

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 18, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT AT MEETING¹:

MAYOR RONNIE FELDER	MAYOR FELDER
CHAIRPERSON KaSHAMBA L. MILLER- ANDERSON, DISTRICT 2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON
CHAIR PRO TEM JULIE A. BOTEL, DISTRICT 4	CHAIR PRO TEM BOTEL
COUNCILPERSON TRADRICK MCCOY, DISTRICT 1	COUNCILPERSON MCCOY
COUNCILPERSON SHIRLY D. LANIER, DISTRICT 3	COUNCILPERSON LANIER
COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON, DISTRICT 5	COUNCILPERSON LAWSON
CITY MANAGER JONATHAN EVANS	CITY MANAGER EVANS
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER DEIRDRE JACOBS	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER JACOBS
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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 18, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: ...p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Madam, roll call.

Staff Assistant Hall: Mayor Ronnie Felder?

Mayor Felder: Here.

Staff Assistant Hall: Chairperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

Chairperson Miller-Anderson: Present.

Staff Assistant Hall: Chair Pro Tem Julia Botel?

Chair Pro Tem Botel: Here.

Staff Assistant Hall: Councilperson Tradrick McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Here.

Staff Assistant Hall: Councilperson Shirley Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Here.

Staff Assistant Hall: Councilperson Douglas Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Here.

Staff Assistant Hall: City Manager Jonathan Evans?

City Manager Evans: Present.

Staff Assistant Hall: Assistant City Manager Deirdre Jacobs?

Assistant City Manager Jacobs: Here.

29 **Staff Assistant Hall:** City Attorney Dawn Wynn?

30 **Assistant City Attorney Busby:** Lina Busby here in place of Dawn Wynn.

31 **Staff Assistant Hall:** And, Deborah Hall sitting for City Clerk Claudene Anthony.
32 Madam Chair, you may proceed.

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

34 **INVOCATION**

35 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

36 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We'll have a moment of silence. We did take notice of
37 the Officer Jackson, who did pass away earlier this week. So, we'll have another moment
38 of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Botel.

39 [Moment of silence]

40 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I pledge allegiance...

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

43 **AGENDA APPROVAL**

44 **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

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

47 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair. If the Board would indulge Staff, I would
48 like for us to add an Item under presentations, where the six finalists for the Chief of Police
49 for the City of Riviera Beach can have an opportunity to introduce themselves to the
50 Council, and to the public. And I have asked that they are granted the customary three
51 minutes each.

52 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Al'...

53 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Set the timer.

54 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. We will set the timer. [Chuckle]. Alright. The
55 Board okay with that?

56 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

58 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

59 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Any other additions, deletions, substitutions?

60 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

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

62 **Councilperson McCoy:** I have an addition for community benefits.

63 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. What is that?

64 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. It's an addition for...

65 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Is it some'.., someone that's already been through
66 before?

67 **Councilperson McCoy:** No.

68 **City Manager Evans:** But...

69 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, you... Go...

70 **City Manager Evans:** We...

71 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...ahead.

72 **City Manager Evans:** We do have the documentation and paperwork, and it's
73 consistent with the adopted policies.

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

75 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

76 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So, okay. So, what is it?

77 **Councilperson McCoy:** You wanna know the title?

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

79 **Councilperson McCoy:** Of the organization?

80 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. What we would normally have on the Agenda.

81 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's calling Hooping for Jesus, for \$250. [Pause]. And this is
82 to support community restoration projects, the basketball league in tournaments and also
83 providing higher education preparation withs'.., career guidance.

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

85 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

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

87 **Councilperson Lawson:** If we could get a copy of the application and take a look at
88 that, Mr. McCoy?

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

90 [Inaudible dais comment]

91 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I kinda expected that from...

92 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. Typically, we would just have copies for everyone
93 so that we could pass them down so we can see what we're voting on before we vote on
94 it. We would appreciate that.

95 **Councilperson McCoy:** Anyone else?

96 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you so much.

97 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I trust [inaudible].

98 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I would just like to take a look at this. Thank you. And,
99 is there anything else? [Pause]. No? You're good? Alright. Alright. No other additions,
100 deletions or substitutions. Alright.

101 **DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL**

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

103 [Pause]

104 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

105 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We have a motion to adopt the Agenda?

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

107 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

108 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Clerk.

109 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

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

111 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Pro Tem Botel?

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

113 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson McCoy?

114 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

115 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lanier?

116 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

117 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lawson?

118 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

119 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Unanimous vote.

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

121 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHALL BE GIVEN A**
122 **TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT**
123 **AGENDA. ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON CONSENT AGENDA**
124 **ITEMS, PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED ON THE TABLE**
125 **DIRECTLY OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF**
126 **PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.**

127 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Do we have any public comment cards for Consent
128 Agenda?

129 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Yes, Madam Char. We do have one comment card for
130 Consent Agenda.

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

132 **Staff Assistant Hall:** And the name on the card is Doug Lawson.

133 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mr. Doug Lawson. You have a comment card.
134 [Pause]. Alright. So, Ms. Deborah...

135 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Okay.

136 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. We.., somebody else is gonna have to help out
137 here because we gotta keep the focus. Alright. So, apparently, we have no Doug Lawson
138 for comment? Alright. He's not here.

139 [Inaudible dais comment]

140 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. So.

141 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** **ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE**
142 **CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION.**
143 **THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A**

144 COUNCILPERSON SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE
145 REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS
146 NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.

147 **MINUTES**

148 **RESOLUTIONS**

149 **COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

150 1. MIND OVER YOU, INC. - \$1500 - COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON
151 THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO DEFRAY EVENT COST
152 FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH FORUMS WHICH IS DESIGNED TO RAISE
153 AWARENESS ON MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESSES, AND
154 PROMOTE MENTAL WELL-BEING OF FAMILIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF
155 RIVIERA BEACH.

156 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Do we have anyone that would like to pull anything
157 from the Consent Agenda? [Pause]. Alright. 'Haves a motion to accept the Consent
158 Agenda?

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

160 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second. So Doug doesn't pull my Item.

161 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. With that one being added. Alright. Madam
162 Clerk.

163 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chairperson Miller-Anderson?

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

165 **Staff Assistant Hall::** Chair Pro Tem Botel?

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

167 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson McCoy?

168 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

169 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lanier?

170 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

171 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lawson?

