular  
954 department is simply that where they're currently located, it lacks sufficient  
955 accommodations for Staff and participants, the youth and the adults that participate in  
956 their programs in that facility. Now why specifically the Library and the Youth  
957 Empowerment for this new [stammer] hopeful location? Well, the main common factor  
958 between the two is imply that they are community oriented programs, focusing..., focusing  
959 on youth, adults, education and empowerment and it would make sense to put programs  
960 that are similar in nature under one, one roof whereby they can share research and  
961 resources and maybe increase their expansion as to their reach into the community.

962 Now, the next set of slides, I'm going to share with you images that I personally  
963 took, taking a detour of this facility. I know that a lot of us are already aware as to what  
964 is going on in the Library but I do wanna keep in mind that there are viewers out there  
965 that may not be fully aware and again, this is just trying to give an example and an  
966 understanding as to the immediate nature for response for the Library. So, what you see  
967 in front of you are two images. On the left is the entryway to the Library and to the right  
968 is a column of bookshelves. What you see in that second image is essentially a  
969 separation between the wall and the bookshelves with caution tape. And also, exposed  
970 walls and floors, due to the maintenance and repair issues that have.., that this facility  
971 has incurred.

972 The next set of images, you will see more caution tape and again, exposed walls  
973 and signage to keep the, the community out of certain areas for their safety. This is not,  
974 I think, what anyone would envision for a space for the community or for the employees  
975 to really make use of the resources. We're offering to support education, literacy and so  
976 many other vital things that, that will help our [stammer] or our community grow for the  
977 future. The next set of slides that you see is some other areas of the Library, particular  
978 the second floor. On the left, you will see a room. I think that room actually used to be  
979 where the African-American studies room is. Now, that room cannot be occupied  
980 whatsoever. What you'll notice in some of these images is that because they've had to

981 block off certain sections of the Library with caution tape and exposing the floors and what  
982 have you, that essentially leads us to a place where the Library cannot even use every  
983 square inch of the room that they do have to accommodate the various services and  
984 programs that they have. To the right again, you'll see more bookshelves, there's caution  
985 tape. And again, it gives you..., it doesn't really give you that feel of a welcoming and a  
986 productive environment as you would anticipate for a Library setting.

987 The next set of images focuses more so on the employee workstations. To the far  
988 left, is where the Library Staff current works out of. You will see several cubicles in this  
989 one particular room, and this is also where they store some of their supplies and things  
990 of that nature. So this kinda gives you a behind the scene look on that end. In the middle,  
991 you will find where the Library Director's office space is. And, as you can tell, there's  
992 exposed walls, you can see that the..., that there's equipment and furniture that's centered  
993 in that space specifically because that room does, in fact, experience water intrusion  
994 issues. Now, you can imagine that if..., especially at the juncture that we're at where we're  
995 hiring for a Library Director and we want to be the employer of choice, that to recruit or to  
996 appeal to qualified individuals, that by showing them or by them knowing that this is the  
997 current state of our facility, it could be challenging in that regard. And so, I think it's  
998 important to note the significance of the Library, not only for the use of the community but  
999 also the employees that work in that facility day to day. And then to the far right, you will  
1000 see again more exposed walls in that office space.

1001 Moving on to the next set of images, these are more communal spaces. To left,  
1002 you will see the co'..., a conference room that can be utilized by the community. It's  
1003 outdated, there's stains on the floor. To the right is the breakroom for Staff. It also seems  
1004 to serve as a storage space. Behind that partition I believe they've actually stored a  
1005 couple of things there, as they also [inaudible] for..., to eat. And then in these last set of  
1006 images for the Library, again, I know that, you know, we're essentially showing those  
1007 things that we, you know, don't oftentimes feel comfortable showing because this is not,  
1008 I think, where the City envisions itself, but again, the purpose of showing these images is  
1009 so that we can understand where the current state of our, our Library is and our other  
1010 facilities and why it's so important to truly consider this Item as we move forward into the  
1011 year.

1012 So, in this last image, you will see the inoperable computer. We have single use  
1013 bathrooms and..., or, or single stall bathrooms and outdate furniture. One thing I noticed  
1014 for certain in this Library, especially when you're looking at a capacity whereby they are  
1015 experiencing over a hundred and sixty visits annually and dealing with individuals day  
1016 today that oftentimes you see facilities of that sort, bathrooms that have multiple stalls.  
1017 And so, we're, we're talking about accommodation, how, how is it that our current Library  
1018 facility..., how can that accommodate the needs, the daily needs of a community and the  
1019 employees that work in that space? So that is actually not the last one that I [stammer]...,  
1020 that we have. Just about one more slide for the Library. This final slide is going to show  
1021 you the ceiling..., part of the ceilings in the Library. To the left is the ceiling near the office  
1022 spaces on the second floor. As you can tell, there's patchwork done there, it's dilapidated.  
1023 And to the right, is the ceiling in the office of the Library Director as well. And they are  
1024 not in, in the best shape.

1025 Now moving on, I'm gonna show you a set of images as to where we currently  
1026 stand with the Youth Empowerment Program. For those who may not be aware, it is  
1027 located at the Lindsey Davis Center and it's in its own separate building. For this facility,  
1028 it currently is at about two thousand five hundred square feet, of which they're working  
1029 out of. On the far left, that's what I would consider a foyer before you get into the main  
1030 parts of the building. To the right is the podcast or media room just off of the foyer, that  
1031 the students will utilize for recreational purposes. And then to the far right, you will find  
1032 the main hallway in that first floor of the Youth Empowerment. Now, one interesting  
1033 characteristic about this particular facility, is that it seems to be that it's very narrow and  
1034 very small and when you take into account the amount of people that, that utilize this  
1035 facility in a given day which, from what I understand, is about fifty people or potentially  
1036 more. We need to think about how can move to spaces that are more open that provide  
1037 more use than just single purpose use and what have you. And so, and so it's important  
1038 for us to understand that currently with what the Youth Empowerment Program is  
1039 experiencing is that, for the amount of services they offer and the amount of youth and  
1040 children that they're serving, their facility seems to be limited in space.

1041 For these next set of slides, just additional spaces as well. You'll see to the left is  
1042 a, a playroom for the youth, and then to the right is the one bathroom that they have on  
1043 the first floor. I will note that there are only two bathrooms in that entire building. And so,  
1044 imagine again with about fifty people at one time in that building, having to only u'..., utilize  
1045 two bathrooms, can be challenging. These next set of slides to left is the breakroom that  
1046 the Staff utilize. There's not enough room really for anybody to sit down and have their  
1047 lunch or have their breakfast, so you would imagine that they probably grab their lunch,  
1048 heat it up and sit at their desk. And to the right, you have the stairwell that leads to the  
1049 second floor, which also seems to serve as a, a storage space as well.

1050 In these next set of images, this is gonna be the second floor of the Youth  
1051 Empowerment Program. To the far left is the hallway. Again, narrow. And then to the  
1052 right, is that corner just off of that, that hallway where they, they have stationed two  
1053 computers. And, from what I understand, tutoring goes on in that space. One unique  
1054 thing I find is that despite how small that, that facility is for everything that they do, they're  
1055 literally utilizing every square inch they can to operate efficiently as possible, or effectively  
1056 as possible. To the far right, you will see that there is a makeshift office space for one of  
1057 the other Staff members. I do want to mention that they do currently have three Staff  
1058 members. You have the Director and maybe two others. The two others have to find  
1059 corners in that facility to work out of, and this is just one of them. And so, if you look,  
1060 there is also a partition that separates that office from where the two stations, laptops, are  
1061 and so you could imagine that while trying to do work and also shares that space  
1062 somewhat with the other activities that go on, it can sometimes present a challenge but I  
1063 think that, you know, the Staff have, have found a way to, to make things work.

1064 Now, with that being said, after giving you information as to where we are with  
1065 those two facilities, I'm gonna give you some information now on the search process. So,  
1066 the search process keeps in mind the needs of both of these, these programs. And, so  
1067 that you are aware, we did begin this pro'..., this search back in January of this year. We  
1068 were able to identify five viable locations, or possibly viable locations. And, from what I

1069 understand in our research, there is a limit in the field as to the locations that we can  
1070 actually truly look at as parcels to consider for this particular initiative. And so for us to  
1071 have come down to five, was after some extensive research. Now, in the research, this  
1072 was not just a sole effort of City Administration, it was done in effort in part with the IT  
1073 Department, Public Works, the Library and YEP.

1074 So, for the first two locations that we looked at, they're both owned by the same  
1075 realty company. You have first, the BB&T Center, which is marked with one, and then  
1076 you have the former bank which is located right next to the BB&T Center. These two  
1077 locations are on Broadway. We're looking at \$20 a square foot for a three to five year  
1078 lease. Fees not included. For the first space, which is the BB&T [stammer].., BB&T  
1079 Center, they were offering two empty floors to lease and the combined total for the square  
1080 footage would be at seven thousand three hundred square feet. And then for the former  
1081 bank, just off of that, it's a two story building at about ten thousand square feet. Now, to  
1082 give you an idea as to what the interior of these facilities look like, for the first, for the  
1083 BB&T Center, there are two floors as I said, so the first larger image is one of the floors  
1084 and it's completely empty. It does have walls and carpeting but again, we walk in with an  
1085 open mind that whatever facility we're looking for may not necessarily have everything  
1086 we need but there may be a need to, to certain renovating and, and customize to our  
1087 needs. That smaller image just off the corner at the bottom is one of the other floors,  
1088 which is smaller but it does have a set of cubicle and office spaces around it. But just by  
1089 the square footage alone, we know that if the Library is currently operating in a fourteen  
1090 thousand square feet space and YEP is operating in a about a two thousand five hundred  
1091 square feet space, this would probably be very challenging to consider.

1092 For the second location, the former bank, you'll see that the larger image, in  
1093 number two, is the second floor of that building, it's essentially a shell and another way to  
1094 kinda say that, for lack of better terms, is, is that it's bare bones, it's like a skeleton. And  
1095 what we're notice as we go through some of these images is that sev'.., most of the  
1096 locations have been like shells. We would have to consider building out and constructing  
1097 out those, those spaces to, to fit whatever the desire of the City would be to, to turn it into  
1098 a, a workable space for the Library and the Youth Empowerment Program. And then, for  
1099 that smaller image at the bottom right, that's the first floor level of that.., of that former  
1100 bank as well. It does have walls and ceilings and things like that but, from what I  
1101 understand, that building would also need renovation.

1102 Now for the third location. We looked at the Island Plaza on Broadway, which is  
1103 the former Save A Lot. We're looking at about a twenty to \$30 a square foot for a five  
1104 year lease. Fees not included. So, if you do include fees, you just essentially estimate  
1105 those costs with that. But, that space is about nine thousand two hundred square feet.  
1106 Just like I said earlier, you're gonna notice that a lot of these spaces are shell space, in  
1107 that, again, they're completely bare and we would have to consider constructing those  
1108 facilities.

1109 The fourth location is the Marine Center, located at 801 West 13<sup>th</sup> Court. They  
1110 were offering two suites, two available suites, Suite A and Suite C. And you're looking at  
1111 \$14.50 a square foot for about.., for a minimum of a three year lease. Fees not included.

1112 And those two suites combines would be ten thousand and eight hun'.., ten thousand  
1113 eight hundred square feet. And like I said again, shell space. One interesting thing about  
1114 this facility is that with the suites, they have four, two of the others are already leased out  
1115 and so there's actually a suite that's in between the A and C. And so, that would make  
1116 for somewhat of a disjointed arrangement, if that was to be considered.

1117 Now to the final location, which is what we are proffering tonight, which is at 2129  
1118 North Congress Ave. parcel. This parcel is at fifteen thousand.., about a fifteen thousand  
1119 some odd square feet.., thousand square feet. And when you look into the interior, as  
1120 you can see in the attachment that came with this Agenda which basically spells out the  
1121 details regarding the highlights to this space, you will see that this is the space, and  
1122 actually the only space we've come across, that is.., that has the renovations and the  
1123 updates, and almost a.., and almost similar to a move-in ready like feel to what we've  
1124 seen. And so, this facility, we believe, is probably going to be the best decision moving  
1125 forward, to accommodate both programs and to fit the need and.., fit the needs as it  
1126 currently stands.

1127 Now as I said, we looked at five locations and we came to the determination for  
1128 the 2129 North Congress Ave. parcel. The five key factors that went into that decision  
1129 was the location. It is currently located near the intersection of Blue Heron Boulevard and  
1130 North Congress Ave., two major roadways. In addition, it will be cost effective, purchasing  
1131 this property versus the leasing. We did consider that if you were to lease, we would not  
1132 lease more than \$300,000 a year for, for something like that. And so, for, for this particular  
1133 property with what the current market value is that.., versus leasing it out, it would make  
1134 sense for the City to potentially move in the direction of, of actually purchasing that  
1135 property as we can also see how it can benefit in other ways. The third factor being the  
1136 size. It is the largest parcel of all others that we've come across. And so, we know that  
1137 that would be a great benefit. The fourth factor being its ability to accommodate, not just  
1138 because of the size but because it has some other additional features to it, like the amount  
1139 of parking and, and the ways in which we can actually modify that space to be  
1140 multipurpose use for the direction in which the Library and the Youth.., Youth  
1141 Empowerment Program is heading in. And the last thing, you wanna consider the future  
1142 use of this facility, especially as we start to think more in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as to where  
1143 community oriented programs are heading in. And then in addition to what Mr. Evans  
1144 has mentioned in his March 10<sup>th</sup> memo, is that, as we look to other capital projects where  
1145 it co'.., where, where we, you know, may eventually get to construct, rebuild some of the  
1146 other facilities, this, this newer facility can be utilized as a transitional space as other  
1147 building may be built in the future, departments can rotate through that space. And that  
1148 space, how it's currently situated, could be used to, to essentially fit the needs of the  
1149 departments over time.

1150 And so at this point of the presentation, I'm gonna now hand it off to our City  
1151 Manager to provide you with a virtual tour of this particular location. After he's done with  
1152 that, we're gonna go into another slide and then we'll open up for any questions that you  
1153 may have. Mr. Evans.

1154 **City Manager Evans:** Thank you, Members of the Board and members of the public  
1155 that are watching this Item. Just a couple of things that I think are germane to the  
1156 discussion that we're having today. Your, your Library sees about a hundred and sixty  
1157 thousand visits annually. Total reference transactions are about eleven thousand, and  
1158 total collection use is about eleven thousand. The Youth Empowerment Programs has,  
1159 at any particular time, has seen unique visits sometimes up to close to two hundred  
1160 individuals. Now, the facility is a facility that is utilized and has it's peaks and ebbs and  
1161 flows as it relates to individuals that are utilizing the program but it is something that is  
1162 extremely valuable to our young folks and those that are seeking careers in the trade.  
1163 When we looked at this facility, we believe that this facility is the most appropriate facility  
1164 to accommodate this particular initiative as it blends Youth Empowerment, as well as the  
1165 Library services and creates some synergy with having some young folks in our Library,  
1166 and there's a lot of spaces that can be utilized.

1167 One of the things that is germane to the conversation, the property is not  
1168 necessarily for sale. There is a ground lease that is current in place where the property  
1169 owner has a tenant that pays them on a annual basis to utilize the space that is unutilized.  
1170 So, we talked about having the conversation about acquiring the property versus getting  
1171 into a situation where we enter into a lease agreement. On all the properties that Ms.  
1172 Noel communicated, you were going to look at anywhere between fifteen to thirty to forty  
1173 thousand dollars per month to utilize these facilities, in addition to you did not own that  
1174 asset. So, you would have a situation where on an annual basis, you can end up  
1175 spending anywhere from a hundred and fifty thousand to three to four hundred thousand  
1176 dollars a year in a lease payment. When we look at the situation that is present at our  
1177 Port Center, we know that we've had multiple opportunities to acquire that parcel. And  
1178 so, we didn't want this situation to be a similar situation.

1179 I'm going to go ahead and share my screen to walk you through the floor plan, and  
1180 this is just a [stammer].., sketch of Staff and then I will show you a video and then we'll  
1181 entertain some additional comments. So, if you can bear with me momentarily as I share  
1182 my screen.

1183 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I'm stepping away for a minute, Dr. Botel.