172 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

173 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Unanimous vote..

174 **END OF CONSENT**

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

180 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Ms. Deborah, once the Resolution is read, please
181 announce that the acceptance of public comment cards are closed at that time.

182 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN
183 THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON EACH REGULAR AGENDA ITEM. IN NO EVENT
184 WILL ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A COMMENT CARD AND SPEAK ON AN
185 AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE RESOLUTION IS READ OR ITEM CONSIDERED.

186 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Item No. 2. Ordinance on first reading. I'm
187 sorry.

188 **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

189 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Awards and presentations. Chief of Police. Mr.
190 Manager.

191 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, Members of the Council and members of the
192 public, we have the distinct honor to have six of probably the most qualified and capable
193 law enforcement professionals in the State of Florida, and in the country for that matter,
194 here vying for the opportunity to be the City of Riviera Beach's top cop. And I can tell you
195 that this process has been a very long process for this agency, but for the candidates
196 themselves. They went through a process of submitting an application for this position.
197 There was a total of about fifty-eight individuals that applied for this position. I personally
198 went through all fifty-eight applications, looking at their credentials, looking at their
199 expertise, looking at how they worked their way through the ranks of law enforcement.
200 They have all attended advanced degrees, they all have advanced degrees, they have
201 all attended senior leadership in law enforcement academies from the FBI Academy in
202 Virginia, all the way to Southern Police Institute, so they have copious amounts of law
203 enforcement experience. They are a very talented group of individuals.

204 So I had the task of narrowing it down to ten individuals. Unfortunately, I could not
205 do that because the pool of candidates was so rich, so I narrowed it down to twelve, had
206 an internal staff committee that was comprised of officers and members of executive
207 management, to go ahead and narrow it down to four. They returned the favor back to
208 me and narrowed it to six.

209 [Chuckles]

210 **City Manager Evans:** And so, when I looked at all the six candidates, I could not
211 make a decision as to who are the two candidates to leave off the list? And I can tell you

212 that when you meet these people and you have an opportunity to participate in the public
213 reception with.., is going to occur on Friday from 6:30 to 7:30 to mingle with the candidates
214 and then ultimately they will be sitting on this dais, answering questions that will be
215 prepared by the Human Resources Director and Staff, you will see the types of individuals
216 that we have brought to our City. They have been interviewing as early as 6:00 o'clock
217 in the morning and staying with us as late as 10:00 o'clock in the evening. They've been
218 doing this since Tuesday and they're last engagement with us is Friday evening, where
219 we anticipate being over at about 9:30 p.m. So, these folks are certainly committed to
220 this City, committed to this agency, and so, I'd like for them to provide a little brief intro of
221 themselves, their experience and, and ultimately, why they want to be the City of Riviera
222 Beach's top cop.

223 And so, I have their names and, in no particular order, I will call them up and they
224 will...

225 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Hold on one second. I'm being told that the television
226 is not on. Can we check with them back there to make sure that it's on?

227 **City Manager Evans:** You know, Walter would do that after my speech. You know?

228 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Chuckle].

229 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Maybe it was such.., so well said.

230 **City Manager Evans:** I didn't even re'.., I didn't even...

231 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Exactly.

232 **City Manager Evans:** ...rehearse that.

233 [Chuckles]

234 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So well said.

235 **City Manager Evans:** That was from the heart.

236 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Chuckle].

237 [Pause]

238 [Inaudible comment]

239 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We're... We're good?

240 **Unk.:** Yeah, you're good.

241 **Unk.:** [Inaudible].

242 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. So we can keep going?

243 **Unk.:** [Inaudible].

244 **Unk.:** Okay.

245 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. We'll keep going.

246 **City Manager Evans:** And so, at this time, I'm going to ask for one of the candidates
247 to come up and then I will announce the, the other two to follow. If Mr. Michael Coleman,
248 followed by Mr. William Gordon and Mr. Nathan Osgood could address the Board.

249 **Mr. M. Coleman:** Good evening.

250 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

251 **Mr. M. Coleman:** Hello Mayor, Chair, Council. I'm...

252 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Hold on one second. Ms. Deborah, we can get the
253 clock up?

254 [Chuckles]

255 **Staff Assistant Hall:** I see it here but I don't know how to...

256 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. We'll, we'll., we need to make sure we get it up
257 there so when they come in from the TV we'll get to that. But, we'll, we'll go ahead. Just
258 keep your eye on her, her computer. [Chuckle].

259 **Mr. M. Coleman:** Three, three minutes.

260 **City Manager Evans:** Three minutes.

261 **Mr. M. Coleman:** Good evening, Mayor.

262 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

263 **Mr. M. Coleman:** ...Councilperson and City Council and City Manager. Thank you for
264 the., that lovely introduction on how you came to, came to select all six candidates. I
265 have been in this process for two days now and all the candidates behind me are great
266 men and women that you did select. So, you know, it's a, it's a fair competition and a
267 great process and I appreciate you giving me the opportunity.

268 My name is Michael Coleman. I am., I was., I've been a law enforcement
269 practitioner in Palm Beach County, Delray Beach for approximately twenty-four years and
270 I spent four years as a Director as well, learned how to run a City from top to bottom, as
271 well as in law enforcement.

272 I'm seeking to be your next Police Chief of, of Riviera Beach. It's a position that
273 I've been seeking., been trying to get to for the past two, three years 'cause I think

274 Riviera Beach is one of the better cities in the county, and I wanna be here to work. I see
275 the changes you guys have made in the City and I wanna be a part of those changes.

276 My overall philosophy in law enforcement, I., I'm a collaborative partner of the
277 community that I'll be working for and working with. I love working with people itself. My,
278 my, my overall philosophy, when it comes to policing, is community policing. I was., I
279 was raised in community policing, I have implemented programs in community policing
280 and I wanna do the same things in Riviera Beach. The programs that I have created,
281 along with., over my years are., have been benefit the youth. I'm very big on the youth,
282 empowering youth and I'm very big on creating communities., creating wealth in the
283 communities. I also, since in this whole process, I've had the, the distinct pleasure to
284 meet a lot of the men who, who go out there day to day and serve the men and women
285 in, in this lovely City. And they're very passionate, very proud to work for Riviera Beach.
286 Of course we all., they all., a lot of people had their challenges, but the whole., for the
287 most part, they are very, very proud to work in this City and they don't wanna leave. And
288 I would like the., I would like to have the opportunity to work in this City.