1184 **City Manager Evans:** Okay. You will see that the Item in front of you is a schematic  
1185 layout of the particular facility. You have an area here, and I will utilize a tool that will  
1186 assist me in spotlighting. So, here is your reception area. You will see in this reception  
1187 area we've incorporated a café. In most libraries, this is something that is very common,  
1188 where you have a coffee bar, an area where people can congregate to hang out prior to  
1189 entering into the, the Library facility. So, there's a café here. As you walk into the facility,  
1190 this is where you will enter the Library. You'll have a reception desk, business center, an  
1191 area for computers, your youth collection as well as your adult collection. You have a  
1192 situation here for our African-American room, a conference room, and then you have  
1193 seating, technology services and additional seating. Here is the restroom facility that will  
1194 be able to accommodate all the operations here for the public. And then, you have a  
1195 laboratory, where we are talking about robotics and a STEM program, hydroponic  
1196 gardening. I think even looking at we may have an opportunity to encourage folks to get

1197 into epidemiology as it relates to what we're dealing with now concerning COVID. As you  
1198 walk down,, you'll see some additional areas here for a hydroponic gardening indoor for  
1199 YEP, some storage area. This is a thirty person classroom that can be utilized for  
1200 community meetings, training sessions, et cetera. You have another part here where  
1201 there is a computer lab and testing center. One of the things that was communicated to  
1202 Staff as we went through this process is that there is a lot of value in being able to proctor  
1203 exams, SAT, ACT or even employers reaching out to have per'..., perspective employees  
1204 test prior to joining their agency. And so, as you continue to walk through the facility, you  
1205 have our children's area with a study room here, an area where the children's librarian  
1206 can be right here and look through a glass area to see what is going on in that program.  
1207 And then we would look to incorporate some cubicles and some additional office space  
1208 on the ex'..., on..., around the, the cubicles to..., and then ultimately you have the, the Staff  
1209 lounge. And here's the restrooms that would be able to be useable for City Staff, as well  
1210 as some members of the public that may be in the children's wing.

1211 So, from our perspective, this facility..., and when I show you the video, is pretty  
1212 much ready to go. There is some additional buildout that will have to occur, and the City  
1213 is looking at taking the necessary steps to go through a competitive process if the Board  
1214 is interested in acquiring this particular parcel. So at this time, I'm going to stop sharing  
1215 my screen and then I'm gonna go into the video, if you give me a moment and I will narrate  
1216 the video to the best of my abilities.

1217 [Video beings to play]

1218 **City Manager Evans:** Okay. So, this is an aerial view of the facility. It's off of North  
1219 Congress, right behind Community Partners. This is the aerial view again. That gives  
1220 you a look at the facility. And there is more than adequate parking to be able to  
1221 accommodate. This is walking into the main lobby area, reception area. And that's the...,  
1222 that's the floor plan of the facility. This is some of the professional offices that are in the  
1223 facility. One of the things that we would look to negotiate is being able to keep the  
1224 furniture that is in the facility, as it will save the City some money as it relates to FF&E  
1225 because there is a lot of furniture that can be repurposed and be reutilized. This would  
1226 be the space that would be looked at for the Library. This is the conference room that  
1227 was referenced. There's the training room. It's equipped with appropriate IT  
1228 technologies, and here's the laboratory. This is the restroom facilities to accommodate  
1229 the public need.

1230 So again, Staff believes that this facility can accommodate multiple needs for the  
1231 City, both as a facility to move the Library and our Youth Empowerment Program, but  
1232 also, look at the opportunity for flex space. Once we start proceeding forward with the  
1233 construction of new facilities, we can move other City operations into this space. And it  
1234 gives us a lot of presence on the north side of our community, and on that corner of  
1235 Congress and Blue Heron. The facility is in, in great condition. Obviously, we would go  
1236 through a due diligence process to ensure that everything is copesetic before the City  
1237 proceeds forward with securing the terms and conditions of a contract but that..., this Item  
1238 is intended to allow for City Administration to work with Legal and the property owner to

1239 talk about the possibility and feasibility of coming to bring a contract to the Board for  
1240 consideration.

1241 We do want to have additional conversations with members of the Library Advisory  
1242 Board, as their input and feedback is important but we believe that, for the cost that we  
1243 can get this facility and what we were looking at for a [stammer] lease agreement that  
1244 conceivably, in a five year period, you can pay off this facility as opposed to spending  
1245 monies on a lease agreement. And, Madam Chair, at this particular moment, myself and  
1246 Ms. Noel are prepared to answer any questions the Board may have.

1247 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam Chair?

1248 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. I'll come to you. Give me one second. Ms.  
1249 Wynn, is it very important for us to at least keep three people's faces on here so that  
1250 [chuckle] we, at least, seem like we have a quorum? I know that everybody signed in  
1251 and.., but, I, I just don't want to be the only two people sitting here and so if we can at  
1252 least make sure we have three people's faces...

1253 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I see...

1254 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...[inaudible]...

1255 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I see all the Board...

1256 **Assistant to City Manager Noel:** Three Council Members.

1257 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...Members.

1258 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. At one point it was just the two of us.

1259 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Oh.

1260 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I'm just...

1261 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Oh, okay.

1262 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...saying, just make sure 'cause I don't want any  
1263 problems.

1264 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Okay.

1265 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yeah. I agree.

1266 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Go ahead.

1267 **City Attorney Wynn:** Thank you.

1268 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead. Go ahead, Ms. Botel.



1269 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Evans, I had a couple of questions that I  
1270 received from someone in the community asking if we would be able to take advantage  
1271 of the Library grant that we received if the location works out well, will this location be  
1272 considered for a permanent site? And, they also mentioned that their Advisory Board  
1273 application is waiting for the Council to approve. Wanted to know when those positions  
1274 would be filled.

1275 And then I had some secondary questions myself. Can we get a 3D printer and  
1276 put it in, like in Makerspace? I think that'd be very cool. And, what part of the building  
1277 will be Youth Empowerment [stammer].., Youth Empowerment Program occupy?

1278 **City Manager Evans:** So, let me try to pull the, the questions out of it. With regards  
1279 to the grant, we had conversations with the granting agency and the grant was for the  
1280 purposes of construction of a new facility that would have to come out of the ground. We  
1281 did have conversations and spoke to them about a possibility of us looking to secure a  
1282 site to bring Library operations to and, unfortunately, based on the terms and conditions  
1283 in the application, it was communicated that the City would deliver a brand new Library  
1284 that would be new construction. And so, we could not utilize the \$500,000 for this  
1285 particular facility.

1286 With respect to the area that Youth Empowerment would utilize, it would pro'.., it  
1287 would be more likely the back half of the building. So, if I do show my screen again, I can  
1288 show you the area. So, the, the space that Youth Empower' would.., Youth Empowerment  
1289 would occupy would be primarily this area, and then there would have.., they would have  
1290 some professional office space here. But the intent behind the design and the free flowing  
1291 elements of this facility, is we want Youth Empowerment to be able to utilize the spaces  
1292 in collaboration and conjunction with the Library, because e there's some spaces that the  
1293 Library will not utilize and there some spaces that Youth Empowerment will utilize. So,  
1294 there would be an opportunity to schedule facilities, you know, the computer lab testing  
1295 center, that would be an area that most like would be utilized by Youth Empowerment.  
1296 But, this back half of the facility, as well as any other fac'.., part of the facility that they  
1297 would need to utilize would be available to them. So, it provides them a, a bigger footprint,  
1298 a, a bigger facility and there's actually ways for us to control access points for individuals  
1299 to be able to access certain parts of the building.

1300 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Just a follow up. The, the Advisory Board applications?

1301 **City Manager Evans:** The Advisory Board applications, that's something that we  
1302 can place on Consent at our next Regular City Council meeting.

1303 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you.

1304 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Can we take the presentation off? I can't see  
1305 the other people.

1306 **Councilperson Lanier:** I wanna have a question to Council'.., Madam Chair?

1307 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead. Go ahead.

1308 **Councilperson Lanier:** Someone just text about where do they put in public  
1309 comments for this? I'm, I'm assuming they just joined the meeting so I wanted to make  
1310 sure that people in the public knew if there were any questions about this or any other  
1311 items, before we are finished, where to send public comments.

1312 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Ms. Anthony. Can you repeat for... 'Cause we, we still  
1313 have to do public comment, which we'll do as soon as we finish this here.

1314 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Stammer]...

1315 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, the email address to email a public comment is  
1316 publiccomments, P-U-B-L-I-C C-O-M-M-E-N-T-S @rivierabeach.org. If anyone was not  
1317 able to understand that, there is a notice posted on the City's website where they can just  
1318 click on the link for the email to send their comments in.

1319 **Councilperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1320 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1321 **Councilperson Lanier:** People were texting me about the public comment section of  
1322 our, of our meeting. But, can I go forward, Madam Chair, with questions about this  
1323 project?

1324 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1325 **Councilperson Lanier:** I first wanted to say that very good presentation, City  
1326 Manager, Mr. Evans and Noel. Very good presentation. But, I have some questions  
1327 about the project, first of all.

1328 Number one, I think that this project should've been workshopped with us first.  
1329 This is a very big decision and this is a lot of money. And I think that it should've come  
1330 to us in a workshop first so that we can be able to discuss some of these issues that...,  
1331 'cause I'm, I'm writing down stuff as we're, as we're talking and I have a lot of questions  
1332 to be asked and I know that this is a Regular Agenda Council meeting and something of  
1333 this magnitude should've been workshopped first. That's number one.

1334 Second of all, I think that if anybody here thinks that we're gonna go back to normal  
1335 after this, we are sadly mistaken. There is no normal after this. So that we have to move  
1336 forward, with everything that we're doing based on the COVID-19, the, the state of the...,  
1337 of the [stammer] City, the state of the..., the state..., and the state of the country at this  
1338 point. So, at this point, we have no idea what is going to transpire in the next thirty to  
1339 sixty days in terms of how this virus is going to affect us personally in this City.

1340 Which leads, which leads into my next question of \$2.1 to \$2.6MM. We don't know  
1341 how the markets are going to bear up in the next thirty to sixty days, and I have a, you  
1342 know, heartburn with spending this much money right now on a facility that, number one,  
1343 for all intents and purposes, both are shuttered. The Library is closed, Youth  
1344 Empowerment, for all intents [stammer] purposes, is closed. So, and I understand us...

1345 hear me when I say that I was the Chair of the Library Board before I became a  
1346 Councilperson. And I.., this Library project is very, very near and dear to my heart. And,  
1347 I have spoken with Mr. Evans on numerous occasions about a Library, about trying to get  
1348 something going, but I think it would do us better to look at putting that same money in  
1349 satellite projects, Wells, Tate, all of our recreational places to put satellite places for  
1350 people to come and to also pick up books or not to pick up books or even look at the  
1351 Library and YEP doing virtual work at this point. Because we don't know how long this is  
1352 going to last. And I know for a fact, with this City being eighty percent African-American,  
1353 it is going to hit us very hard. So, I wanted to frame this.., these question in the context  
1354 of we do have to plan for the future. There is no doubt about that, but we also have to  
1355 ensure that every dime we have, we have to make sure that we, you know, do it the right  
1356 way. And I'm not saying, Mr. Evans, this is not something that should be done. I'm just  
1357 saying that right now, my reservations are because of the state that we're in and as I said  
1358 before, we are in a pandemic. This is not normal. This is not how we usually do business.  
1359 So, to go into, you know, buying a new property at this point, I think that this should.., I  
1360 mean, the same we're here tonight, this should be workshopped. We should have some  
1361 conversation back and forth about it so that awe can come to a consensus about how we  
1362 should move forward.

1363 And, my last comment is the fact that I think that this whole.., that we're gonna  
1364 spend the money, that these things should be.., this Library situation should be a satellite  
1365 where we are all over this City, and not just the one, one location. And let me add also,  
1366 that the location that you picked on Blue Heron and Congress at MLK and Congress, two  
1367 children have been killed at two of those of those intersections. So, we really want to look  
1368 at where we're trying to put the Library, how we're trying to do this, and I think that we  
1369 should have more conversation. Because, don't get me wrong, Mr. Evans and Noel, this  
1370 was an excellent presentation. Excellent. But I think that it needs to be workshopped so  
1371 that we all can have a say in how we're going to move forward with this new normal.

1372 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I, if I, if I may respond to the Councilperson's  
1373 comments? I did...

1374 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1375 **City Manager Evans:** ...provide a.., I did provide a memorandum to the Board on  
1376 March 10<sup>th</sup> communicating the conditions of the facility. We understand that a new norm  
1377 is, is upon us and how we operate and how we conduct business is going to be profoundly  
1378 different. But the facility and the condition of the facility is substandard. You have about  
1379 three thousand square feet of the existing facility that is not being occupied. The facility  
1380 is leaking. In the event that we wanted to attempt to address the leaking in that particular  
1381 facility, we may find ourselves spending five hundred to six hundred thousand dollars and  
1382 not knowing if we can go ahead and cure the issue. This was a conversation that we also  
1383 had previously about the condition of multiple municipal facilities, and so Staff began the  
1384 work to look for an alternative location and how we can accommodate the needs of both  
1385 programs.

1386           The intersection and the, the challenges associated with that, we certainly will work  
1387 with FDOT and the County with regards to providing an opportunity for better ingress and  
1388 egress, but we wanted to attempt to address something before it got to a situation during  
1389 your rainy season where we're closing the Library because of a situation that we can't  
1390 control because of the inclement weather. We know that those facilities and those  
1391 operations are shuttered but we don't even have the capacity in the existing facility to  
1392 provide a virtual Library. This particular building that we're proffering has CAT 6 cables  
1393 and is ready to go and is basically something that can be up and operational in the matter  
1394 of a couple of months if we're able to proceed forward.

1395           So, we see this as a valuable asset to the City's inventory. There is cash on hand  
1396 that can acquire this particular asset. We see this asset like other assets the City has  
1397 acquired that will increase in value, and I think that it's important for us to have the, the  
1398 conversation. And this Agenda Item is merely to give the City Manager and City Attorney  
1399 the authority to negotiate a sole source procurement on this particular parcel. This is  
1400 going to end up coming back to you all for additional discussions and conversation at  
1401 least one or two times before it is a, a finished issue.

1402 **Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Chair?

1403 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. Go ahead.

1404 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes. I do.., I understand that, Mr. Evans but given the state  
1405 of where we are now, I, I.., before we would've come back for, you know, jus tot even look  
1406 at to negotiate, I still think this should've been workshopped first. I still think that we can  
1407 look at putting that money towards satellite, I mean, which would really be wonderful,  
1408 satellite places around the City for the Library. And also the fact that if we're gonna be  
1409 talking about anything, we need to be talking about a public health budget for the City, in  
1410 terms of how we're going to move forward with the COVID-19 and how it's going to affect  
1411 our community.

1412           But that aside, I still say that, at this point, we still need to workshop it. I still have  
1413 numerous questions which I don't wanna get into tonight because we are at a Council  
1414 meeting and I'm not trying to take up all the time with all my questions. I just think that, I  
1415 mean, we can.., just like we're here tonight, we can easily put together a workshop and  
1416 just talk about this and talk this out because I have numerous questions I have written  
1417 down as you've been talking, as Noel been talking. And mind you again, the presentation  
1418 was excellent. It really was, but I have so many questions about spending this kind of  
1419 money right now. And also about how we're going to move forward virtually, with all of  
1420 our operations.

1421 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mr. McCoy, and then Mr. Lawson. [Pause].  
1422 McCoy, you still have your question? [Pause]. We'll come back to you. Mr. Lawson, go  
1423 ahead. Lawson.

1424 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Evans, where's the nearest  
1425 public bus stop for that site?

1426 **City Manager Evans:** I believe the nearest public bus stop may be a little ways  
1427 down, close to Heron Estates. And there is also one on Blue Heron as well. But, you  
1428 know, those are things that certainly we can look to work with Palm Tran and the county  
1429 to, to look to deploy that..., if that facility is activated.

1430 **Councilperson Lawson:** Excellent. And absolutely. As you're looking to vetting that  
1431 proc'..., that property, I wanna see if you can reach out to Palm Tran just to see if they can  
1432 update some of the, the stops and locations for our residents to be able to get access to  
1433 this new Library.

1434 Second question. The \$500,000 Library grant, when does that expire?

1435 **City Manager Evans:** I believe, Ms. Noel, if I'm not mistaken, December 2020 is the  
1436 date that it is expiring and the City would have to have a physical structure in the ground  
1437 completed by December 2020.

1438 **Assistant to City Manager Noel:** Correct.

1439 **Councilperson Lawson:** And when did we first obtain this grant?

1440 **City Manager Evans:** 2016.

1441 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Is that it, Mr. Lawson?

1442 **Councilperson Lawson:** One more question.

1443 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mhmm.

1444 **Councilperson Lawson:** In regards to the project and the parcel, this was..., this was  
1445 something that I believe as a Council..., I..., that I was at least pushing, and I believe the  
1446 other colleagues were at least pushing for moving forward with purchasing land and  
1447 investing into the community. Being that we haven't experienced a, a pandemic in our  
1448 lifetime and we're going into what's looking like it's gonna be a possible recession, I think  
1449 how we invest and get things mobilized and really move forward is by investing into the  
1450 community, using the time, the energy and the resources to be able to buy some of the  
1451 land that's coming available, to actually purchase some of this property that's coming  
1452 about. I don't want us renting or spending any more money on any leases because  
1453 eventually that's gonna be throwing money away over the course of the next three, five,  
1454 ten years. And I love the idea of Mr. Evans presenting the option of moving some of our  
1455 City facilities, while we're building the locations in other areas, to this location that we, we  
1456 would currently own, as opposed to moving it into a rented space.

1457 So, I'm all for this project. I've done some research on it based upon what you  
1458 presented. I've seen it on the Agenda and I know that you've been looking at the project  
1459 for a while so I'm adamant about seeing what's gonna come next and what else you have  
1460 to present to the table.

1461 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. McCoy. [Pause]. Okay. You said you were ready.  
1462 Can't hear you. You're on mute.

1463 **Assistant to City Manager Noel:** I'll see if I...

1464 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

1465 **Assistant to City Manager Noel:** ...[inaudible]. I'll see if I can...

1466 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1467 **Assistant to City Manager Noel:** ...[inaudible].

1468 **Councilperson Lawson:** While, while Councilman...

1469 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead, Mr...

1470 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...McCoy's figuring that out...

1471 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** He's ready.

1472 **Councilperson Lawson:** While Councilman McCoy's figuring that out... Okay.

1473 **Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Chair, I...

1474 **Councilperson Lawson:** I was just gonna say...

1475 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Hold on. Hold on. McCoy, go ahead.

1476 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. So, my comments area actually, I  
1477 was looking at a couple things that was brought up in the presentation. So, a lot of this  
1478 is new for us as Members of the Council because I didn't see this before but what I can  
1479 tell you is, I, I, I agree with Councilwoman Lanier that I am very much apprehensive,  
1480 significantly apprehensive about us going forward with even the purchase or even a lease  
1481 of any property for our Library. You know, I was visiting out at North County Public Library  
1482 around 2017 and they did a major overhaul of the public Library at North County just at  
1483 PGA, and they were able to relocate. I, I think it might've been 2016. 2016-2017. They  
1484 were able to relocate operations and library services to the North County Courthouse and  
1485 obviously it's the county runs the Library and the courthouse with, with little or no expense  
1486 to the county as far as renting.

1487           However, the issue that comes up is, I'm concerned that if we do anything as far  
1488 as leasing or purchasing, we forego our opportunity at this grant. And that doesn't look  
1489 good when it comes to getting any kind of funding from Tallahassee. And I would disagree  
1490 that we move forward with anything. I think the priority, especially since we're in this state  
1491 of COVID-19 where we're not having anything, you know, face to face contact and social  
1492 distancing and much of the operations shutdown, is that we actually move towards an  
1493 aggressive plan to figure out a long terms solution to our Library in the City Complexes.

1494 Because, it becomes sunk cost to get \$500,000 of taxpayer dollars, turn around and then  
1495 lose it by way of a lease, or even a plan later in the future. But, it just doesn't make sense,  
1496 practically or logically, to move forward with doing anything. You know, we've talked  
1497 about this for several years, about our Library and our City facilities. We are in the month  
1498 of April and that leaves us with about seven and a half months to 12-31-2020. So, I think  
1499 the focus should be on figuring out a very aggressive plan how we address, not just the  
1500 Library but all of our City facilities. But I think, and I will caution all the Members of the  
1501 Board to really consider what happens in the long term as opposed to doing a quick fix to  
1502 address this. At least if we could use the \$500,000 for plans or for architecture, you know,  
1503 I would really be okay with that. But, money from the legislature comes very slim and far  
1504 in between when it comes for any kind of appropriation of grant dollars from the legislature  
1505 or from any [inaudible]. So, I really disagree with us moving forward with any kind of  
1506 rental, or even a purchase of a Library facility for the long term, which we don't really  
1507 know.

1508 The other thing about the Library was, it was connected to the City Hall Municipal  
1509 Complex. And, it's uniquely connected to three different, at least three different, public  
1510 transit routes, meaning Palm Tran. And, many of the individuals that use the Library  
1511 services are those that don't have transportation and come in for internet, research or  
1512 whatever other... But I just don't think that it's a good idea to try to move any kind of  
1513 Library services for temporary slash permanent basis to Congress Avenue because, you  
1514 know, I think it's a bad deal. I would much rather us not move this because I'm.., I, I would  
1515 really emphasize that the legislature does not look kindly to money that's not used within  
1516 the timeframe. And I don't agree that we should be spending money and not making  
1517 good with it. And I think, if I'm not mistaken, we probably exhausted all the assistance  
1518 that we're gonna get from the Division of.., I'm sorry, Department of State, Division of  
1519 Library Services, as far as this grant is concerned.

1520 That's all I have, Madam Chair.

1521 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1522 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam Chair...

1523 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Let me go to Mr. Evans first and then I'll come back. I  
1524 think Lawson was trying to get in, Botel and Ms. Lanier I believe eat one point. Mr. Evans,  
1525 go ahead.

1526 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, the, the grant.., the \$500,000 grant, there's  
1527 conceivably no way that we would be able to construct a library in a seven month period.  
1528 That is for the Library to be open and activated prior to the December 2020 timeline. So,  
1529 the money that we received, there is.., that money is conceivably gone. Additionally, I  
1530 wanted to say that I just got a, a map of the facility and there is a bus shelter that is  
1531 probably, maybe twenty feet from the entrance of the facility on North Congress. It's right  
1532 in front of the pool supply service. So there is a bus shelter that is directly adjacent to the  
1533 entrance of the parcel.

1534 Again, this is looking at an opportunity to acquire a piece of property because,  
1535 based on the existing condition, I don't think if we go back to some type of normal  
1536 operations, that we should even reopen that Library considering the state that it's in.  
1537 Additionally, if we look at utilizing that \$2.1 to \$2.7MM to create satellite campuses, we  
1538 would be putting that money in old facilities that were built in the 70's as well. So, you  
1539 wouldn't be able to get.., you, your.., that investment would be something that in a couple  
1540 years, we would be recommending tearing down because those are the facilities that we  
1541 are looking to reconstruct, so when we look at.., we, we [stammer], [audio skipped] have  
1542 the conversation about satellite campuses and creating a storefront atmosphere whereby  
1543 maybe you have four storefronts of fifteen hundred square feet throughout the City and  
1544 that's how you, you know, conduct business. Maybe a smaller footprint, but then when  
1545 you're looking at twelve to thirty dollars a square foot, even for two thousand square feet,  
1546 you're spending money for something that you will never own. This particular parcel is  
1547 not for sale. The property owner already has a tenant that pays them a month payment  
1548 for a ten year period because of an agreement that they have. So, it's not something that  
1549 he is actively pursuing this on the market. This is something that we asked for because  
1550 we knew that a lease option is cost prohibitive and we don't wanna find ourselves back  
1551 in the same situation we were.., or we are with the Port Center, that we could've  
1552 purchased the facility three times and we're paying \$487,000 a month to occupy that  
1553 facility.

1554 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam Chair?

1555 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** \$487,000 a month? No.

1556 **City Manager Evans:** I mean, a year. Sorry, a year.

1557 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. I was...

1558 **City Manager Evans:** [Inaudible].

1559 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...gonna say, that...

1560 [Chuckles]

1561 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mr. Lawson, Botel and Lanier.

1562 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you. Mr. Evans, this Library, or this move for a library,  
1563 this would be a temporary fix, so over the next three to five years, while we're looking to  
1564 rebuild our campus and our Library and our City Hall, correct?

1565 **City Manager Evans:** That is correct. That's what Staff is proposing.

1566 **Councilperson Lawson:** Okay. So, that's what I received from the presentation and  
1567 investing the money that we're gonna use as a rental space, to moving the Library, I  
1568 thought was a good investment, if we could get that price to a certain dollar amount and  
1569 think that's all Mr. Evans is asking, the ability to begin negotiations and discussions.



1570 Because right now, the, the advertised price of \$2.1 to \$2.7, is in line with what it would  
1571 cost us over the next five years to lease a space of our Library.

1572 Now, Mr. Evans, I do wanna address the grant, the \$500,000 library grant. Can  
1573 you just give some details on, on what happened? Why, why is that we pretty much just  
1574 dropped the ball on a grant that we received back in 2016?

1575 **City Manager Evans:** Well, for, for a little bit of historical context, if I can have Mr.  
1576 Sherman activate his camera and be able to present, but I can tell you from the  
1577 conversations that we have and, and Marsha as well, you can provide some perspective  
1578 on the conversation you had with the granting agency because we did ask, can we at  
1579 least purchase furniture, fixtures and equipment, computers...

1580 **Councilperson Lawson:** Right.

1581 **City Manager Evans:** ...that we would look to even repurpose in the new Library and  
1582 they said absolutely not because...

1583 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible]...

1584 **City Manager Evans:** ...that was not what was articulated in the grant permission.

1585 **Councilperson Lawson:** And that was my question, even if we could use it to purchase  
1586 a parcel, 'cause if it's for new construction, what options are behind the grand? Can we  
1587 purchase a parcel? Can we buy the fixtures? Can we get things moving? Get the plans  
1588 done? Like, is there no options for this grant?

1589 **City Manager Evans:** And, and from what I've been told, based on the conversations  
1590 I've had with Staff, it is for the construction of a new library. It can't even be utilized for  
1591 the renovations that we wanna do to the facility that is being considered this evening. So,  
1592 we have tried multiple ways to find us some option to be able to draw down the monies  
1593 from the state. But Mr. Sherman, if you can provide some perspective and then Marsha  
1594 immediately after.

1595 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yes. Good evening.  
1596 Again, Randy Sherman, Finance Director.

1597 Yeah. I believe it was in 2014 when we actually filed for the grant. And the state  
1598 was so cautious about giving us the grant funds. They actually made us come back with  
1599 a, a second vote, almost guaranteeing the state that we would build the facility. But it is  
1600 for brand new construction. The state library cons'.., capital grant, it is very detailed in  
1601 the milestones that you need to meet. [Stammer].., immediately after getting the grant,  
1602 we did get the Council to approve some matching funds. They actually issued an RFP  
1603 and hired an architect who went through a number of community meetings and actually  
1604 worked through a program for the facility. The real hurdle has always been what is the  
1605 new location? Is it staying on the north side, is it going on the southside? Are we moving  
1606 it over to Broadway? So, that discussion ensued. The City then brought in ULI and ULI  
1607 said put it on the southside of Blue Heron. And, as you know, we've had a number of

1608 meetings discussing the City Hall Complex, putting it on the southside, putting it on the  
1609 northside. The most recent meeting was[inaudible] believe, last July when we made a  
1610 presentation. We started looking at the P3's. We have received a couple of extension,  
1611 or at least one extension on the grant. The, the state has been very patient with us but I  
1612 think our time has, has just run out. If the twe'..., December 2020, I wanna say the initial  
1613 date to complete it was December of 2018. But it is for capital only. We are not allowed  
1614 to use it to retrofit anything, we're not allowed to use it for FF&E. It was to build a brand  
1615 new library.

1616 **Councilperson Lawson:** Okay.

1617 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Stammer]...

1618 **Councilperson Lawson:** And, in addition to that, just to follow up... I'm sorry, Ms. Noel  
1619 but a quick...

1620 **Assistant to City Manager Noel:** Oh, no. I....

1621 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...follow up.

1622 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I was just trying to say, you know, I had been on the  
1623 Council for quite a few of those years and that has always been the case that, you know,  
1624 the money was just not there or we could not decide on what we were gonna do, or where  
1625 the money was gonna come from when we had all these other facilities that needed to be  
1626 redone. And so, it just kinda., it just never got identified. And so, that, that was kind of  
1627 where it was.

1628 **Councilperson Lawson:** And to build a new facility, what timeframe would you need if  
1629 we had secured the, the..., a location?

1630 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Initially, what we had laid  
1631 out with the architect was anywhere between twenty-four and thirty months.

1632 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yeah. So, what we've done is, we've lost this grant and we  
1633 don't have the timeframe to, to obtain this property, or to actually utilize it 'cause it expires  
1634 December 2020 and we've already tried to file for all extensions possible?

1635 **Assistant to City Manager Noel:** Correct. So...

1636 **Councilperson Lawson:** Okay.

1637 **Assistant to City Manager Noel:** This is Marsha. So, to your point, yes. From  
1638 what I understand, for that initial grant released back in 2016, they had until 2018 to utilize  
1639 it, within those two years. Because they were..., they anticipated near the end of that initial  
1640 deadline that they were not going to complete the construction, they asked for an  
1641 additional extension. That additional extension is for December 2020. And from what I  
1642 understand from the grant representative is, is that there's no further extensions that they  
1643 can provide.

1644 **Councilperson Lawson:** Okay. Alright. So, I guess the follow up, just to.., just outside  
1645 of the, the project that's being presented tonight, I just would like for us to get monthly or  
1646 bimonthly updates on any grants that we have outstanding, so that we don't run into this  
1647 position again moving forward. I know that our, our, our Chair and Vice Chair, they've  
1648 been in a position where they kind of had divided opinions within the Council with trying  
1649 to.., how to move forward, how to spend money, what to get done. So right now, I think  
1650 we're all on the same page when it comes to developing, moving and getting the City  
1651 established in the right direction. I know there's some hesitation with this project but at  
1652 least giving us updates with what's going on with the grants that we have in place so we  
1653 never fall into this position again. 'Cause, I know residents are gonna wanna know why  
1654 we're wasting \$500,000. So, that's the biggest concern that I have with that.

1655 But in regards to the presentation, I would love to see us move forward with finding  
1656 out what information's available, what prices are available for this property and seeing  
1657 how we can actually turn this into a parcel that the City can own.

1658 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1659 **Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Chair?

1660 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Ms. Botel and then Law'...

1661 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

1662 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...Lanier.

1663 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I also would like to see this project  
1664 move forward, at least to the extent that we authorize the City Manager to make some  
1665 inquiries and to get some more information. You know, it, it's incumbent on us now, as a  
1666 Council, to move the project forward. Not, not this little piece of it, not the Library piece,  
1667 the whole Magilla, the whole entire project that involves new City Hall, new everything,  
1668 the new Police, new Fire and it's just dragged on for too long and we can't let that  
1669 continue. We've got to move forward, we've got to make a decision about whether it's  
1670 gonna be on the northside or the southside, where is it gonna be and let's get this thing  
1671 going. I think that this a really necessary step to get the people in that Library out of there,  
1672 to a safe environment, to an environment that doesn't have the water intrusion. I  
1673 recognize that it's, it's very unfortunate that we're giving up \$500,0900 but we've gotta  
1674 put that behind us. We have no control over that. That's something that happened in the  
1675 past, it's gone. Just forget about it. I know that the, the.., Tallahassee is gonna look  
1676 kindly on the fact that we've let that money go to waste, well, there's not much we can do  
1677 about that now. That's in the past. So, my druthers would be, get this thing going, ask  
1678 Mr. Evans to do some more investigation and, and make a vote this evening to allow him  
1679 to do that. And I would vote in factor.

1680 Thank you.

1681 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Ms. Lanier.

1682 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. And, and I agree with that. I, I certainly do but, you  
1683 know, my thing is this, there are other City properties that we have. We haven't even  
1684 asked that BB&T Bank building that you looked at, would they donate some of the space  
1685 for us? We haven't asked that. The other issue is that there's a whole two, \$3M building  
1686 that the CRA has at Broadway and Blue Heron that, for the pa'..., for this..., for the purpose  
1687 it was..., it, it was deemed for and we as the CRA Board sat and voted on this, that, it was  
1688 deemed for an open space, for congregation, for small businesses, the CRA would have  
1689 their offices. That's a building sitting right there.

1690 So, I'm saying that I understand that you've done this research for these particular  
1691 projects. And I still say that because of we're spending now, if anything in terms of  
1692 spending money, we need to be spending money for public health. What is our  
1693 emergency plan? If this plague comes to the City, are we prepared for it? And I  
1694 understand, Mr. Evans, trust me when I tell you, I know that you are the [stammer] the  
1695 best person for this job right here. I do know this. But I also know that, based on the way  
1696 that this disease is moving and we have to frame everything, we have to frame everything  
1697 in the response to COVID-19. Given the fact..., and I'm gonna say it again, that this City  
1698 is eighty percent African-American, you can best believe it is going to hit our City hard, so  
1699 how are we prepared for that?

1700 Now, I understand that we need to..., if we're gonna be doing libraries and..., and  
1701 when I say this, I say this from my heart because I was the Chair of the Library Board,  
1702 before I became elected and I think I said that before, so I'm very into this Library deal.  
1703 But the way it's structured now, the way that we are se'..., we're, we're, we're settling on  
1704 this one building, I, I can't, in, in all goo conscious, go for that because \$21 to \$2.6MM  
1705 right now, is not going to work for me.

1706 So, if I have to vote right now for it, I would vote against it and we can move on  
1707 and workshop this the same way we can do a workshop, two hours, three hours. We can  
1708 sit right here and go back and forth with different types of ideas about how to move  
1709 forward, virtually. Not just with the Library, not just with Youth Empowerment Program,  
1710 but with our whole City operations. Because if we plan right now, we're not the ones who  
1711 are gonna be caught out the way New York was, the way Chicago is, the way Louisiana  
1712 is. Right now, they are shuttered down. There's nothing nobody can do. So, we still  
1713 have an opportunity to sit here..., we can workshop every day what we're doing. I go to  
1714 work from 8:30 to 5:00 every day. At 5:30-6:00 o'clock, we can have workshops on all  
1715 these ideas and how we're gonna move this City forward. But, spending that kinda money  
1716 right now, is not something that I am for.

1717 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mayor, were you trying to speak? [Pause]. Put  
1718 your..., you're on mute.

1719 **Mayor Felder:** I, I don't know if Doug had his hand up first.

1720 **Councilperson Lawson:** Go ahead, Mayor.

1721 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** He..., you can go. He, he spoke a few times. So...