289 The things that I can bring to this City is going to only enhance what the leaders
290 have created over the past ten, fifteen years. So, if I am selected, I will, I will work hard.
291 My wife will give me the blessing, to work in this City. She is an educator in the county
292 and what I do, she supports me a hundred and ten percent. My daughter, twelve year
293 old daughter, gave me permission to...

294 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Chuckle].

295 **Mr. M. Coleman:** ...put in for the job. She's twelve years old and she gave me
296 permission after two days, but she's willing to move to Riviera Beach and be a part of this
297 process, in this journey that I have, that I, that I wanna undertake.,

298 So, thank you for the opportunity.

299 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you so much.

300 **City Manager Evans:** Alright. Next candidate, Mr. William Gordon.

301 **Mr. W. Gordon:** Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Council...

302 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

303 **Mr. W. Gordon:** ...City Manager Evans, Ms. Jacobs. Thank you for the opportunity
304 to allow me to apply for, and be considered for the Chief of Riviera Beach. My name is
305 William Gordon. I'm currently a major with the Lauderhill Police Department in Broward
306 County. When this position first came open, I had several people reach out to me to apply
307 for it. I did take it under a lotta consideration, as this is a huge commitment. After much
308 thought and contemplation, I decided that this is something that I wanted to pursue. In
309 my years in law enforcement, I started out in 1989, and I've risen up the ranks. I never
310 took a promotion, based solely on what I want or what I thought I would get out of it. I
311 was taught a long time ago that if you're going to complain about something, be willing to

312 do something about it. And so, that's what I've, I've done in my career. Yeah. So, I like
313 to tackle things head on. I like to address problems, I don't like to let them sit. I've
314 engaged with my community, being in Lauderdale over the last twenty-three years,
315 developed programs. I am a big proponent of servant leadership. I believe that we have
316 to empower our personnel to be able to go out there and do their job, give them the
317 training, the resources, the information that they need to go out there and do their job.
318 They're the face of Riviera Beach. They're usually the first people that people will contact,
319 representing the City. So I think it's very important that they have that training and that
320 information.

321 I, I look forward to leading the members of the Riviera Beach Police Department.
322 The experiences that I've had in Lauderdale, of starting that Department and bringing them
323 up from where we were way back in the beginning when they broke away from the sheriff's
324 office. The similar problems that are currently facing the Riviera Beach Police
325 Department, I have tackled already. And I believe my experience can help address that
326 and help bring Riviera Beach, through accreditation and attaining accreditation and a
327 professional status, that this City so richly deserves. And, I look forward to becoming a
328 member of the Riviera Beach Family.

329 Thank you all so much.

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

331 **City Manager Evans:** Mr. Nathan Osgood. And then after Mr. Osgood, if I can have
332 Spencer Rozier and then Ms. Tonya Chapman.

333 **Mr. N. Osgood:** Good evening, Madam Chair...

334 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

335 **Mr. N. Osgood:** ...Council Members, Mr. Evans. Again, I'm Nathan Osgood and I'm
336 grateful to be one of six finalists for the Police Chief position for the City of Riviera Beach.
337 That's a honor and to be.., I got a chance to meet the men and women behind me over
338 the past.., we spent a lotta time together talking. And no matter who you select, you're
339 gonna get a great Police Chief here because these people are highly qualified as well.

340 My career started with the City of Pompano Beach. I started there in 1983 as a
341 police reserve, then I moved over into full time service. I worked the streets in the City of
342 Pompano Beach. I worked hard in the streets. My job was to stamp out crime, to stomp
343 out crime. And, I spent the first few years of doing nothing but that, targeting the crime
344 ridden areas. And we lowered crime rate in the City of Pompano Beach, the west side.
345 Then I moved over and started working in the City of Fort Lauderdale, undercover
346 capacity and the street raiders, and the City of Deerfield Beach. Then I started.., I
347 supervised those units, narcotic units, gang units, organized crime, money laundering.
348 Then I went on and started getting promoted up the rank. I went on ahead and supervised
349 those positions, came back and supervised areas [inaudible] responsibly. Then, I moved
350 over to stuff like community services, community policing, police [stammer], information
351 officers, public information officers that is.

352 So as we.., as I got well-rounded, I started realizing that the heart and soul belongs
353 to the patch. The Police Department, police officers, is the first line of visibility in any City.
354 So, I got on the guys about uniformity, to look neat, present yourself well. How do you
355 want your mother and your father to see you if you're out in the public? You treat every,
356 every person in the community like you wanna treat your family member, or your family
357 member wanna be treated. If you see a problem in the City, address it. Meaning, if you
358 see a pothole, call the Public Works Department, just like you would do a drug dealer. If
359 you see a drug dealer, you address that. So, again, moving up the rank to the rank of
360 major in the Broward sheriff's office, I had the opportunity to work in [stammer]..., excuse
361 me, many different areas, many different cities and it's a, it's a opp'..., it's a job opportunity
362 I would never forget. I, I., this position started five years ago, the City of Riviera Beach.
363 I wanted to come to Riviera Beach to be the Police Chief. It's one of two places in the..,
364 all of South Florida that I really wanted to be a Police Chief at. If I'm selected, I would
365 make sure, one, we're accredited, two, we build morale, three, we stamp out crime.

366 Thank you for the opportunity.

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

368 **City Manager Evans:** Mr. Spence Rozier, followed by Ms. Tonya Chapman. And
369 then, Mr. Reno Wells.

370 **Interim Police Chief Rozier:** Good evening everyone.

371 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

372 **Interim Police Chief Rozier:** Hi. As you know, I'm Spencer Rozier. I'm cur'..., your
373 current Interim Chief of Police, but I plan on changing that to permanent.