1722 **Mayor Felder:** [Stammer]...

1723 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...go ahead and then I'll come back to him.

1724 **Mayor Felder:** [Inaudible] and I agree we need to move the City forward as  
1725 Councilman Lawson said. That's walking and chewing gum at the same time but some  
1726 of my concerns is this. As we're moving the City forward and we're gonna spend money,  
1727 I'm agreeing with Councilwoman Lanier because we do have that building that the CRA  
1728 owns. Kinda look into that too. But one of my concerns is this, and I was gonna bring it  
1729 up in my comments but as, as we're looking to move the City forward, whether it's building  
1730 from the ground up or buying some properties that we can redo, I., some of my issues  
1731 are with some of the projects that we have going on in our inner cities. And, for one,  
1732 Monroe Heights which we're not talking about. I've been getting calls left and right about  
1733 Monroe Heights. I've been going., [inaudible] couple weeks, there's no movement going  
1734 on, on those streets. And they're steady starting to tear up other streets. I'm., you know,  
1735 citizens are concerned about that. I'm concerned about that to the point where it, it... I'm  
1736 looking at it like this, if we can't get that project going, a couple of streets, then how are  
1737 we gonna continue to get the, the bigger projects going?

1738 I believe we need to hire a, a project manager because, as I, as I go by every day  
1739 and there's no movement on those streets, we have nobody watching it. And, I'm gonna,  
1740 I'm gonna ask tonight that before we continue anymore road projects, that we hire a  
1741 project manager, somebody that can make sure that these streets are getting done, that  
1742 they're getting the insight from our residents because my office is gettin' blowed up on a  
1743 daily basis now because they're tearing up these streets [inaudible] other streets. I know  
1744 over two months ago we said that, I think it was M Avenue would be done and they would  
1745 move over to O Avenue. But M, they don't even show up, so of course O is not done,  
1746 and they're tearing up another part of 26<sup>th</sup> Court. So I'm asking that...

1747 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mayor Felder. Mayor Felder. You know we're...

1748 **Mayor Felder:** Yeah.

1749 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...still on the Item...

1750 **Mayor Felder:** I, I understand that...

1751 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...regarding the, the Library. And so...

1752 **Mayor Felder:** Yeah, yeah [inaudible]...

1753 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And we have not done public comment. I don't know if  
1754 we have any. So, I wanted to make sure that we just kinda wrapped...

1755 **Mayor Felder:** Yeah.

1756 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...this one up. For the...

1757 **Mayor Felder:** Well, and, and, that's my point is talking about the Library and, and  
1758 we're moving on to move to, to pay two point or whatever million dollars and we got  
1759 projects that's not done. So that's the point I'm making. Is...

1760 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1761 **Mayor Felder:** Yeah. I agree with moving the City forward but the issue is to redo  
1762 the Library, I think it's, it's not good that we're losing a \$500,000 grant, that we had from  
1763 2016. I'm trying to make my point, if we're gonna do this, if, if we're able to go forward  
1764 whether to purchase this building or whatever, let's not forget about the other projects  
1765 that we have going on because they're not being talked about a.

1766 And that's my concern.

1767 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Alright. Mr. Lawson, did you still have  
1768 something to add?

1769 **Councilperson Lawson:** I'm, I'm good, Madam Chair.

1770 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Alright. So, you know, it is 8:16 and my, my, my  
1771 question is for Mr. Evans is, do you..., is this something that, I mean, 2020 December is  
1772 on the way. This \$500,000, I mean, I think, to be very honest with you, a couple years  
1773 ago we kinda felt like we were..., we..., well, at that time, we weren't gonna be able to do  
1774 it. We..., I mean, the \$500,000, personally, at the time, I..., if I recall correctly, when I first  
1775 got on the Board, it was, you know, of course we wanted to apply for it, we got it but it  
1776 was kinda like the cart was put before the horse and no one could really determine how  
1777 we were gonna come up with this other money. And I know a lotta people were, you  
1778 know, lobbying, the different Council people were out trying to push it through and, you  
1779 know, get the Library built but when you have all of these other buildings, you have Public  
1780 Safety..., the Public Works building falling apart. I mean, you had..., we had a couple  
1781 hurricanes, well, the hurricane and then the Police Department, they were getting  
1782 drenched on during the hurricane and the City Hall. So, we had a number, at that time,  
1783 the last few years, we had a number of issues with all..., almost all of our facilities. And  
1784 so, it was just hard to say we're going to put this money into a Library which, I'm an  
1785 educator so I, I fully support libraries and education, books and everything. However,  
1786 there were a number of people that were occupying buildings. Fire departments, we had  
1787 those falling apart. I mean, it was just very difficult to say we're going to focus on getting  
1788 this particular Library project going. And so, in the bigger picture, the \$500,000 was  
1789 unfortunately not going to be accepted or, or not used because we just could not put the  
1790 two, three, four, \$5MM up for \$500,000 that we would lose.

1791 So, I think we're at that point right now where, I mean, we are dealing with a, a  
1792 serious issue of this pandemic and they're talking about things being social distancing  
1793 until 2021 and '22. So, hopefully, that's not true. But, it's just kind of hard to, you know,  
1794 put money into something at this time. I'm not opposed to, you know, seeing if you can  
1795 get better rates or just doing a little more research on it. I don't need a workshop, for me,  
1796 personally. I mean, I've been around it for a minute but, you know, maybe if we brought

1797 it before another meeting, our next meeting, those who had concerns or questions could  
1798 possibly get those answers. Maybe that would give you time to identify other locations. I  
1799 don't know if there's very many out there. And then at the same time, maybe you can just  
1800 be doing a little more of your negotiating or, at least, have something come back during  
1801 our next meeting if there's something else that would, you know, be something that the  
1802 Board would be for.

1803 Dr. Botel and then Lanier.

1804 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yeah. I, I., that's why I think I would like to see us allow Mr.  
1805 Evans to move forward with further investigation. I think that's all he's asking us to do  
1806 this evening, make a vote that would say, 'Yes, go forward. Get more information.' You  
1807 know, begin to have a conversation with this building owner. So, that., I, I mean, almost  
1808 at the point of wanting to call the question.

1809 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Is that what., that., is that pretty much what you need,  
1810 Mr. Evans and it's not committing us to anything tonight?

1811 **City Manager Evans:** It, it is not committing us to, to anything. It is going to allow  
1812 for the City Attorney and I to work with the property owner to see, one, if they are  
1813 amenable to paying appraised value for the property and, two, allowing for us to do our  
1814 due diligence and put together the shell of what a purchase and sales agreement would  
1815 be. But ultimately, that would have to come back before you all...

1816 **Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Chair?

1817 **City Manager Evans:** ...for action.

1818 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Right. Okay. Ms. Lanier and then Mr. McCoy.

1819 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. Madam Chair, the, the, the issue before us tonight,  
1820 and, and as., in agreement with Mr. McCoy, is that we're, we're, we're looking at these  
1821 agreements now, because there is an agreement that is attached to this Item, that says  
1822 that we're gonna negotiate a price or something with this entity for this Congress Avenue  
1823 location. And I'm not in agreement with moving forward with that particular location until  
1824 we, we., until., because there was no talk about satellite centers. There was no talk  
1825 about the CRA buildings, there was no talk about other surplus buildings that he City  
1826 owns. So, I would like...

1827 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** But I don't think...

1828 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...that information before I even think about making a vote to  
1829 spend this kind of money. Because, what we're saying is this, we're saying that we're  
1830 going to move forward with negotiations on this particular building and I cannot, in good  
1831 conscious, and with taxpayer money, go forward with the way that we are right now in this  
1832 pandemic. I cannot go forward with \$2.1 or \$2.6MM on a property right now, to even  
1833 negotiate anything with, until we have exhausted all options. And as the Mayor said,  
1834 there are issues that are on the table right now. There are issues on the table right now,

1835 Monroe Heights. There are issues that we have on the table. And, guess what, yes, we  
1836 can chew gum and walk at the same time, yes we can. But, spending money right now,  
1837 given the fact that we have no idea how this thing is going to react, how this thing is going  
1838 to affect our City.

1839 And, as I said before, if anything we're going to be doing, is doing..., putting money  
1840 in a pot for public health, and to ensure that everybody in our City gets tested for COVID-  
1841 19, have masks for COVID-19 because see, we're talking about things that we're looking  
1842 for in the future. But..., and I understand we have to talk about the future but right here,  
1843 right now, we are a ch'..., we, we, we are a City that has eighty percent African-Americans  
1844 and all across the country, seventy to eighty percent of the people who are getting COVID-  
1845 19 are African-Americans.

1846 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. We're going...

1847 **Councilperson Lanier:** If we're going to be doing...

1848 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...to go to...

1849 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...anything here... Hold on. If we're gonna be doing anything  
1850 here, we need to put that on the Agenda as well, but I'm not about to spend two and a  
1851 half million dollars on a building that we still have other options that we can go for.

1852 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. McCoy, did you, did you have your hand up?  
1853 [Pause]. And then I think we can just go ahead and determine if we're gonna move  
1854 forward with allowing him to go and look for other places and do that research and not  
1855 committing to anything at this point. But, McCoy, are you..., you don't need to speak  
1856 anymore? [Pause]. Alright. So...

1857 **Councilperson Lanier:** Well, I can make a motion...

1858 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...Mr. Lawson were you up?

1859 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...Madam Chair.

1860 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Were you next?

1861 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair.

1862 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead.

1863 **Councilperson Lawson:** I understand Councilwoman Lanier's and our, our Mayor's  
1864 concerns with some of our [inaudible] issues we're running into. For Agenda Item No. 9  
1865 says that we're having a discussion about the economic recovery plan. I'm sure Mr.  
1866 Evans is going to address that in reference to what's gonna happen moving forward,  
1867 about the testing in our community, about how we're gonna recover moving forward. So,  
1868 I would like to just stick to the topic of purchasing real estate. Would it be better for my  
1869 colleagues if it said that we were moving our City Hall or our police station, or our fire



1870 station to the same location and it'd be a better investment, because he's saying the  
1871 Library?

1872 What I want us to look at is investing into the infrastructure in our community.  
1873 We've talked for a number of, of months in regards to investing, and investing into the  
1874 City. And we, as the Members of the Council, need to take the first steps. Yes, I  
1875 understand we're going through...

1876 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible]...

1877 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...a pandemic.

1878 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Hold on, Ms. Lanier.

1879 **Councilperson Lawson:** I'm sorry, Ma'... So, in regards to this, let's continue to move  
1880 forward with investing into the infrastructure that we're trying to build. This property is  
1881 going to be a three to five year plan for a Library that we're gonna possibly move back to  
1882 our downtown campus once it's properly built, and once we get through this pandemic.  
1883 But if we have the opportunity to invest and to purchase in the community, then we as the  
1884 City, need to be doing that and stop wasting money renting. 'Cause we talked about the  
1885 CRA building but the CRA is currently the building that we're renting, wasting money. So,  
1886 if we use that space for something that the City needs, then the CRA won't have the  
1887 option of utilizing the same space that we're wasting money on. So, if we can look at  
1888 holistically, I think we need to move forward with giving Mr. Evans the opportunity to invest  
1889 and to look into this property and to come back to the table with an option for us versus  
1890 just shooting him down and saying because we're going through a pandemic. We're  
1891 giving our residents hope, we're giving them the opportunity to move and not continue to  
1892 sit back and.., with our hands crossed and say we can't do anything. So, the reason that  
1893 we made this effort to actually have this meeting tonight is because we still have to move  
1894 forward.

1895 So, unfortunately, I disagree and I do wanna call the question, Madam Chair.

1896 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1897 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible] projects and let's call the question, Madam Chair.

1898 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Ms...

1899 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I second.

1900 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We need the motion of what?

1901 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I think he.., he made a motion...

1902 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, this was a discussion Item. There...

1903 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I know but...

1904 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

1905 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I know there was no motion, so that's..., it's a discussion  
1906 Item...

1907 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible]...

1908 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...which is why...

1909 **Councilperson Lanier:** Right.

1910 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...need a motion. So, if someone...

1911 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

1912 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...would like to [inaudible]...

1913 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...I would like... Madam Chair, I would like to make a motion  
1914 to allow...

1915 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible]...

1916 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...for Mr. Evans... Hello?

1917 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead, Mr. Lawson.

1918 **Councilperson McCoy:** Can you hear me now?

1919 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank..., thank you. Yes, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a  
1920 motion...

1921 **Councilperson McCoy:** Hello?

1922 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...to...

1923 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. McCoy.

1924 **Councilperson McCoy:** Can you hear me, Madam Chair?

1925 [Chuckles]

1926 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Can you, can you stop, please for a minute? I know  
1927 you're having some technical issues. We can hear you but apparently you can't hear us.  
1928 Mr. Lawson...

1929 **Councilperson McCoy:** I can you, [inaudible].

1930 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...is talking. Okay. Go ahead, Mr. Lawson.

1931 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to allow for Mr.  
1932 Evans to move forward with discussions and gaining information on this parcel, and to  
1933 possibly come back with some figures and information on the property at the corner of  
1934 Congress and Blue Heron.

1935 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I second that.

1936 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Madam Clerk.

1937 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1938 [Pause]

1939 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** McCoy, can you hear? [Pause]. Alright. Go ahead,  
1940 Ms. Anthony.

1941 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy? [Pause]. Okay. We'll come back to  
1942 him. Councilperson Lanier? [Pause]. Ms. Lanier, you have your, your mic muted.

1943 **Councilperson Lanier:** Sorry. No.

1944 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

1945 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

1946 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Botel?

1947 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

1948 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1949 [Pause]

1950 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm here.

1951 **City Clerk Anthony:** We need your vote on...

1952 **Councilperson McCoy:** Can you hear me?

1953 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...the motion. Yes, we can, sir. I need your vote on the  
1954 motion.

1955 **Councilperson McCoy:** What motion? What it is? I just got back in.

1956 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Chuckle].

1957 **Councilperson McCoy:** Can you restate it, please?

1958 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. Lawson, can you restate it?

1959 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes. To allow for Mr. Evans to, to research information on the  
1960 parcel at the corner of Congress and Blue Heron and to come back with more information  
1961 and to give us a price on what negotiating this parcel would be.

1962 [Pause]

1963 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. McCoy, did you hear it?

1964 **Councilperson McCoy:** I heard it. But does that dispose of the discussion?

1965 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

1966 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. We're, we're moving on. We've discussed it  
1967 quite a bit.

1968 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Yes.

1969 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1970 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

1971 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1972 **City Clerk Anthony:** That motion is approved with Councilperson Lanier  
1973 dissenting.

1974 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. We're gonna go into public co'...

1975 [Pause]

1976 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, your, your mic is muted.

1977 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – 7:30 P.M. – Non Agenda Item Speakers (Thee**  
1978 **Minute Limitation**

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1980 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I'm sorry. I said we're gonna go into public comment.  
1981 Do we have any public comment cards, the general public comment cards, Ms. Anthony?

1982 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair.

1983 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. So, with this I'., at this time, it's now closed.  
1984 The acceptance of public comment cards is closed. And also, you will be reading it for  
1985 three minutes. And so, if it's longer than the three minutes, unfortunately, the rest will not  
1986 be read. But it will still be a part of public records.

1987 **City Clerk Anthony:** That is...

1988 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1989 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...correct, Madam Chair.

1990 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead. And this is..., it's only closed for the general  
1991 public comments. We still have to do Item No. 9, so for the public, we are still taking  
1992 Items..., I'm sorry, comment cards for Item No. [stammer]..., for No. 9. But general public  
1993 comment cards are closed at this point.

1994 Go ahead, Ms. Anthony.

1995 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. They will be read by Ms. Hall, Ms. Madam Chair.

1996 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1997 **City Clerk Anthony:** Go ahead, Ms. Hall.

1998 **Ms. D. Hall:** The first public comment comes from John Clayton. My name is John  
1999 Clayton and I reside in the City of Riviera Beach, and I would like the following comments  
2000 read into the public record for tonight's City Council meeting.

2001 Number one, in regards to the discussion between the City Council and Jonathan  
2002 Evans regarding possibly limiting the public comments to two minutes, I think that would  
2003 be a bad idea because during this portion of the meeting that most of what's going on  
2004 within the City is talked about from the residents' perspective. I learn more of what's  
2005 going on in the public comment portion of the meeting than I do anywhere else in the City.  
2006 This is our most sacrosanct right under the Constitution and in the past, whenever Council  
2007 Members have tried to limit this right, they did not win in the next election.

2008 Number two, in regards to putting meters up on the beach and the Marina, this was  
2009 already tried years ago and it didn't work at the time. Also, our neighbor to the north,  
2010 Lake Park, did the same thing and it failed miserably. Not only did people stop going to  
2011 their park and marina, but the neighboring businesses were negatively impacted as well.  
2012 This idea needs to be reconsidered.

2013 Number three, Jonathan Evans, whenever possible, please refer to a citizen by  
2014 name and not just simply as the citizen. People in general like to be referred to by their  
2015 name, the former makes you sound impersonal.