374 [Chuckle]

375 **Interim Police Chief Rozier:** You know, first of all, I wanna compliment Mr. Evans
376 for the thorough job he's done in providing outstanding candidates you have here. Like I
377 said.., like he said, they're great candidates, well qualified. Any one of them can do this
378 job. So, it's really up to you guys to decide the best fit for this position and I think I am
379 the best fit candidate for this position. And the reason I say that is because I am from this
380 community. I grew up in this community. And.., and Mr. Reno Wells, 'cause he's from
381 here also, so I wanna give him credit. But, I grew up right across these railroad tracks in
382 Monroe Heights. You know, the same area that is now known as one of our most.., worst
383 areas in some regards. But, let me, let me say this though, it's great people in that.., in,
384 in those areas. Not only Monroe Heights, but all over this City and they don't get enough
385 credit for what they do. You know, I think we have the opportunity right now, we talk
386 about developing talent inhouse, homegrown talent. Well, you got one here. I didn't just
387 think about being a police officer or a police chief when this position came open, I've been
388 preparing myself for thirty years of law enforcement, and it started right in Monroe Heights
389 when I started thinking about what I wanna do with my life, and end upgoing into the
390 military and being a police officer in the Air Force and winning all kinds of awards, getting
391 high evaluations. And then, eventually, becoming the first African American male to work

392 in the Tow of Palm Beach, where I spent a twenty year career there, developing and, and
393 grooming, grooming and preparing for this opportunity right here today. You know? It
394 was., on my journey, I was able to earn two masters degrees, one in business
395 administration, the other in public administration and specialization in finance. And I went
396 on to the FBI school, one of the top schools. Adv'., as far as advancement, I went to
397 SMIP. I did everything I needed to do to be ready for this moment, so we can't say we
398 don't have a qualified person inhouse. I'm that person and I look forward to being the
399 next Chief of Police of Riviera Beach.

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

401 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

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

403 **Councilperson McCoy:** I wanna just point out one clarification. You said it's up to us
404 to decide, so I just wanna point out that we don't decide because I don't want people
405 lobbying me because...

406 [Chuckles]

407 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...you won't, you won't make it anywhere, 'cause we don't
408 make that decision.

409 **Interim Police Chief Rozier:** Alright. Sorry about that misinformation.

410 **Councilperson McCoy:** And, and I...

411 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Chuckle].

412 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...I've been in that Monroe Heights neighborhood, that's a
413 great neighborhood.

414 [Chuckles]

415 **Interim Police Chief Rozier:** It is. And, and I'm sorry I said., I said it's considered
416 the worst but I know the truth and I'm looking forward to having that whole community
417 come out on Friday night to show you.

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

419 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Ch'., thank you, Chief.

420 **Ms. T. Chapman:** Good evening...

421 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

422 **Ms. T. Chapman:** ...Mr. Mayor, Madam Chairperson, Council Members, City Manager
423 Evans. My name is Tonya Chapman and it is an honor and a privilege to be here tonight
424 as one of your finalist for the Chief of Police position.

425 I have the unique standout that I actually come from the State of Virginia. I started
426 my career almost thirty years ago in Arlington, Virginia, quickly rising through the ranks,
427 becoming the first black female Chief, I mean, Captain, in the history of the department
428 within thirteen years. I spent the last years, the last nine years of my career with
429 Arlington in the senior command level, and I had an opportunity to position myself to
430 prepare myself for this opportunity here today. After twenty-two years with Arlington, I
431 left Arlington and went to the City of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia which is a very, a
432 community similar to Riviera Beach. It had a very social economic background as far as
433 the residents and it's a majority minority city. We had seven hundred and fifty officers
434 there. I spent three years as their Deputy Chief of Police. Within my last year, I was
435 actually pulled by the Mayor and the City Manager to run the Department of Social Services
436 for nine months. It was supposed to be a hundred and twenty day assignment
437 but I served as their Interim Director for a period of nine months.

438 Before, our new Governor at the time was appointed, excuse me, elected, and
439 then I was appointed by the Governor as the Deputy Secretary for Public Safety and
440 Homeland Security for the State of Virginia. I had an opportunity during that time to
441 oversee the Virginia State Police, the Department of Corrections, the parole board, as
442 well as our Commonwealth or your State's Attorney council. I spent two years there
443 before being appointed as Chief of Police in the City of Portsmouth. So, the last three
444 years, I served as the City Police Chief. During that time, I had several accomplishments,
445 I was able to reduce crime in the city, I was able to diversify the city and I started over
446 twenty new initiatives that focused on accountability, transparency, officer safety and
447 wellness, community building and community engagement in that public trust.

448 As far as reducing crime, we were able to reduce homicides by fifty-two percent in
449 my first year. My second year, we reduced violent crime by seven percent, and overall
450 crime was reduced by eight percent last year. In diversifying my police department, I was
451 able to bring up my minority and female representation from thirty-six to forty-six percent
452 within two years, and minority representation in the department, was raised to thirty-one
453 percent. When I came in, my department consisted of sixty-three percent white males.
454 And then, my last recruit class, we were, we had a...

455 [Timer]

456 **Ms. T. Chapman:** Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you.

457 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you so much.

458 [Inaudible comments]

459 **City Manager Evans:** Mr. Reno Wells.

460 **Mr. R. Wells:** Good evening, Mayor...

461 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

462 **Mr. R. Wells:** ...City Manager, Council Chair, Councilpersons. My name is
463 Reno Wells. I have the unique distinction of retiring here at the City of Riviera Beach,
464 and I have to tell you this not just because you have me on the spot, but there's no better
465 retirement than Riviera Beach, the check is there on the first of the month. Also, I, I feel
466 good knowing the fact that I was instrumental in having that set up by being on the pension
467 board for about twelve years. Also instrumental that all my other City employees, my
468 family, from Riviera Beach, benefitted by that because whatever the Police Department
469 earned and got throughout the City, everyone else received.

470 I was here since '84. I saw a lotta changes, a lotta growth. This is my home, this
471 is my passion, I can't go nowhere. I think my family was cheated, we shoulda made the
472 first movie Blue Bloods. My dad was...

473 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Chuckle].

474 **Mr. R. Wells:** ...a cop, my ex-wife was a cop, my two brothers were police
475 officers. Sadly, I think they deserve to be in this spot. You may know them, Jerry Wells
476 and Tom Wells. Really a class act and my friend ask me, 'Well, what are you doing
477 there?' But nevertheless, I'm here. And I'm so honored. I never expected to be in this
478 position. I worked hard, my friends work hard. I can't take credit for anything I've done.
479 I was the watch commander over here, the Supervisor of Police as a sergeant. I started
480 the ship cruise security at the Port and the Homeland Security, but I can't take credit for
481 that. I gotta give that to my troops. You have some good troops here. The only thing
482 we're lacking now, they need to be trained up, and my goal is just [stammer] a community
483 engagement program development. That's my top two goals. And with program devel'...,
484 development is training, training, training. Community engagement, I already told them,
485 'Hey, what I wanna start in the City, we're gonna have a job fair twice a year. Not just so
486 you can be a cop in Riviera Beach, for all professions. And next to that, we're gonna go
487 in the schools. Usually, you'll see the programs, they go get the top students, I wanna
488 target the bottom third in all the classes, set up a mentoring program, and I become Chief,
489 if you see somebody knocking on your door, it's not the Jehovah Witness, it's gonna be
490 my police officers. Okay, we wanna get there and work with you and partner with you
491 and let you know that we care. This process might take about six months, we will be in
492 every door, on every street in the City. Also, in all the [inaudible].