2016 Thank you in advance. John Clayton, Riviera Beach.

2017 The...

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2019 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Hold on one second. I just wanna..., please say  
2020 that..., Council people, please make sure we have at least three people's faces showing  
2021 so that we can maintain [inaudible].

2022 **Ms. D. Hall:** The second public comment comes from Alfonso Newbold. My name is  
2023 Alfonso Newbold and I hope things are well with you, your families and the City in this  
2024 most unusual time.

2025 My comments are regarding the Riviera Beach Housing Authority and the  
2026 development of Heron Estates Phase II. We have been informed that a decision has  
2027 been made by the Housing Authority and developer, HTG, that's Housing Trust Group,  
2028 that they have decided to go with another contractor for construction of Phase II of Heron  
2029 Estates for reasons unknown to the Gulf Newbold team. A team which consisted of a  
2030 thirty percent partnership with myself, Newbold Construction, a local Riviera Beach based  
2031 section three, general contracting firm.

2032 On October 17, 2018, at one of your Regular Council meetings, the City approved  
2033 matching funds in the amount of \$500,000 plus dollars for Hereon Estates Phase II, listed  
2034 as Agenda Item No. 14 in the October 2018 meeting of the same. It was specifically  
2035 stated, on the record, by the Housing Authority and Executive Director, that the Gulf  
2036 Newbold team would remain as the general contracting team for Phase II and, at the time,  
2037 it was expressed as one of the primary reasons for approval of the funding by the Council.  
2038 In addition, to being part of the approval process, when the City approved the \$500,000  
2039 plus matching funds for Phase II, the Gulf Newbold team appeared at multiple community  
2040 Housing Authority and City Council meetings as part of the HTG team. Further, it was  
2041 the Gulf Newbold general contracting team that executed the Florida Housing finance  
2042 application, which was sent as an attachment to this email, which ultimately allowed the  
2043 Housing Authority to prevail, receiving the matching funds.

2044 The City of Riviera Beach, its community and the Housing Authority emphasized  
2045 from the beginning the importance of having a Riviera Beach based general contractor  
2046 be a partner of the team and Riviera Beach section three was success'.., section three  
2047 businesses to obtain work. The Gulf Newbold team was successfully able to accomplish  
2048 both exceeding expectations in Phase I, evidenced by the overall grand opening  
2049 celebration, comments from the Housing Authority and both current and former Council  
2050 Members alike, happy with the Gulf Newbold team, Phase I project.., project performance  
2051 which ultimately leads me, and I hope will cause this Council to question, what happened?  
2052 Why switch in the final hour from the team that met [inaudible] and was also successful  
2053 in Phase I? [Inaudible] guaranteed the City of Riviera Beach...

2054 [High pitched tone]

2055 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Ms. Anthony?

2056 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, ma'am.

2057 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** You're gonna have to say something 'cause we need  
2058 to know that the three minutes is up.

2059 **City Clerk Anthony:** I just, I just said time, Madam Chair. I don't know if you heard  
2060 me.

2061 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** No. It's, it's a lot of feedback with the two of you on.

2062 **City Clerk Anthony:** Oh, okay.

2063 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So you can't really hear at all. Are you all in the same  
2064 room?

2065 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, ma'am.

2066 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. So, if you're giving the cue to stop then we can  
2067 your, your thing.., or you can at least say times up. Because she's still talking but we  
2068 can't hear the bell or whatever that is that you're trying to ring.

2069 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay.

2070 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. It sounded like it went on a long, long time. Or  
2071 maybe three minutes just seems long when you're not looking at the timer I guess. I don't  
2072 know. Alright. Go ahead. Ms. Hall.

2073 **Ms. D. Hall:** The next public comment comes from Horace Townes. Good evening,  
2074 Council.

2075 I am offended and embarrassed about the conditions in District 1. I am also feeling  
2076 defeated because the neighbors in my community ask questions that I have no answer  
2077 for. The road project in District 1 was horrific but the residents were optimistic about the  
2078 potential improvements to the area. The streets, block to block, were poorly designed,  
2079 yet also, incomplete. Avenue M has been under construction for months with a skeleton  
2080 crew that goes missing for weeks, and even missing during the workday. The roads are  
2081 left in poor driving conditions after hours, the erosion control does not exist and the heavy  
2082 equipment parked poorly on the street is a lawsuit waiting to happen.

2083 If I stand in my yard, there is heavy dust that will cover your face from dry, dusty  
2084 roads. I will be taking my car for an alignment next week, thanks to the water valves that  
2085 are still uncovered on Avenue O. We were advised that the simple fix, or temporary fix,  
2086 for the road would have been done months ago now.

2087 Last off, you started more construction on 26<sup>th</sup> Court this week and there is no one,  
2088 I mean no one, monitoring the contractor's work.

2089 Signed, a disappointed stakeholder. Horace Towns.

2090 The next public comes from Joi Braswell of Riviera Beach.

2091 Now is not the time to focus on the Library and Youth Empowerment's new  
2092 location. We are currently experiencing a pandemic and do not know our future, in terms  
2093 of our health or economics. We should be focusing or reaching out to our citizens and  
2094 ensuring that they are as safe as possible during this uncertain time. None of us are  
2095 invincible to the COVID-19. As the COVID-19 determines our next step, at least for the

2096 next six to twelve months, we must get our City prepared so that we can stay ahead of  
2097 this and not play catch up.

2098 Thank you for your consideration. Stay safe. Peace.

2099 And...

2100 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

2101 **Ms. D. Hall:** I believe that is...

2102 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

2103 **Ms. D. Hall:** ...the end of our public comments.

2104 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

2105 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. Go ahead, Mr. McCoy.

2106 **Councilperson McCoy:** I've heard every other word that the Clerk said. Am I the only  
2107 one that can't hear her?

2108 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I can hear her.

2109 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I can...

2110 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Are you on a phone now?

2111 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm sorry?

2112 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Are you on a phone? Are you calling from the phone  
2113 now?

2114 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yeah. I'm on the phone.

2115 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. There may be some lag time between it. I know  
2116 if you're on one thing the... Like, the TV is a little bit behind so I don't know if you're  
2117 behind because you're on the computer but then you're on the phone. There, there  
2118 seems to be a delay or something with you, since you've gotten on this way. It's changed.

2119 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. I've been on the phone all night but I only heard almost  
2120 every other word that she said. So, she said District 1 and that was it, and that's all I  
2121 heard. Every [stammer]..., everything else has been kind of choppy.

2122 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. I think it's on your end. Noth'..., I don't believe  
2123 anyone has had any change. When you went out and came back in, you've been having  
2124 a problem ever since. However you came back in, it seems different. Your microphone  
2125 is different, it shows a phone instead of a microphone now. So, something is different.  
2126 I'm not sure. But, they're doing public comments right now. So, they're just reading it



2127 and then we'll come back at the end [audio skipped] if Mr. Evans can answer some of  
2128 those questions.

2129 Ms. Hall?

2130 **Ms. D. Hall:** Okay. We did have a fi... Our last public comment comes from J.B. Dixon  
2131 who wrote: There is no warning that an Item is about to be addressed and, to find out by  
2132 reading the Agenda, one must exit out of the live broadcast and miss what's going on.

2133 [Pause]

2134 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. That's the end of public comment?

2135 **Ms. D. Hall:** That is the end of public comments, Madam Chair.

2136 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Thank you. Mr. Evans, do you have any  
2137 responses for any of those comments that were made?

2138 **City Manager Evans:** I do have a couple of comments. With regards to the project  
2139 in Monroe Heights, I will get with Mr. Bailey tomorrow and have Staff be prepared to  
2140 address the items that were communicated, with respect to the conditions of the roadway.  
2141 Again, one of the things that we did talk about is having a community discussion as it  
2142 relates to what the new design of the roadway would look like and with this pandemic,  
2143 that makes it somewhat challenging. Nonetheless, we're still looking at ways to engage  
2144 the community to work with us on a new alternative roadway. The projected cost is  
2145 anywhere from \$144,000 up to \$5MM to cure some of the issues that were articulated by  
2146 the, the community.

2147 With the nuances associated with GoToMeeting, certainly, we're working through  
2148 that, trying to do the best we can based on operating in this new norm. So, we're trying  
2149 to address that.

2150 There was also a comment with respect to focusing on COVID-19 and ensuring  
2151 that our residents are taken care of. I believe that in the community conversations that  
2152 we've had on a weekly basis and some of the publications that we put out, we've been  
2153 very responsive to the needs of the community when we are informed. And, in some  
2154 cases, when we're not informed, we're jumping in to do whatever is necessary to ensure  
2155 that our senior citizens are taken care of, and our at-risk population. So, we are trying  
2156 the best we can to operate in this new norm.

2157 And, the focus on the Library. The intent behind that and, and what really spurred  
2158 the conversation is how can we look to create a community center space that can  
2159 accommodate an operation that is in desperate need of a new facility. And so, we, we  
2160 did want to bring that Item to the Board for consideration. So, we're going to, based on  
2161 the legislative action that the Board has done, we will move forward with obtaining  
2162 additional information and bringing some information back to the Board for further  
2163 conversations.

2164 And, I believe that may be all the items that were addressed as part of citizen  
2165 comments.

2166 And to Mr. Clayton's point, I try my best to remember everyone's name that  
2167 communicates citizen comments but I, I can tell you that it is challenging sometimes and  
2168 you'd be hard pressed to find any other Administrator in the county that address citizen  
2169 comments after they're concluded. So, we are more transparent and more responsive  
2170 than a lot of other entities.

2171 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. And the.., I think one other thing that came up  
2172 about the Heron Estates, I'll just bring that up in my comments at the end.

2173 Alright. So that's the [inaudible]...

2174 [Pause]

2175 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, you need to unmute your mic.

2176 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I said all of that good stuff and thought I unmuted it.

2177 [Chuckles]

2178 **DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

2179 **ITEM NO. 9**

2180 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. We're gonna go ahead and move to Item No.  
2181 9. That's the end of public comments. Ms. Anthony.

2182 **City Clerk Anthony:** **DISCUSSION OF AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN**  
2183 **OUTLINE – COVID 19.**

2184 **JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANAGER, (5610 812-6590**

2185 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comments on this  
2186 Item is now close. And we do not have any public comments on this Item.

2187 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. [Inaudible].

2188 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, you've muted your microphone again.

2189 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** 'Cause I, I said it but then I clicked on it too quick. Mr.  
2190 Evans, you can go ahead.

2191 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, the Item before you  
2192 this evening for discussion is the City of Riviera Beach Economic Recovery Plan. As we  
2193 have talked about the possibility of restoring operations in some form or some fashion,  
2194 one of the things that we wanna be conscientious, is how do we effectively move forward  
2195 economically? We know that our business community, as well as our residential

2196 community and those that work and play in our City, are finding themselves in tough  
2197 economic times. We understand that multiple businesses throughout the Continental  
2198 U.S., and throughout the world for that matter, are making some tough decisions. One of  
2199 the biggest decisions that have been made was by the Disney Corporation with regards  
2200 to what they had to do as it relates to furloughing some of their employees. The Board  
2201 knows that City Administration has been very clear to maintain our employees on paid  
2202 status and ensuring that they stay gainfully employed as a result of this pandemic. We  
2203 have also worked with local and state partners to draw down resources and secure some  
2204 of the personal protective equipment necessary to ensure that our first responders are  
2205 safe as they go out to provide service in our community.

2206 But, when we look at an economic recovery, there are multiple facets that are  
2207 associated with it. And I know I've had conversations with virtually every Councilperson  
2208 that is focusing on multiple initiatives, trying to address the need for our community for  
2209 disposable masks or cloth masks, especially in light of the Executive Order that was..., or,  
2210 Emergency Order that was proffered by the county and the actions that the City of Riviera  
2211 Beach took. We know that there is a need to feed our young people throughout our  
2212 community and having distribution opportunities for the facilities that we have in our  
2213 community that are producing the product, but then how do we get it to our residents?  
2214 We know that our business community is, is hurting, that they are looking for ways to  
2215 continue to operate under this new norm. And so, when Staff had the conversations about  
2216 how we can move forward with an Economic Recovery Plan, it really aligned nicely with  
2217 the strategic areas of focus that you, the policymakers, made as part of your initiatives  
2218 move forward. And that's Riviera Beach 2030. And those were to achieve a sustainable  
2219 economy, build great neighborhoods, accelerate operational excellent, enhance  
2220 government stewardship and strengthen community engagement.

2221 So, when Staff looked at those particular elements that the Board communicated  
2222 that were key priorities, we decided to create six categories for consideration. And those  
2223 categories are Health and Human Services, and, and trying to address the challenges  
2224 with our at-risk population, Public Safety, hospitality, tourism and maritime industry, small  
2225 and medium business assistance, fast track permitting business and residential, and  
2226 [stammer]..., clergy and community faith based services. We looked at each of these  
2227 categories as areas of focus. And what Staff is looking to do is to allow for some  
2228 participation and work from the elected bodies to help facilitate this Economic Recovery  
2229 Initiative. I will assign the appropriate Staff resources to the committee that the Board  
2230 Member would volunteer to sit as the Chair of the committee, or task force, and then they  
2231 would come up with the ideas, solutions and opportunities to effectively move forward  
2232 with regards to these initiatives.

2233 I have also asked that the Finance Director look to appropriate some funds to be  
2234 able to set aside for this particular initiative. We are looking to put a seed capital \$25,000  
2235 for each one of these categories to assist in helping facilitate the initiatives that the  
2236 category speaks of. So, what we are asking for the elected officials is to take a look at  
2237 the six categories and the definition that is provided, that is just a definition that gives a  
2238 broad perspective. The committee's focus will get more granular as the elected officials  
2239 and Staff work together to accomplish what the goals are that are set forth. Then, there

2240 will be report back to the elected body, and to the community, how we help facilitate this  
2241 economic recovery.

2242 We are one of the few cities that are looking as to how do we recover, but we're  
2243 also conscientious of how deal with this pandemic today and now, and making sure that  
2244 we are putting together a plan that when the economy opens, that there is opportunities  
2245 and we've created a transition for, whether it's retraining dollars, whether it's economic  
2246 assistance, whether it's facilitating the programs through the federal government that are  
2247 available for small businesses. It's a really holistic approach. And so, Staff did want  
2248 some input and perspective from the Board. And then to start setting the table for the  
2249 economic recovery, because we know that our community is very diverse and when other  
2250 communities get the flu, we, we get pneumonia. And so, we need to be conscientious of  
2251 that and we need to provide the tools necessary to rebound economically, socially and  
2252 Staff is excited about the opportunity to work with each and every one of you and I think  
2253 each of you possess a, a number of skills that speak to these categories. So, I tried to  
2254 pick the categories, or create categories that I knew would entice some of you to assist  
2255 because I know what some of your passions are.

2256 So, that concludes my presentation, Madam Chair. And this is an Item for the  
2257 Board to have a discussion, and then ultimately, select the, the category that they would  
2258 like to focus on or would like to modify the, the title or the areas of focus, or consolidate  
2259 it. So, it's up to the Board as to what their perspective is and, and where they wanna  
2260 move. But Staff did want you to see that we are focusing on the immediate needs of the  
2261 community but also what's gonna happen when government does open back up.

2262 And, Madam Chair, that concludes my presentation.

2263 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam Chair?

2264 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. And, and I appreciate that. I, I'm glad to see  
2265 that we're trying to put a plan together. I know we've doing a lot for the community with  
2266 this COVID situation and, to come up with a plan at this point which would involve all the  
2267 Council and Mayor, to be involved in, in getting a plan rolling forward. I'm pretty excited  
2268 about it.

2269 I think I saw Mr. McCoy's hand up first and then Botel, Lawson and... Lawson, did  
2270 your hand go up?

2271 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes, ma'am.

2272 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. So, McCoy, Botel...

2273 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible] mine up first.

2274 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, I'm trying to split my eyes...

2275 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible].

2276 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...amongst seven screens here. So...

2277 [Chuckles]

2278 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I'm kidding.

2279 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I'm trying to [inaudible] in all directions. I'm not doing  
2280 too bad I don't think.

2281 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** You're doing great. [Chuckle].

2282 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** McCoy, go, go ahead. You got your mic working, Mr.  
2283 McCoy? Can you hear us?

2284 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Turn your mute..., unmute...

2285 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I...

2286 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...yourself.

2287 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** It looks like he doesn't hear me.

2288 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** He's muted.

2289 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** That shouldn't., he should hear me though still.  
2290 Alright. We're gonna go to the next person. Botel.

2291 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes. Thank you. And thank you, Mr. Evans, for this  
2292 opportunity to be a additional service to the community. I would, as I think I communicated  
2293 to you via an email, I would like to take on the challenge of travel, tourism in the marine  
2294 industry. I would like to make one modification in that, I think the logistics sector would  
2295 also be appropriate since I've already begun to work with Tropical and other logistics  
2296 companies in the City. So, I'm happy to take that on as a challenge. I already have a  
2297 couple of ideas that are percolating and I'm happy to, to assist where I can.

2298 Thank you.

2299 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I'm sorry. Which one did you say? Which...

2300 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It's...

2301 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...one did you say?

2302 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...the marine... I forget exactly what it's being called by  
2303 marine.

2304 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Oh, okay.

2305 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It's about tourism..., hospitality, tourism and the marine  
2306 industries with the addition of logistics.

2307 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. So, we'll, well just circle around and see what  
2308 everybody wants and we have to vote on something, we will. Mr. Lawson.

2309 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair. Mr. Evans, I was just gonna ask if you  
2310 could recap some of the different arenas that you want us to address so that we can kinda  
2311 get an idea of which ones to focus on.

2312 **City Manager Evans:** Sure. The, the first is Heal and Human Services. This is  
2313 intended to take a strategic look at the deployment of resources for our at-risk population  
2314 and what opportunities that we can utilize relationships with local state holders, whether  
2315 is the county, the state, the federal government, and then leverage resources from the  
2316 public and private sector, and the nonprofit sector, to address some of the social  
2317 challenges we have in our community. So, the first category is Health and Human  
2318 Services.

2319 The second is Public Safety. This is a committee or a initiative that will be focused  
2320 on community oriented policing, addressing nuisance properties throughout our City,  
2321 derelict vehicles, vessels, taking a proactive stance, providing some policy,  
2322 recommendations that can eradicate the loitering and some of the problematic activities  
2323 that we see in our City. And then, some informational and educational pieces that can  
2324 assist us in cleaning up our community. Because we know that, as you're seeing with  
2325 COVID-19, that a lot of communities are going in and pressure washing items, throwing  
2326 items away, discarding items, not allowing for properties to become nuisance properties  
2327 as they can harbor some challenges, both on the health, safety and welfare side.

2328 The next item is hospitality, tourism and maritime industry. This committee is  
2329 designed to work with the Port of Palm Beach maritime industries to facilitate the import  
2330 and export of commerce, to work with the retraining and the additional training for vacant  
2331 maritime positions, to look at opportunities to facilitate logistics careers, and also, to work  
2332 with our hospitality industry as we know that they are in desperate need of assistance  
2333 when this economy turns back on as to how do we promote and advertise and market  
2334 what is going on in our City and bringing visitors and tourists to the area?

2335 The next category is small business assistance. This is a program that is going to  
2336 address the needs of the business community, formulate policies and procedures that  
2337 assist in facilitating economic growth, that it recommends policies that are intended to  
2338 move bureaucracy out of the way but facilitate common sense legislation and to create  
2339 those opportunities for small businesses, and medium business, to flourish in our  
2340 community, whether it's by virtue of creating incentive programs, or opportunities where  
2341 there can be small dollar grants to help with facades, or to ensure that their payroll  
2342 remains whole for some period of time.

2343 The other item is fast tracking permitting, working with the business and residential  
2344 community to expedite the speed in which we operate, to look at ways to facilitate the

2345 Planning & Zoning process, working with and through the Planning & Zoning Board to  
2346 make sure that when somebody is interacting with us from a residential and business  
2347 perspective, that they're given that red carpet treatment all the way to the end of the  
2348 project. And then looking at the cost that we levied for permits, and making sure it's  
2349 competitive and appropriate, consistent with what other communities are doing.

2350 And then the last category is working with the clergy community, faith based  
2351 services, to look at what our religious and faith based community is doing, to look at things  
2352 from a social service side but also, what are some services that the churches are  
2353 providing, or the nonprofits are providing, that we can plug into to accommodate the needs  
2354 of our community holistically. And so, rallying our, our pastors and ministers in the  
2355 community, as well as our nonprofit entities to facilitate a need for..., or to identify what the  
2356 needs in the community are, and helping the community recover with the social anxiety  
2357 that's associated with some this. And, some of the challenges, whether it's gainful  
2358 employment opportunities, even if it's some small retraining that they may do to have  
2359 somebody assist a, a church or a nonprofit and facilitate a...

2360 [Pause]

2361 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I just lost Mr. Evans.

2362 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah.

2363 **Councilperson Lawson:** I think he just got stuck.

2364 **City Manager Evans:** ...for a [inaudible].

2365 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Oh. There you go.

2366 **City Manager Evans:** ...the six categories. The seventh category that was not  
2367 included...

2368 [Pause]...

2369 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** You're freezing up, Mr. Evans. You're freezing up.  
2370 [Pause]. We can't hear you, Mr. Evans. Alright. Mr. Lawson.

2371 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair. So, [inaudible]...

2372 **City Manager Evans:** [Inaudible] that we start turning dirt...

2373 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I can't...

2374 **City Manager Evans:** ...on some of these facilities that we have talked about for a  
2375 significant amount of time [audio skipped] some of these facilities that we have said we  
2376 were gonna deliver on, probably ten years ago. So that is something that we are going  
2377 to be, from the Administration side, looking to bring some conversations about potential...

2378 **Unk.:** Fire stations.

2379 **City Manager Evans:** And so, work through some of those nuances. So, City  
2380 Administration is gonna move our capital improvements budget forward because the  
2381 capital improvements budget is a large infusion of cash that we can put into the economy  
2382 to work with our local contractors and vendors to see some growth economically.

2383 **Councilperson Lawson:** Either, either you're a robot, Mr. Evans, or that was  
2384 prerecorded.

2385 [Chuckle]

2386 **Councilperson Lawson:** I don't know which one it was but [chuckle]. You [inaudible]...

2387 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And he even froze up for a minute there and so it really  
2388 made it look real.

2389 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** And virtual.

2390 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yeah. He's definitely virtual.

2391 But, thank you, Mr. Evans. I would love to be a part of the business assistance,  
2392 and the fast tracking permitting departments. So, I would love to kinda provide the support  
2393 if you want those to be chaired, if you want us to just sit on multiple boards, that's..., those  
2394 are the ones I'd love to support with you on.

2395 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. Lawson, I think it's one per Council Member 'cause  
2396 the Mayor...

2397 **Councilperson Lawson:** Oh, man.

2398 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...has one too. Yeah, yeah.

2399 **Councilperson Lawson:** Oh, man.

2400 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We, we wanna participate a little bit too.

2401 **Councilperson Lawson:** I, I thought, I thought he had seven. I thought he had seven.

2402 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I...

2403 **Councilperson Lawson:** So...

2404 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Is he gonna add... Are you gonna put the seventh on  
2405 there or?

2406 **City Manager Evans:** The, the, the seventh will be reserved for Administration, the,  
2407 the capital projects...



2408 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Chuckle].

2409 **City Manager Evans:** ...once...

2410 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Stop trynna...

2411 **City Manager Evans:** But we certainly will...

2412 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...be greedy.

2413 **City Manager Evans:** ...we'll, we'll..., we'll, we'll take any assistance.

2414 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. So...

2415 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible].

2416 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...you gotta, you gotta figure it out. Which one are you  
2417 gonna do? Which one do you want...

2418 **Councilperson Lawson:** I'm sorry.

2419 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...[inaudible]? If we have too many...

2420 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yeah.

2421 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...many people that want it, we're gonna have to vote,  
2422 okay?

2423 **Councilperson Lawson:** Right, right. Super...

2424 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

2425 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...eight is rubbing off on me. I'm sorry.

2426 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I know.

2427 **Councilperson Lawson::** Small bus'...

2428 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I see.

2429 **Councilperson Lawson:** Small business assistance, is what I'm looking for.

2430 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

2431 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam Chair?

2432 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Hold on. Is McCoy hearing us now? I know he has  
2433 tried to jump in a few times but he's never ready. So, are you ready now? 'Cause he  
2434 said..., he made it seem like I was trying...

2435 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm here.

2436 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...to skip him.

2437 **Councilperson McCoy:** Can you hear me?

2438 **Councilperson Lanier:** He's not ready.

2439 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.

2440 [Inaudible dais comment]

2441 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Welcome back.

2442 **Councilperson McCoy:** Councilwoman Lanier...

2443 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead.

2444 **Councilperson McCoy:** Please give me a break.

2445 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

2446 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I just got on.., back on, and I'm trying to look at the  
2447 committees. Thank you, Council... Pro Tem Lawson. I was definitely interested in the  
2448 small and medium business assistance. I really, really thought, you know, perhaps,  
2449 hospitality has been your strong point.

2450 [Chuckles]

2451 **Councilperson McCoy:** Actually, I don't know what to [inaudible], whether it is  
2452 hospitality or even, you know...

2453 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible]...

2454 **Councilperson McCoy:** ... the clergy.

2455 [Inaudible dais exchanges]

2456 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible] do all of them.

2457 **Councilperson Lawson:** The clergy.

2458 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** He can...

2459 **Councilperson McCoy:** You've...

2460 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...have them all.

2461 **Councilperson McCoy:** You've been all over. You know, and I can't keep up.

2462 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible].

2463 **Councilperson McCoy:** But, you know, I., that wasn't my...

2464 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible].

2465 **Councilperson McCoy:** That, that would've been my pick, so I guess I'll reserve and  
2466 see what's left.

2467 **Councilperson Lawson:** I'll move over to permitting. I'm okay with that. I just wanna  
2468 get it done. So, you can jump on the small business, sir.

2469 **Councilperson McCoy:** It doesn't matter. You know, so long as I'm known as a  
2470 servant, I'll be alright.

2471 [Chuckles]

2472 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible].

2473 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

2474 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Ma'...

2475 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So...

2476 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam Chair?

2477 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Hold on a minute.

2478 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I wanted...

2479 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So...

2480 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

2481 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I wanted to offer something.

2482 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** No, no, no. Hold on everybody. Hold on. So, Mr.  
2483 McCoy, Lawson said he would move to permits.

2484 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair.

2485 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And then, you, you want the business assistance?  
2486 That's provided nobody else wants it, but you want me to put you there?

2487 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Stammer] if nobody else wants it, I'll take it.

2488 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Alright. I'll put you...

2489 **Councilperson McCoy:** But I [inaudible]...

2490 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...there for now. I'll put you there for now. Alright. Ms.  
2491 Lanier.

2492 **Councilperson Lanier:** I'm gonna go with the Health and Human Services piece,  
2493 because I am really..., I, I mean, ya'll, ya'll don't even understand how serious  
2494 [inaudible]...

2495 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** No. We understand. We see you every meeting.

2496 **Councilperson Lanier:** I know we can open everything but when I tell you that with  
2497 this City being the largest African-American community in a City, on the eastern seaboard,  
2498 that when this thing comes to the City, and it's already here, we have cases., we ha'...,  
2499 we are the top three of the cases in Palm Beach County. So, with my piece in terms of  
2500 Health and Human Services, I'm advocating testing, testing, testing, testing. And masks  
2501 for people who don't have them, and PSA's, for the people in this community who don't  
2502 understand how serious this is. And I know we joke and we talk and everything but when  
2503 I tell you that this disease is not being kind to African-Americans at all. So that we have  
2504 to be very serious about try to ensure that right here, right now, not about what's gonna  
2505 happen in the future, not about what we need to do but right now, we need to be testing,  
2506 testing, testing as much as we can in the City for our citizens to be able to... 'Cause all  
2507 of our citizens, mostly, are elderly, essential workers, they gotta go to work every day.  
2508 They either have to be sheltered at home because they're seniors. So this is the  
2509 population that we have to deal with, so we have to be very clear about how we're gonna  
2510 put our message out.

2511 And, it's goo say, you know, we need to shelter in place and we need to put on a  
2512 mask, but we have to put on., get a sound truck if we need to, to let these residents know  
2513 that, listen, this is serious. All this going to my cousin's house and going to my friend'  
2514 house, we cannot do that. We have to be very serious about this.

2515 So yes, I'm doing Health and Human Services and I wanna test, test, test if we can  
2516 and to get masks and to make sure that people in this community know how serious this  
2517 is. And it's not just for black folks. Singer Island, everybody. This is serious.

2518 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I, I, I can certainly hear your passion behind the  
2519 committee that you wanna serve on. I think it's very appropriate for you to be on there,  
2520 'cause you do., you're a health, health buff...

2521 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

2522 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...on the team. So, I believe that would be appropriate  
2523 for you, for sure.

2524 Mayor, are you., we have Public Safety and faith based. Which one, which one?

2525 **Mayor Felder:** Faith base.

2526 [Chuckle]

2527 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** It had your name all over it.

2528 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible]... And then, I'm..., I guess I'm gonna be a  
2529 police..., community orienting police here. That's what I'm gonna do. It says...

2530 **Councilperson Lanier:** KaShamba, you the police, so you might as well.

2531 **Councilperson McCoy:** They, they say you're the police. I mean...

2532 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And, and listen, my grandad was one of the first black  
2533 police officers...

2534 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible]...

2535 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...in West Palm. So, it's in my blood.

2536 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible already know.

2537 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Exactly. How appropriate. Alright. So, I., so, so far  
2538 what I have is health at risk is Lanier; myself of Public Safety; Botel, hospitality, tourism;  
2539 McCoy, business assistance..., small business; Lawson, permitting; Mayor, faith base.

2540 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

2541 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Is everybody good on that? Yes.

2542 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

2543 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mhmm.

2544 **Councilperson McCoy:** Since Lawson is at large, he's de facto everything, 'cause  
2545 we've seen him in all different categories.

2546 [Chuckles]

2547 **Councilperson McCoy:** Like, [chuckle], all one through seven, even though the, the  
2548 Manager only listed six, he's been everywhere.

2549 [Chuckles]

2550 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam Chair?

2551 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Correct. I agree.

2552 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible] is real tonight.

2553 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Botel.

2554 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Botel. I wanted to offer to Councilman McCoy the database  
2555 that I have of all of the businesses in Riviera Beach. It's, it's segmented by industry  
2556 sector. And, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sam Brown, can get that to you, as a first step in identifying  
2557 the businesses you may wanna work with.

2558 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Stammer].

2559 **Councilperson Lanier:** And Madam Chair, I also want to share with the Council, and  
2560 I'll have my aide send it out, the number of cases that are happening in, not just our City,  
2561 but in our neighborhood, who is testing positive where. As you know, I do HIV/AIDS every  
2562 day. I've been doing it for thirty years and our concern is people who are HIV positive,  
2563 who are not in care. And, as you know, most of the COVID-19 is affecting African-  
2564 Americans who have preexisting conditions. Whether that be HIV, whether that be  
2565 diabetes, whether that be high blood pressure. So, we have to be very careful here in  
2566 terms of our health. So, I really want to be able to share a lot of things with you guys in  
2567 terms of where the virus is and how it's affecting us and just like Botel has taken the  
2568 hospitality industry, there is no hospitality industry without essential workers. So we all  
2569 have to work together to ensure that we are making sure that our City is safe because  
2570 guess what, most of our City is made of essential workers and people who go to work  
2571 every day.

2572 So, I really wanted...

2573 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Right.

2574 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...to share that information with you guys and we can all work  
2575 together to ensure that we have a plan in place to move forward with this.

2576 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I agree. I agree. Okay. So, it looks like we have a  
2577 plan. We have identified the areas that each one of us will participate in and take charge  
2578 and lead and be able to help the citizens. And, I just wanted to say, Ms. Lanier, you had  
2579 mentioned about making sure we get the word out, doing the PSA's and all of that. I was  
2580 also looking into, and I had mentioned to Mr. Evans about having..., had actually..., I had  
2581 a constituent that brought the idea to me about having signs put up throughout the  
2582 neighborhoods. And so I thought that, you know, possibly, we could add, add..., put a little  
2583 twist on it like we have on the turnpike, we have those different messages, but line them  
2584 up so that, you know, they're able to be on those main stretch roads, Blue Heron,  
2585 Australian...

2586 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah.

2587 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...those number of places. And so, Ms...

2588 **Councilperson Lanier:** It's, it's..., and, Madam Chair...

2589 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...Elizabeth Robinson, I wanted to give her credit for  
2590 that.

2591 **Councilperson Lanier:** Listen, Madam Chair...

2592 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible].

2593 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...I don't mean to interrupt you but I really wanna say that just  
2594 like when we all ran for office, we ran campaigns, we had signs up, we had billboards up.  
2595 We have to treat this the same exact way.

2596 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Right. I agree.

2597 **Councilperson Lanier:** We have to put...

2598 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I agree.

2599 **Councilperson Lanier:** ..billboards up, we gotta let people know that, guess what, this  
2600 is serious because I'm telling you right now, people in this community right now are still  
2601 going to they' cousin's house, they're still going out like it..., without masks, without gloves,  
2602 without nothing. So, it is...

2603 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Stammer]...

2604 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...our job as elected officials to put this...

2605 [Chuckle]

2606 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I have my mask right here.

2607 **Councilperson Lanier:** To put this out... Yes. To put this out and..., like a campaign.

2608 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes, I agree. I agree.

2609 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes. Thank you.

2610 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I agree. And I'm glad that I'm here at home, not in the  
2611 building because I would still be coughing on my colleagues. So, I don't know what it is.  
2612 I mean, but we're talking thirty days here...

2613 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Cough]...

2614 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So.

2615 **Councilperson McCoy:** Excuse me...

2616 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And, and I...

2617 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm sorry.

2618 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And then at this point, it was very difficult to get tested,  
2619 so I think I..., you all are safe. If you're still here, nobody had any symptoms. You, you  
2620 probably were okay.