493 One other thing about me military wise, I spent about thirteen years in the military.
494 I graduated outta high school real early. I joined the Air Force. I was top half, the top one
495 percent, top security clearance. I worked with crypto signal intel. I later became an officer
496 in the U.S. Army, I was special ops..., special operation forces, civil affairs, special ops,
497 excuse me, equated to the FEMA program. And basically, we deal with natural disasters
498 in foreign countries, other countries that's besieged by terrorists, whatever you wanna
499 call but, nevertheless, I rely on that training. It did me real good, made me prepared to
500 come here and take charge.

501 I really appreciate this opportunity. Thank you very much...

502 [Timer]

503 **Mr. R. Wells:** ...for bringing me home.

504 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you so much. Mr. Evans.

505 **City Manager Evans:** Alright. Madam Chair, as you can see, that., it's a very tough
506 decision that's gonna be on my shoulders and we have some phenomenal candidates
507 and a lot of them have also served this country in the United States Armed Service, so
508 we, we cannot thank them enough for their sacrifices, abroad, as well here as, as local
509 law enforcement professionals.

510 So, for the community, just to bring you up to speed as to where we are, they have
511 some additional interviews tomorrow with the culmination at 6:30., from 6:30 to 7:30 here,
512 at City Hall for a public reception, where you will have an opportunity to mingle and, and
513 chat with each of the candidates, and then they will sit on this very same dais here and
514 take questions in a round robin forma from 7:30 to about 9:00, 9:30, and then we'll go
515 ahead and let them go.

516 After we narrow it down to probably the top two or top here, there will be an intense
517 background check and credential screening, et. cetera. And then, my hope is to make a
518 decision within the first week of January. So again, I wish the community come out and
519 hear what the candidates have to say. It's a great group. The officers have all been
520 involved in the process. So, we're, we're very fortunate to have folks that are committed
521 to this agency and serving in the capacity of the Chief of Police here in Riviera Beach.

522 And Madam Char, that concludes my comments.

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

524 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

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

526 **Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Evans?

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

528 **Councilperson McCoy:** You didn't call my name to go down and give my credentials
529 for the Police Chief position.

530 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Stammer] you just do it all. You wanted the Utility
531 District Director...

532 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

533 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...position last meeting. So now you're ready to be
534 Chief, huh?

535 **Councilperson Lawson:** He, he did want City Manager.

536 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** He, he missed his calling. I definitely want to say, you
537 know, best wishes to all of you. I know just going through any kind of process to get
538 another position is, is grueling and it seems that we have a very grueling process, so I'm
539 sure we will get one of the best out of you, some kinda way and, hopefully, we'll still see
540 some of you around should any other issues.., any other opportunities come about, so.
541 Not issues.

542 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

543 [Chuckle]

544 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We have enough of those.

545 [Chuckles]

546 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** But, good luck to all of you. Look forward to working
547 with one of you. Anyone else?

548 **Councilperson Lawson:** Mr. Evans, I do not envy your position.

549 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Not at all.

550 **Councilperson Lawson:** 'Cause you have selected some amazing candidates.
551 Congratulations for making it this far and we look forward to working with anyone that Mr.
552 Evans selects and we're excited for the opportunity to have a new Police Chief.

553 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Anyone else? Alright. Thank you all so much.

554 **City Manager Evans:** And, and Madam Chair, if I can ask for the, the candidates to
555 be excused. They...

556 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. Of course.

557 **City Manager Evans:** ...they're exhausted.

558 [Chuckles]

559 **City Manager Evans:** So, we're go gonna let them go ahead and go home and get
560 rested.

561 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Most definitely. Alright.

562 **ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING**

563 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So, we are at Ordinance on first reading.

564 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Item No. 2.

565 **Staff Assistant Hall:** ORDINANCE NUMBER 4142 AN ORDINANCE OF THE
566 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,
567 FLORIDA, ABANDONING A PORTION OF (OLD) EAST 13th STREET (FLAGLER
568 AVENUE PER PLAT) AS SHOWN ON RIVIERA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT
569 THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 90 AND 91 OF THE PUBLIC
570 RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PORTION LYING BETWEEN
571 BLOCK 2 AND BLOCK 14 OF SAID PLAT, BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE WEST
572 RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF AVENUE C AND BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE EAST
573 RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BROADWAY (U.S. 1/STATE ROAD NO. 5) AND SAID
574 LANDS LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 43
575 EAST, LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA, CONTAINING
576 25,508 SQUARE FEET (0.5856 ACRE) MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING CONDITIONS;
577 PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
578 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

580 **Councilperson McCoy:** So...

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

582 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...moved.

583 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Se'...

584 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

585 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mr. Manager.

586 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I can have the Interim Development Services
587 Director, Mr. Jeff Gagnon, present this Item.

588 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Good evening.

589 **Interim Development Services Director Gagnon:** Thank you. Good evening.
590 Good evening, Honorable Mayor, City Council, Staff. Jeff Gagnon, Acting Director of
591 Development Services for the City.

592 Before you, you have an Ordinance on first reading. As read into the record, it is
593 an abandonment of a portion of East 13th Street.

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

595 **Interim Development Services Director Gagnon:** Throughout the presentation,
596 we've also added the label of old East 13th Street and I have an image and a few slides
597 that will help really clarify what Staff means by that.

598 So, for just bearings for the site, the Marina District, and I'll use the mouse here,
599 our Marina District consists of, of this larger area here. You can see the Marina Event
600 Center just..., excuse me, just east of Avenue C, as well as the docks and wet slips that
601 exist. The abandonment area in question is called out in this red box and, as we go a
602 little bit closer to the site, that old East 13th Street label was placed because approximately
603 ten years ago, maybe a little longer, the City had reconfigured West 13th Street as a, a
604 predominant gateway into our Marina. So, you'll recognize that just north of the red box,
605 you'll see the larger West 13th Street that most considered to be the active West 13th
606 Street as that major gateway into the Marina uplands. And I also wanted to call out the
607 fact that south of the abandonment area is another roadway known as East 12th Street.
608 So, even if the abandonment of old East 13th Street proceeds, there'll be adequate traffic
609 circulation provided for the uplands, so much so that this was actually contemplated
610 during the Marina District uplands Master Plan and that concept plan phase, and was
611 also incorporated into the phase one Marina District Plan.

612 So, just for the record, we have our engineering drawings attached to the
613 Ordinance. And this is the area to be abandoned. Additionally, we have the legal
614 description, which is attached as Exhibit A and provided for the record, as well as the
615 location map which is Exhibit B.

616 So City Staff is recommending approval of this abandonment request, which was
617 provided the Riviera Beach CRA. This is for a portion old East 13th Street. And again,
618 this is consistent with the City's Marina District Master Plan. And we do recommend the
619 following condition of approval. The condition is that, in order to provide for continued
620 access to maintain, repair and replace water, sewer and other utility infrastructure, a Utility
621 access easement shall be recorded by the applicant in the official record books of Palm
622 Beach County within ninety days after the passage and adoption of this Ordinance. And
623 that, that easement shall be identical in dimension and area to the right-of-way
624 abandonment area. The legal description described in in Section two of this Ordinance.
625 So, we've used similar language in the past for abandonment requests just to ensure that
626 if there is any access that's needed, that it's maintained in perpetuity. This is anticipated
627 to lead to future development of the site. And is also connected to a property swap
628 agreement that the CRA Board had approved a few months back now.

629 I'm here to answer any questions you may have. Mr. Scott Evans, the Executive
630 Director of the CRA, is present as well. Thank you for your time.

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

632 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

633 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Do we have public comment cards on this Item?

634 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Madam Chair, we do have public comment cards.

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

636 **Staff Assistant Hall:** The acceptance of public comment cards is now closed. First
637 would be Lloyd Brown, followed by Bonnie Larson.

638 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So, we'll just make that announcement that it's closed
639 after the Resolution is read.

640 **Mr. L. Brown:** Give it away.

641 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

642 **Mr. L. Brown:** Just... Good evening. My name is Lloyd...

643 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Get the timer up, please.

644 **Mr. L. Brown:** Lloyd Brown.

645 Eh, give it away. Just keep giving it away, for these people, you know, like, they're
646 not even, I mean, permanent in these positions. I don't think you should do that. I mean,
647 until we get somebody, just like you're gonna get a new head Chief of Police, let's get
648 somebody in these positions before you start giving away these properties, or lettin' this
649 man tell you what to do. Because, for one thing, the only thing I ever see, you say stay
650 on the subject, is anytime there is something to do with the black side of Riviera Beach,
651 it's everybody over there, if we don't want it, it doesn't make a difference because you will
652 just vote whichever way, you know, certain people in your [stammer], your peers vote.
653 And it's like, the people are tired. You know? We're gettin' really tired of this guy coming
654 in our neighborhood, I'm talking about him. I mean, we don't need him in our
655 neighborhood trynna tell us what kinda economy, what kinda roads we need. We don't
656 need him at all. I mean, that's wrong and, I mean, it's like every time you look around,
657 you're just taking a part of Riviera Beach and you're tearing it out.

658 Over there where you got those boats and all that, I used to go over there when I
659 was young boy. You could walk right down those streets. You can go all the way down
660 to the intracoastal. You can't even go over there. I mean, you wanna block it off. I mean,
661 you're trying to building, okay. Look at CityPlace, look at all these places. Them brothers
662 still killing each other downtown. We need to work with the problems that are local.
663 Forget this about buying out and selling out and giving away. Let's try to deal with these
664 criminal problems we got around here. Let's bring some jobs. You know? Every time
665 you give away a place like that and somebody builds something in there or somebody do
666 something, you never have anybody I know working there. And, I mean, I keep telling
667 ya'll. Ya'll be saying I gotta stay on the subject but, I mean, how can you stay on the
668 subject when all the time you're steady agreeing on things that are making it worse on
669 our side of the town?

670 And like, I know, when I kept telling ya'll about, oh, these people that you wanna
671 build all these places, okay. It's okay to build them, but build them with some people out
672 of the community. 'Cause I know one thing, at JAY Ministry, we got a lotta guys over
673 there who's skilled, who can do work. I don't care what you put in these places but what
674 I'm trynna say, have the people that at least live in Riviera Beach working in these places.

675 Don't have nobody come in here, next thing you know, it be Guatemalans doing the grass,
676 it'll be Haitians doing the security and it won't be no black Americans that I know, who
677 forefathers were hung back in the days before we even had these people coming to
678 America, they know what it is to be in this situation. They don't know nothin' about it, they
679 think America was like this all the while. That's b.s. It's a lotta people I know died. I had
680 a uncle who got..., who was hung because things that are in America now and I think these
681 black people need to have more benefits than just putting things in their neighborhood
682 and not giving them jobs.

683 And you wanna know why all these other people are gettin' robbed? Because they
684 got the job. You wanna know why these young kids are selling drugs? Because they're
685 felons. You gotta work with them.

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

687 [Timer]

688 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. How many..., just those two? Okay.

689 **Ms. B. Larson:** The only ones who showed up tonight. Bonnie Larson.

690 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

691 **Ms. B. Larson:** Good evening.

692 This is an abandonment of 13th Street, old 13th Street. And I need to tell you about
693 something. This went through the P&Z and you were probably told that they approved
694 this. It was approved four to three, that's very close. You..., I hope that you listen to this
695 on the television, the P&Z meeting. It was very interesting. Very interesting. And you
696 have the Minutes in your backup tonight because Ms. Burgess, the Chairperson and Ms.
697 Clark, they asked some very precise questions. They were not getting precise answers.

698 This didn't come up about the land swap until further on in the discussion and it
699 kinda had to be pulled out of them. I don't know what the obsession is with Viking. I really
700 don't understand. Let's remember, they're the ones who wanted to take all of on the east
701 side by eminent domain. Let's remember that. They're the ones who shut down the
702 Maritime Academy. Terence Davis, I believe, was the one who suggested put it on your
703 property. You know what Viking said? Our property's too expensive. They don't wanna
704 have underground utilities on their property. They're the first ones to say no.