2621 **Councilperson Lanier:** No. We're good. Thank you for doing that. You should be  
2622 getting tested though.

2623 **Councilperson McCoy:** You coughed on me? Did you cough on me?

2624 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I... A couple times, yeah. I did.

2625 **Councilperson McCoy:** Manager? Are you...

2626 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Don't let it out...

2627 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...listening?

2628 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Don't say that out too loud.

2629 [Chuckles]

2630 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. So, Item No. 9, everybody's good with 9?

2631 **Councilperson Lanier:** Oh, we're good.

2632 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Alright.

2633 **DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY**

2634 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Discussion by City Attorney. [Pause]. None? [Pause].  
2635 You're still muted. Can you get it off? Okay. There you go.

2636 **City Attorney Wynn:** Got it. No comment. Just be safe everyone.

2637 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

2638 **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2639 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** City Council committee reports. Anybody?

2640 **Councilperson Lanier:** We're having a upcoming meeting for the Transportation  
2641 Board this upcoming Thursday and it..., it'll be a virtual meeting so I would send a report  
2642 back to you guys at the next meeting.

2643 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Ms. Botel.

2644 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes. I wanted to thank Mr. Evans for making a presentation  
2645 at the recent Government Affairs Committee meeting of the Palm Beach North Chamber.  
2646 He did an outstanding job, of course. And they appreciated his presence there, and he



2647 explained to the committee what we were doing as a City to in'..., you know, to manage  
2648 this pandemic.

2649 I did just get a, a text from a constituent whose apparently public comment was not  
2650 read. Is it alright if I read that into the record?

2651 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Stammer]..., let us check [inaudible]...

2652 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Well...

2653 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...first. I mean, let us just... Put the name out and what  
2654 time they sent it and then Ms. Hall can go and look at it and then we come circle back.

2655 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** She said it was sent at 8:11. Well, in advance of 8:11.

2656 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And it was sent to where?

2657 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Public comments at Riviera Beach dot org.

2658 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. And what was the name so that Ms. Hall can  
2659 look for it?

2660 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** J.B. Dixon.

2661 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. They read hers. She had another one?

2662 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** No, no. It's a long one. Yeah. This is a long one.

2663 [Inaudible dais comment]

2664 **City Attorney Wynn:** Public comment at 7:30?

2665 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** No. We didn't start at 7:30.

2666 **Unk.:** No. We started [inaudible]...

2667 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We started around 8:10, somewhere around in there.

2668 **City Attorney Wynn:** Oh. Okay.

2669 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Maybe Ms. Ha'..., Deborah or Claudene can check that  
2670 and see if it came in after it was sent. I'm not sure. We'll come back to it.

2671 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thanks.

2672 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Did you... Committee reports, were on still.

2673 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Right. Just...

2674 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Council committee reports.

2675 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...the Government Affairs committee, and as I said, we had a  
2676 presentation by Mr. Evans about the City of Riviera Beach and our response to the COVID  
2677 pandemic. I don't think we've...

2678 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

2679 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...had another meeting since then. The Environmental  
2680 subcommittee is meeting in a couple of days. I'll report on that next time.

2681 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Anyone else with a committee report? [Pause].  
2682 Alright.

2683 **STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

2684 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Statements by the Mayor and City Council. Start with  
2685 McCoy, Lanier, Botel, Lawson and then Felder.

2686 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Commissioner Lawson, I'm  
2687 actually ahead of you this time. The last shall be first and the first shall be last, so let me  
2688 go ahead and take this opportunity. I do send my condolences to our City employee who  
2689 passed away, and their family. And also to former Councilwoman Liz Wade. And, I, I'd  
2690 be remiss if I didn't mention my uncle who was a longtime Public Works employee.

2691 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Oh, I'm sorry.

2692 **Councilperson McCoy:** Willie "BO" Davis.

2693 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible].

2694 **Councilperson McCoy:** He passed away on Monday.

2695 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Oh.

2696 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I wanted to mention a couple things. Thank you, Mr.  
2697 Manager for all the work that you've been doing. It's like a 24/7 operation. I really  
2698 appreciate what it is that you're doing. And we got a lot of work that's in front of us and  
2699 ahead of us. And to just be able to manage, you know, the departments that have issues  
2700 day in and day out, and the employees, because it seems to be that you're the, I guess,  
2701 the..., what do you call those? Not counselors, they call them..., you know, the licensed  
2702 counselors, the, you know...

2703 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible]...

2704 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...you, you counsel everyone so thank you for, for what you  
2705 do because I do hear back so, I appreciate it. And it really means a lot 'cause I can only  
2706 imagine. I thought..., if you watched what we dealt with tonight, I've had my son in, in my

2707 lap a few times tonight. So, I can only imagine if you had to do this probably four hundred  
2708 times, you know, I really appreciate it and I gotta tell you that. I, I do appreciate you and  
2709 your Staff, and thank you so much. Also, to our Assistant. I'm sorry, to our Attorney.  
2710 [Chuckle]. And also her Assistant. So I appreciate you, Ms. Wynn. And all my colleagues  
2711 Congratulations, Councilwoman Botel, and also, new Chair Pro Tem Douglas Lawson for  
2712 your appointment as Chair and Pro Tem.

2713 I did receive a few calls over the past few days regarding the Housing Authority  
2714 and Phase II of Heron Estates, and I am deeply concerned and I would love to see that  
2715 we have this Item for some consideration on our next Agenda, which I'm gonna defer to  
2716 see when that's gonna be and what that looks like. Relating to the \$500,000 of City  
2717 dollars that the City committed to back in 2018 for the Florida Finance Housing Authority's  
2718 grant, for the Phase II for Heron Estates. So, certainly I would love to have a conversation  
2719 with you offline and if we can't get it resolved, I think it's betting that the Board have a  
2720 discussion and deliberation regarding this. So, that's all I have relating to that.

2721 I would certainly like to commend Commissioner..., Councilperson Lawson for your  
2722 daily efforts in philanthropy and public service, with the schools and in the community,  
2723 with the law enforcement offices, as well as my assistant, Marie Davis, and all of those  
2724 that have been participating. And certainly, Chairperson Botel, I think it's certainly in  
2725 order, at this point, for the efforts that you've been doing, and all of the Members of the  
2726 City Council. Regrettably and thankfully, I've not been able to, to commit as much time  
2727 because I have a delicate five year old that keeps me busy. And, you know, I had to talk  
2728 to my School Member, and as well as the Superintendent because me being an educator  
2729 is not what I signed up for. So, you know, having to do..., live streams is not really good  
2730 for me and it's taken a whole lot outta me. So, you know, I, I really wanna bid everybody,  
2731 you know, good health and being safe but continue to keep up the good work and the  
2732 commitment that we have to the City of Riviera Beach. And I appreciate everyone.

2733 Thank you so much. And congratulations to our new Chairperson and Pro Tem.  
2734 Thank you, Madam Chair.

2735 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Ms. Lanier, are you here? [Pause]. Lanier?  
2736 [Pause]. Alright. We'll come back to you. Oh, go ahead, Lanier.

2737 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. I was, I was just trying to..., my battery went dead on  
2738 my, on my computer. I was trying to hook it up.

2739 What I first wanted to say, congratulations to Ms. Botel and Mr. Lawson for your  
2740 Chair and Pro..., Pro Tem votes that you received. But I also want to say, a, a shout out  
2741 to Edwina Wade and to Alice Bell because they are the daughter of Liz Wade. Liz Wade,  
2742 who was a Councilperson for this District 3 that I represent, for seven terms, she was my  
2743 next door neighbor, which means that I grew up with her. Actually, she raised me up.  
2744 Her and my parents both moved here to..., right here in Riviera Beach when they used to  
2745 call Riviera Beach the sticks. They moved here in the late 60's..., '64, '65. And, I've been  
2746 knowing Ms. Wade, you know of course, all my life and I was very sad to hear about her  
2747 passing yesterday but she was a type of Councilperson that..., she gave me a lotta

2748 pointers on how to do business, and how to do things and I really appreciate the fact that  
2749 even though, you know, I went off to school, came back, did this, did that, she was always  
2750 there for me and always told me about what I should do and told me that, yeah, you  
2751 should run too, Shirley. So, I appreciate that and condolences to their families.

2752 I also want to say that, because of..., I chose the Health and Human Services, and  
2753 I know I've said this all night long, I know this, but we have to be very, very serious about  
2754 this virus coming to this City. When I tell you that we have just scratched the surface of  
2755 how things are going to look. And I hate to be the person of gloom and doom. Please  
2756 believe me, I really do. But, we have to be very serious about this and we have to plan  
2757 because a lot of other cities did not. And we have to be in a position that we are the ones  
2758 that said, you know what, we had the forethought, we had the..., we had the, the foresight  
2759 to be able to plan for what's going to happen next. And guess what, we're not going back  
2760 to normal, we're going to a new normal. So, we need to be able to go along that path of  
2761 making sure that the citizens of Riviera Beach are being tested, are being given what we  
2762 need to be able to them..., for them to go to work, the hospitality industry, the marine  
2763 industry. That's all us. That's people who gotta show up for work every day. You know,  
2764 the Burger King that's on Blue Heron, the, the Wendy's that's on Blue Heron, that's all us.  
2765 The people who go to the Publix that's on Singer Island, the people who are working in  
2766 these different establishments that are open every day, the Walgreens, that's us. So, we  
2767 have to be able to ensure that the people who live in this City, and who work in this City,  
2768 are being protected. And it is our job to ensure that and I just wanted to say that and  
2769 make that clear so that we're all on the same page going forward, that this COVID-19 is  
2770 a priority for the City, even though we can walk and chew gum at the same time. Yes,  
2771 we can. But we still need to be very clear about the fact that this is what we need to focus  
2772 on.

2773 That's my comments.

2774 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Ms. Botel.

2775 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes. I've been working these couple of days hard at  
2776 reorganizing the food distribution program for the kids in Riviera Beach. I've been working  
2777 with the Friends of the Riviera Beach Schools, as well as a couple of agencies that already  
2778 have summer feeding programs in place and I'm happy to report that we'll..., we will be  
2779 able to restart our efforts at delivering food to homes of those children whose parents  
2780 don't have transportation to get to Suncoast and Lincoln and we hope to start that on  
2781 Monday. So, for those parents who did receive food last..., this past Monday, please know  
2782 that we'll be starting up again as soon as possible, hopefully, this Monday. We're working  
2783 with an agency. There's actually a..., the only, I've been told, the only food delivery  
2784 program [stammer], feeding program that's open every day of the week, here in Riviera  
2785 Beach. That's the Valley of Love Ministries at 127 West Blue Heron. So, if you are in  
2786 need of food and can get transportation to get to Valley of Love, again, they're at 127  
2787 West Blue Heron Boulevard, and they're open every day to provide food for you.

2788 I also want to express my condolences. I did not know Liz Wade, but I've heard  
2789 wonderful things about her. I'd like to express my condolences to her family, as well as

2790 to the family of the person who passed away, who was one of our own employees. And  
2791 congratulations to Councilperson..., Chair Pro Tem Lawson on his election.

2792 Thank you.

2793 [Pause]

2794 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible]. Thank you, Madam Chair. Well, thank you again,  
2795 colleagues. I just wanna thank you for your vote of confidence and allowing for me to  
2796 serve as Pro Tem. And also, Madam Chair, thank you again for the time that you've  
2797 served as our Chair over this past year. It's just been a great experience. And, Dr. Botel,  
2798 congratulations. I look forward to working as your, as your Pro Tem.

2799 Madam Chair, I just wanted to announce that on Monday, Elvin Dowling, the Chair  
2800 of the Board of, of Palm Beach Harvest reached out to myself and Mr. Evans and we're  
2801 going to be doing a free food giveaway on Monday at 12:00 p.m. It's gonna be hosted  
2802 over at Wells Gym. We're giving out a thousand meals to our residents. We're reserving,  
2803 I believe, two hundred meals, Mr. Evans? To go towards our seniors, and that are gonna  
2804 be hand delivered to the seniors. And then, eight hundred meals will be a drive up service  
2805 that Chief Curd and Mr. Evans has been facilitating. So, I wanna thank Mr. Dowling and  
2806 the Palm Beach Harvest Association for allowing for us to provide those meals.

2807 In addition to that, we're also going to be addressing the food desert that our  
2808 community has. A lot of these farmers are actually not being a'..., [stammer]..., able to  
2809 provide produce to the restaurants 'cause everything's closed. So, Mr. Dowling is also  
2810 looking to set up fresh produce every week. Right now the Boys & Girls Club is doing it  
2811 for their members, but we're trying to do it for all residents starting in the next coming  
2812 week. So, we're working on the logistics with that as well, with Mr. Evans and Chief Curd.

2813 Mr. Evans, just two quick questions that I wanted to address. The first responders  
2814 and our police officers, are they currently receiving any type of hazard pay?

2815 **City Manager Evans:** At this particular moment, they're not receiving hazard pay.  
2816 We did receive a letter from the PBA, and the municipal managers are talking about it.  
2817 One of the things that we are making sure is, is how do we continue to fund government  
2818 and, and how do we make sure that individuals stay gainfully employed. So, we're still  
2819 calculating what the fiscal impact of it, so we are having conversations internally about  
2820 what that would be.

2821 **Councilperson Lawson:** Excellent. And I know that we're researching it now, but if we  
2822 can expedite that process because while we're trying to figure these numbers out, our  
2823 officers are putting their life on the line every day by going outside to serve our, our  
2824 community, and our first responders. So, if we could expedite that process to see if it's  
2825 feasible for our community to afford that, that dollar amount for hazard pay for them.

2826 And then also, if you could get an update out for us, an email update, possibly on  
2827 where we stand with Arts in Public Spaces program, 'cause as a community and our  
2828 colleagues, I want us to still be able to move forward, and to prepare for what's gonna

2829 happen over the next one, two, three, ten years so that we can continue to do the business  
2830 of the City. So, if you can just send out an update for, for me via email before the next  
2831 meeting?

2832 **City Manager Evans:** No problem, Councilman. And you forgot one of the other  
2833 initiatives, the Grad'..., Grad Splash.

2834 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes. Yes. I apologize for that. Thank you, Mr. Evans.

2835 The..., colleagues, we've also reached out..., one of the things that we spoke to  
2836 about the high school seniors, they're gonna be graduating and because of this pandemic  
2837 they're losing a lot. They lost the ability to have a graduation, their grad nights, their prom.  
2838 So, Mr. Evans and I have speaking about giving some opportunities to our seniors. Once  
2839 this pandemic is cleared and we, we've actually opened back up, outside as people are  
2840 saying, to give the senior an opportunity to enjoy some type of senior experience. And  
2841 we're working currently with the Rapids to see if in the middle, toward the end of the  
2842 summer, we can host some type of Grad Night. Something that we all went to, you know,  
2843 when we were in co'..., high school. Up in Orlando, they used to host, like, a gra'..., a Grad  
2844 Night event where the seniors would all come from all over the state and fellowship there  
2845 in one city. So, we're looking to work with the Rapids and see if this is something that the  
2846 Riviera Beach can partner for our seniors here in the community. So, we'll have more  
2847 updates, hopefully, going out soon but, that's in the early phases just because we wanna  
2848 make sure that we're clear of this pandemic and we're not endangering any of the kids  
2849 first. So, this is something we're looking towards the end of June, maybe July.

2850 Thank you, Mr. Evans. And, thank you, Madam Chair.

2851 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mayor Felder and then I think McCoy is trying  
2852 to..., wanna say something again [inaudible].

2853 **Mayor Felder:** First of all, I'd like to give congra'..., congratulations to Botel, the new  
2854 Chairperson and Lawson the Pro Tem. [Inaudible] done, Madam Chair and the time I  
2855 have to s'..., serve with you.

2856 Just a couple things. First, the Housing Authority. I am appointing, immediately,  
2857 Ms. [stammer]..., Ms. Alexis Lockhart, to fill the seat that's been vacant due to it expiring.  
2858 So she will start immediately, tonight. Ms. Alexis Lockhart. She is now appointed to the  
2859 Housing Authority Board.

2860 And just, just a couple things. Going back to..., and Councilman Lawson and Mr.  
2861 Evans, by no way I, I'm holding..., I don't wanna hold the City back so I believe that we  
2862 should take every opportunity we have to grow the City. I believe that's why we were,  
2863 were put in place to make sure that we move the City forward. And I'm very excited about  
2864 some of the moves that we're making and if it's an investment that we need to make, let's  
2865 do that to move forward. But what I was saying earlier is, I don't want us to forget the  
2866 little things that people are concerned about every day that's affecting their lives. As I've  
2867 been going out handing out food on a daily basis, to some of our seniors, this is really  
2868 affecting their daily lives. Their sidewalks are tore up and although they agreed for it to

2869 happen, these contractors are not coming out. They will come up and tear up a street  
2870 and they may not see them for weeks. Or if they come, they come with a shadow crew  
2871 and, and they may only come for an hour. I think we can do a better job ensuring our,  
2872 our citizens. The statement I made was, as we continue to do bigger projects, you know,  
2873 if we miss out on these small things,, I don't think it's [inaudible].