705 Some of the things during the P&Z meeting, which you can read right in your
706 Minutes, one of the ladies said it would've been nice to have had this swap information.
707 The response was, 'That's already been approved.' So, in other words, it's not important.
708 Oh, it's very important. Very important. We have not seen that swap, we don't know who
709 negotiated. Only the CRA negotiated that.

710 They asked the question, 'is Viking here tonight,' at the P&Z meeting? Someone
711 said a rep from Viking is here. Ms. Burgess, I believe it was said, 'Could he come to the

712 microphone, we have some questions we'd like to ask him?' Community Development
713 said, 'No, no, no. No. This has nothing to do with Viking.' Nothing to do with Vi'... It has
714 everything to do with Viking. So, they weren't allowed to have a conversation with the
715 Viking rep. 'What are Viking's plans?' That was asked. 'We haven't asked them.' Future
716 development, Viking came in here and said we're gonna improve Riviera Beach, we're
717 build condos, we're gonna do this, you're gonna be [stammer], do that. They've done
718 nothing for us, absolutely nothing. They charge us \$11,000 a month for parking. You
719 give away.., you say an abandonment, because it's not used. We use that for parking.
720 You give that away, there goes even more of our parking. Is that what you wanna do? I
721 don't think so.

722 I'm running outta time here.

723 It's like seven days before Christmas and we come up with a big deal like this. Big
724 deal like this. No. No. Pushing it. The CRA is pushing this. Why are they pushing it for
725 Viking? They said, 'Oh, Viking has nothing to do with this.' Yes, they do. I went over
726 and I've asked several times now, from the CRA, I want a plat, I want a diagram of the
727 Marina property and I wanna see all the, all the little lots that have been laid out. They're
728 all different shapes and I wanna know who wants everything. I have not gotten it as of
729 today. Now you should have it. I asked a Councilperson last week, 'Do you have that?'
730 'No.' You shoulda gotten that on day one when you came on board, you shoulda had a
731 plat so you can see what you're...

732 [Timer]

733 **Ms. B. Larson:** ...agreeing to and what you're not agreeing to.

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

735 **Ms. B. Larson:** You need to see that and have it.

736 Thank you.

737 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Questions, comments from the Board?

738 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

739 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Go ahead.

740 **Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Gagnon, please.

741 **Interim Development Services Director Gagnon:** Yes, sir?

742 **Councilperson McCoy:** In your presentation, did I hear you say that the property swap
743 occurred [pause] a few months ago? The CRA property swap occurred a few months
744 ago?

745 [Inaudible comment]

746 **Interim Development Services Director Gagnon:** I, I'm sorry, I don't have the exact
747 date. Mr. Evans could probably provide a better timeline.

748 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I guess in theory, the agreement was reached but isn't it
749 contingent upon this abandonment?

750 **Interim Development Services Director Gagnon:** Scott Evans, the Executive
751 Director, would probably be the better respondee to that question.

752 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. I'll yield back later and then I'll come back and try to
753 get Mr. Evans, Scott Evans, to ans'..., answer that question.

754 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Do you want him to just come now?

755 **Councilperson McCoy:** Actually, no, ma'am. Can I...

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

757 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...yield back?

758 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Anyone else have questions, comments?

759 **Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Chair?

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

761 **Councilperson Lanier:** What is the status of the land swap?

762 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I guess he needs to come now then.

763 [Chuckles]

764 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** Hi. Good evening.

765 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

766 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** Scott Evans, CRA Interim Executive
767 Director.

768 The CRA Board in 2017, approved the land swap that's created the largest type of
769 parcels that were envisioned in the Marina Master Plan. In order to redevelop our Marina
770 Village, we need to create larger blocks that are capable of sustaining the, the kind of
771 development that's envisioned in the Master Plan, that was approved in the Phase 1 Site
772 Plan. Currently, the property ownership is, is very parcels that are mixed throughout the
773 Marina Village. So, there's no one large area in between Avenue C and Broadway that
774 is, is right for development. At least not that is controlled by the City and the CRA. So,
775 the property swaps attempted to create the larger development parcels that were
776 envisioned in order to achieve the development of the Marina Master Plan. And as a, as
777 a requirement of that property swap, it was..., a requirement was that eventually that old

778 13th Street would be abandoned. And this abandonment, the street is no longer used.
779 It's, it's not envisioned in the Phase 1 Site Plan that City Council approved, nor the Marina
780 District Master Plan that was approved. So, by eliminating this, we're starting to create
781 the large development blocks that will help the City achieve the redevelopment that we
782 desire for the whole Marina Village.

783 **Councilperson Lanier:** Are all the parties ready for the swap?

784 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** Yes. The, the swap is, is set to go
785 through. Additionally, it also.., a part of that agreement will allow Viking to provide us with
786 some utility easements, which is the last remaining item in the critical aerial of the
787 overhead utilities, so, along the Broadway corridor. We have about three key utilities are
788 on Broadway properties. And as a part of that, that action, we'll be able to restart that
789 utility burial project also. And another, the final piece of that swap is a piece of property
790 over on 11th Street, in between Wright Street and Avenue E, which we presented to the
791 CRA Board at our last meeting and that, that piece allows us to move forward with a
792 townhome project that we'd like to do.

793 So there's, there's a number of transactions linked to this abandonment, which
794 allows that property swap to go forward.

795 **Councilperson Lanier:** So what's the timetable on that?

796 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** That would proceed immediately
797 following this abandonment.

798 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, if there is no swap, what happens to the proposed plans
799 for Phase 2?

800 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** So, if there's no swap, then we no longer
801 have the large development sites to attract the kind of development that we're looking for.
802 Viking continues to own the larger piece, so their piece is developable. But without the
803 property swap, the, the property that's controlled by the CRA and, and ultimately City
804 Council, is not developable. It's very narrow. So the property swap positions the CRA to
805 be able to have a large piece of property that's developable directly adjacent to the
806 Marina. So, it would, it would.., it, it, it's very advantageous to, to the City overall, and to
807 the CRA and to our future development, to be able to put together the kind of development
808 parcels that will sustain the kind of jobs, tax revenue in, in the form of new development
809 that we desire.