2874 So, I, I mentioned about a project manager because as I've been going around  
2875 looking at some of these projects, I don't think nobody is, is watching them. And so,  
2876 maybe that's something we can dialog about, maybe hiring a project manager when we  
2877 have these projects, to make sure that they're being held accountable because right now,  
2878 there's no accountability. They're not wetting the streets, they're not cleaning the streets,  
2879 they're not paving the streets. And so, I don't know what they're doing but I think we have  
2880 a responsibility to our community to make sure that if they start a project that they're  
2881 gonna finish. So I hope that we can look at that.

2882 Mr. Evans, I'm not talking about the, the big overall re'.., reconstruction that we  
2883 have to do with the streets in Monroe Heights, I'm just talking about some of the streets  
2884 that they're, they're tearing up now. I know we said O Avenue would get those drains  
2885 capped. They were on M.., M Avenue and I'm getting calls on the Avenue because they're  
2886 not doing anything there and they're not letting people know. I did talk to one of the  
2887 contractors with Mr. Bailey just saying give a, a notice if you're gonna be out there on a  
2888 Saturday morning. And I would even help them, if you told me that they were coming, I  
2889 would go knock on doors telling them that they would be there on Saturday morning. But  
2890 they've gone east, around 26<sup>th</sup> Court to tear up that street and driveways, and one of the  
2891 seniors, as I was taking her some food, said I hope they don't tear up my driveway  
2892 because her husband is in a wheelchair and she has.., when he back out, has to take him  
2893 to the sidewalk to put him in the truck. Well, of course, they tore up the sidewalk. But  
2894 they agreed for it to be done but the problem is, they're not, they're not doing any work.  
2895 So, if we can really jump on that to make sure.., and make them give us times. I think  
2896 they're just tearing up stuff to get a payment and I don't think that's right. So we really  
2897 need to look at these projects and say you know what, 'We're giving you a deadline to  
2898 get this stuff done for the betterment of our community.'

2899 Also, [pause], I think that's it for me.

2900 **Councilperson Lanier:** I, I...

2901 **Mayor Felder:** That's it...

2902 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...agree. Madam Chair, just one thing. I just wanna say that  
2903 everything that we do, we need to frame around this COVID-19 pandemic that we have  
2904 because everything that we do is going to reflect that.

2905 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. And I agree. Mr. McCoy.

2906 **Mayor Felder:** Just, just one more question for... Mr. Evans, the street'..,  
2907 streetsweeper, is that department shut down?

2908 **City Manager Evans:** That., the streetsweeper, that is., we've, we've taken off our  
2909 services concerning that but that's something that we can, we can have some additional  
2910 conversations offline...

2911 **Mayor Felder:** Yeah.

2912 **City Manager Evans:** ...if there's some specific areas. And I will be having some  
2913 conversations with Director Bailey, specific to the concerns that you communicated this  
2914 evening, Mr. Mayor.

2915 **Mayor Felder:** Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

2916 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** You're welcome. Mr. McCoy? Couple seconds.

2917 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm only gonna need about four minutes.

2918 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We'll save that...

2919 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Chuckle].

2920 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...for the next meeting then.

2921 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I wanted to thank you. So, thank  
2922 you, Mayor Felder, for bringing that back up because that was a concern that I've heard  
2923 about. And, you know, I think we all agree that it's been a work in progress. Our first  
2924 year has been filled with dealing with computer issues and City Manager issues and  
2925 hurricane issues but, you know what, we're still here and I appreciate the commitment  
2926 from all my colleagues and the Manager, and as well as the Attorney.

2927 I received a phone call, and also an email, regarding the recent uptick in violence,  
2928 and I thought COVID-19 had did us a favor when it came the violence in the City but that's  
2929 not true and we've lost someone in the City who, in fact, is a relative, neighbor and  
2930 someone I've known all my life and I'll be dealing with Administration and also the Police  
2931 Department to get some insight on, you know, some of the things that we're doing to  
2932 address that.

2933 But, I wanted to really appeal to the Mayor and also to the City Manager relative  
2934 to my concern with at least recognizing Councilwoman Liz Wade and her passing, and  
2935 also our City employee and our former City employee, Mr. Willie "BO" Davis. Certainly, I  
2936 know this is definitely a difficult time and I know it's been done in the past but, you know,  
2937 I would ask the Mayor to consider any sort of recognition from the Office of the Mayor, in  
2938 honor of our former Councilwoman Liz Wade. And so, particularly, for our employee who  
2939 really died on the front line of being an employee while she's actually, you know, doing  
2940 service here at the City, to at least consider flowing our, our, our facilities flags at half-  
2941 staff in memory of those that have served and represented the City as an employee, and  
2942 also as an elected member.



2943 So, that's all I have. So, Mr. Mayor and also Mr. Manager, if you would please  
2944 consider that. That's all I have, Madam Chair. Thank you so much. Is it still fitting to call  
2945 you Madam Chair at this point? [Chuckle].

2946 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I think until we adjourn, that would be appropriate.  
2947 Thank you very much...

2948 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible] still Madam Chair.

2949 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...Councilman...

2950 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. [Inaudible].

2951 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...[inaudible] McCoy. [Chuckle]. Alright. And, I'll just  
2952 kinda start off with what you were saying. I was ho'..., I had spoken to Mr. Evans about  
2953 definitely about trying to do the Proclamation for Ms. Wade. And I do wanna apologize  
2954 in, in overlooking Mr. Willie "BO" Davis. I actually reached out..., we reach out [inaudible]  
2955 a couple..., yes'..., a couple days ago when it happened and so I should have remembered  
2956 that but I, I didn't and I, I wanna send condolences out to her and her mom and brother  
2957 and family. And as well as you, Mr. McCoy, 'cause you are a relative of them.

2958 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

2959 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So, I did speak about the... We know that. We did talk  
2960 about doing Proclamations so, hopefully, for our next meeting we can, Mr. Mayor, that  
2961 usually comes to your, your office, so hopefully, we can get a Proc'..., at least a  
2962 Proclamation for those individuals that we just spoke of.

2963 **Mayor Felder:** [Inaudible].

2964 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I'm..., when we had the public comment section, I  
2965 wanna make note of something before I move on right quick. You notice you all can't  
2966 leave and pack up tonight when I'm getting ready to do my closing comments, can ya?  
2967 Yeah. I know. The first time. My last time as Chair.

2968 **Councilperson Lanier:** Hey, Ms. KaShamba, you see...

2969 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So, I won't be last anymore.

2970 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible]. I'm gettin' it together now.

2971 [Chuckles]

2972 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible]. Okay. And so, the..., I had mentioned, Mr.  
2973 Evans, when the public comment came about the Housing Authority, I actually got some  
2974 calls as well regarding that. So, if you can, look into that. I know Mr. McCoy mentioned  
2975 about bringing it to ano'..., our next meeting, I would be..., I would like to see that happen  
2976 as well, finding out more information because when I..., I looked back at the meeting, it...,

2977 although it was verbal, it was stated that the same contractors would be involved with  
2978 Phase II and, from my understanding, one of our locals, Mr. Newbold, who was with I  
2979 believe Gulf Construction, they are no longer a part of that team or at least our local  
2980 person is not. And, Mr. Hurt, during that meeting basically agreed that, you know, if the  
2981 \$500,000 from the City was contributed to them and Ms. Hubbard at the time asked,  
2982 would we be using the same local teams to work on Phase II and he did indicated yes.  
2983 And so, that to me, I., it appeared that, you know, the \$500,000 was provided that you  
2984 use the same group of people for Phase II which was local people. So, if you can look  
2985 into that because that, that's a concern for me if, you know, we now switched things up.  
2986 And, I know they have to get something on their end before we can give that \$500,000 to  
2987 [inaudible] anyway. So, if you can look into that and have that for the next meeting, that  
2988 would be appreciated.

2989 Also, let's see..., I wanna than the workers, Public Safety. I know Ms. Lanier has  
2990 talked a lot about the COVID and how serious it is. And I, you know, I, I've joked around  
2991 about, you know, me coughing and having a cough for a very long time and, you know,  
2992 unfortunately, because of the way the testing has been, the criteria was so stringent  
2993 initially when I was sick, very sick at the very, you know, first few weeks of it but because  
2994 I hadn't been out the country... I tried to get tested four times and couldn't get it and  
2995 finally I was, and so I'm waiting now but it, it's very serious. And people that have  
2996 underlying conditions, such as myself, are very much at risk and, you know, I, I think  
2997 because we have not had as much testing around, across the nation actually, that we  
2998 should have, people are a little more reluctant to isolate themselves because, in their  
2999 mind, it's not happening. But, it, it is impacting a lot of people and I think if we had more  
3000 testing done, we would see the numbers jump up very quickly. The numbers are probably  
3001 down because a lot of people are not getting tested. And, for a very long time, it excluded  
3002 a lot of people. At one point, if you were out of the country, you couldn't get it. Then, if  
3003 you weren't over 65, you could get it. I'm like, 'I can't even breathe, can, can I come?'  
3004 'No, you're..., are, are you 65?' 'No, I'm not 65 but I have everything.' So, it, it, it makes  
3005 it hard for people to understand that it's real when it's not really hitting you in the face.  
3006 So, I'm all for the campaigning, you know, getting things going in terms of a campaign  
3007 and trying to get the word out and, and providing those masks. I know you mentioned  
3008 about masks, Ms., Ms. Lanier. I know there are some people, very locally, who are  
3009 making those masks, the, the cloth masks. And so, you know, if we're able to utilize some  
3010 of those people and be able to get them to participate in that, that, that would be great if  
3011 you all went that route. But, I definitely wanna put..., take all hats off to Public Safety  
3012 people who are out there and doing their jobs and not knowing whether or not they're  
3013 gonna get sick. And I certainly..., I appreciate all the essential, essential workers, our City  
3014 workers who are going to work every day. Some of you are working from home but a lot  
3015 of you are still out there, so I appreciate that as well.

3016 The..., let's see, what else do I have? [Pause]. I thank you, Mr. Lawson, for that  
3017 Rapids idea. I think that's really great for the high schoolers. Grad Night is, is certainly  
3018 something that you will remember for the rest of your life and if we can get that type of  
3019 traffic to come here, as you..., the memo stated that, hopefully, if it turns out well when we  
3020 do it one time, then that might be a alternative for people around the state to be able to  
3021 come as well. So, I appreciate that. That's a great idea.

3022 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you.

3023 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And the.., congratulations to our new Chair and Chair  
3024 Pro Tem, Botel and Mr. Lawson. I tell you, it has been.., I, I'm, I'm so excited to pass the  
3025 gavel over so quickly. Now I can get up and go to the bathroom whenever I want to.

3026 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Chuckle].

3027 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I don't have to wait. So, but no. It.., you all, I mean,  
3028 we.., I think our group will be fine. We'll, we'll be doing a wonderful job by having these  
3029 individuals in, in the position. Mr. Lawson, I do want to give you your credit for your... I  
3030 joke with you about you being all over the place but it is, it is, it's a great thing that you're  
3031 doing and, you know, unfortunately, like I said, I've just really felt bad that I haven't been  
3032 able to do anything 'cause I've seriously been in the house for days and days and days.  
3033 But, I thank you so much for having that energy and being able to get out there and, and  
3034 help all of our citizens as much as you can.

3035 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair [inaudible]...

3036 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible] super eight out 'cause I know super eight  
3037 was right there with you so...

3038 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Chuckle].

3039 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...super eight...

3040 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yeah. He was...

3041 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...Mr. Javarious Jackson.

3042 **Councilperson Lawson:** He was there. Yes.

3043 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes, he was.

3044 **Councilperson Lawson:** Mr. Jackson has been, he's been on point with everything.  
3045 So, he takes all the credit. I'm just in front of the camera. And, and, Madam Chair, thank  
3046 you. I'm actually just representing the entire Council. So all...

3047 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah.

3048 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...my colleagues, we've all been...

3049 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. That's enough, Pro Tem. I mean, come on, you done  
3050 had your time now, Pro Tem.

3051 [Chuckles]

3052 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

3053 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible].

3054 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We're gonna let him finish with that. We're gonna give  
3055 [inaudible]...

3056 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible] let me finish. 'Cause she's gonna talk about  
3057 COVID one more time [inaudible].

3058 [Chuckles]

3059 **Councilperson Lanier:** Hey.

3060 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair...

3061 **Councilperson Lanier:** I'm telling ya'll, I'm not playing with this.

3062 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair, but...

3063 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I would like [inaudible] a round of applause for our [clapping]  
3064 outgoing Chair who's done an outstanding job.

3065 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes, yes, yes.

3066 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Inaudible]...

3067 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.

3068 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Thank you so much.

3069 **Councilperson Lanier:** KaShamba, you have done an excellent job. Excellent job.

3070 **Councilperson Lawson:** And that's all I wanted to say, congrats...

3071 **Councilperson Lanier:** KaShamba did the job...

3072 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...Miller-Anderson.

3073 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...when.., back in the day when it was all crazy. And you're  
3074 still doing the job. She's still doing the job so, yeah.

3075 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I appreciate it.

3076 **Councilperson Lawson:** Congrats, Madam Chair.

3077 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you so much. And, like I said, I'm happy to pass  
3078 the torch over to Botel and Lawson. So, thank you all so much though.

3079 And, did I see your hand up, Mr. McCoy?

3080 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** No.

3081 **Councilperson Lawson:** No.

3082 [Chuckles]

3083 **Councilperson McCoy:** Whoa, whoa. Hold on. I want...

3084 [Inaudible dais comment]

3085 **Councilperson McCoy:** I did have my hand up.

3086 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** 'Cause we're trying...

3087 **Councilman McCoy:** I, I...

3088 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...to adjourn.

3089 **Councilperson McCoy:** I had my hand up.

3090 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** With that being said...

3091 **Councilperson McCoy:** Hold on. Mason, lay down. That' was my hand up.

3092 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Chuckle].

3093 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, [inaudible]...

3094 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** You know, when you have it... When you have it in this view,  
3095 it reminds me of Hollywood Squares.

3096 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

3097 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible] I have it in the view that only shows [inaudible]...

3098 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

3099 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So I only see.., I only see nine windows. 'Cause I put on...  
3100 You can put it on view active cameras. And, that's what it's like. So, when you were  
3101 pointing up, McCoy, you were pointing up to Miller-Anderson up there and I thought you  
3102 were trying to make [inaudible]. It's really weird.

3103 **Councilperson McCoy:** No. I'm talking to Mason. Thank you.

3104 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Alright.

3105 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

3106 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, I'm glad we were able to get through this meeting  
3107 fairly well, with not too many issues and I would imagine we're going to be using the same  
3108 platform when we do our CRA meeting. So, hopefully, we have a very smooth meeting  
3109 during that time as well. I don't want... Well, I'm not gonna be the Chair, so...

3110 [Chuckles]

3111 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Hey, I'm good. We're...

3112 **Councilperson Lanier:** No. Please, KaShamba, don't go, please.

3113 [Chuckles]

3114 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** This is a baptism of [inaudible].

3115 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** But, I do wanna thank Ms. Noel as well, and anyone  
3116 else that had a hand in this. It, it did go pretty smoothly. We just had a couple of sections  
3117 that froze up but not.., nothing major, so thank you all, everybody working in the  
3118 background with this situation.

3119 Oh, one thing. Ms. Botel or, I'm sorry, Ms. Hall or Claudene or Tawanna, did you  
3120 all look to see if that email came through for J.B. in time for public comments? Or, Ms.  
3121 Anthony?

3122 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair, I looked to see if the email.., and, she did  
3123 send it prior to the closing of the acceptance of public comment, so if...

3124 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. So...

3125 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...[inaudible desire at this time, I will read it into the record?

3126 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. Go ahead.

3127 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. This public comment comes from J.B. Dixon. I wish to  
3128 make the following statement during public comments. I keep hearing how we, we should  
3129 stop everything, delay everything, procrastinate on everything in the interest of everyone  
3130 being quote comfortable unquote. Whether it is the Marina project, the Ocean Mall  
3131 parking structures, or now the Library, Riviera Beach needs to suffer from analysis  
3132 paralysis. And that's in all caps. That is how and why we have wasted half a million  
3133 dollars in grant money while we dithered around. It's time for this Council to move off the  
3134 dime and to try to buy this building for our Library and future uses. Let's stop talking and  
3135 start acting. We can negotiate the purchase of this building without waiting to see what  
3136 happens with COVID-19. The business of the City must proceed despite the [stammer]..,  
3137 the pandemic. Let's get moving. J.B. Dixon.

3138 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Thank you.

3139 **ADJOURNMENT**

3140 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And with that being said, we stand adjourned. Thank  
3141 you all so much. It's been a pleasure.

3142 **Councilperson Lanier:** Bye-bye.

3143 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Bye-bye.

3144 [End of video/audio]

3145 **List of City Employees and Public Speakers**

3146 Parks and Recreation Director Richard Blankenship  
3147 Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship

3148 Acting Development Services Director Jeff Gagnon  
3149 Acting Development Services Director Gagnon

3150 Deborah Hall Ms. D.  
3151 Hall

3152 Assistant to City Manager Marsha Noel .....Assistant to City Manager Noel

3153 John Clayton

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