810 **Councilperson Lanier:** I'm asking these questions because it seems that we
811 should've had the land assembled before we entered into an RFP, or now, negotiations.

812 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** The land assembly was, was under..,
813 attempted for the last ten years actually. So, it was very exciting when it was finally
814 passed in 2017 to try to put together the pieces of property that will allow the Marina
815 Village to be developed.

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

817 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** And so that approval allowed us to put
818 the swap together. But it was contingent upon the street abandonment.

819 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just don't think we should be doing any abandonment until
820 we know that the parties are, you know, are ready for the land swap.

821 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may. Mr. Evans, isn't it true that there is,
822 with the vacation of that particular roadway, that it is contemplated that, and the
823 agreement's been executed, if that goes forward, then the land swap moves forward?

824 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** Yes.

825 **City Manager Evans:** For the purposes of this particular transaction? So there's
826 already an agreement in place and this last element is the mechanism that effectuates
827 the land swap.

828 The other concern that we have with respect to the properties that are under the
829 control of the City is that, in the event that that roadway is not vacated, our properties are
830 undevelopable, so all you can conceivably do there is a linear park and you could not see
831 the economic development that we are hoping to see occur as it relates to the site. In
832 addition to the land swap would also give us property that is contiguous to our property
833 and allows for us to be able to move forward with some of the development that we're
834 looking to happen on that site. And, Mr. Evans, correct me if I'm wrong, also as part of
835 the RFP document that was provided to the entities that would like to bring Phase 2 alive,
836 it was contemplated in part of the publication that the City would effectuate..., we'll vacate
837 that roadway to create those large blocks of land for the purposes of the mix use
838 development that's looking to occur..., to occur.

839 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** Yes, that's correct.

840 **Councilperson Lanier:** Have, have you seen that agreement?

841 **City Manager Evans:** The agreement for the, the property swap? No, I have not
842 seen the agreement for the property swap.

843 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. It seems like we're offering up land and we have no
844 control..., no site control over this piece of land that we're offering up. And, you know, as I
845 said before, we're moving forward with negotiations, we're moving forward and we haven't
846 even got the, the land assembled yet. It, it's like I said before, it's like we're putting the
847 cart before the horse here.

848 What was the reason... Who do I ask, what was the reason for the three no votes?
849 For this swap?

850 **Interim Development Services Director Gagnon:** So, there was, there was a lotta
851 discussion and debate at the Planning & Zoning Board meeting. The meeting Minutes

852 are provided in the backup as well for reference. The conversation really was associated
853 with timing, as far as if now is the right time or if it should wait to a future time. So that
854 was really my recollection of what that conversation was compromised of and was an
855 influencing factor on those votes.

856 **City Manager Evans:** And, Madam Chair?

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

858 **City Manager Evans:** If, if I may, and, and Mr. Evans, this question is probably more
859 suitable for you, if the Board votes tonight to vacate East 13th Street, and for some reason
860 the folks at Viking are not willing to effectively move forward with the property swap, then
861 there's no harm that is effectively done to the City as it relates to the vacation of the
862 roadway because we would have to.., it would have to be a, an arrangement that
863 concurrently both entities would have to agree to transfer the ownership of the properties
864 they own, and then we would transfer the ownership of the property that, that.., if, the
865 properties we own and the properties they own would be memorialized in a legal
866 agreement. But, in the event that they say, 'No, Scott. We're, we're not interested
867 anymore,' and we've already vacated the roadway, there's no harm that's effectively done
868 to the City by us moving forward with vacating the roadway as it stands right now because
869 there's still an agreement that would have to come back before this Board for execution?

870 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** Well the, the property swap
871 [stammer].., if, if for some reason it didn't go through, there's, there's no harm that will be
872 done. We're s'.., it's still in accordance with the Master Plan with what we're trying to do
873 to move the larger development parcels forward. And we own all of the property along
874 the northside of the abandonment, so if that did move forward, I mean, it's still to the
875 benefit of us to.., for that to happen.

876 **Councilperson Lanier:** So have all the parties a'.., affirmed that they're going to do
877 the swap? Specifically, Viking?

878 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** Yes.

879 **Councilperson Lanier:** Have they confirmed that they will do the swap?

880 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** Absolutely.

881 **City Manager Evans:** We, we have had, Mr. Evans and I, have had conversations
882 with representatives from Viking as early as two weeks ago, and that was explicitly clear
883 that the vacation of East 13th Street would be the mechanism that would effectuate the
884 swap. And that is the, the last element of that particular deal to be able to square off the
885 parcels. And so, I think even if the Council was to vacate that roadway and then that t
886 there is some material issue that comes up as it relates to the contract, it still shows that
887 we have, in fact, vacated that roadway but it doesn't do any harm to us, as it relates to
888 the, the roadway pro'.., or the, the project in its entirety. It actually improves our position.

889 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, you know that the, the, the readiness of Viking is key to
890 this?

891 **City Manager Evans:** Absolutely.

892 **Councilperson Lanier:** And you have their affirmation that they are going to move
893 forward?

894 **City Manager Evans:** Absolutely.

895 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

896 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, follow up on, on the line of questioning from
897 Board., Councilperson Lanier. Mr. Evans, it was my understanding that the agreement
898 has already been consummated and executed, and the documents are being held in
899 escrow, and the very last thing that has to happen is the abandonment. Is that not the
900 understanding?

901 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** Yes, that's correct.

902 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, to your point, Mr. Jonathan Evans, I don't think there's an
903 opportunity for Viking to back out because the agreement has already been executed for
904 the land swap. If, for some reason they don't go forward with conveying the land as the
905 agreement is provided for, then, I mean, there's options and circuit court for enforcement,
906 but this is the only mechanism to assemble anything to get development along that
907 corridor.

908 But, if I could just take a moment to reflect back to the Minutes of the P&Z Board,
909 you know, I, I, I looked at those no votes and the comments that was made by those
910 members and it seemed that all of them surrounded and were around questions of not
911 having enough information about what the CRA's intention is. And I certainly respect
912 them because I got my, my, my start on the Planning & Zoning Board, but one thing I did
913 learn over time, when you deal with an abandonment, you have a very clear and
914 [stammer].., very narrow scope as to what you're examining and the... Typically, the
915 intentions of the property after they are abandoned, is outside your scope.

916 **City Manager Evans:** Right.

917 **Councilperson McCoy:** And a lot of those questions that they were asking, was not
918 relevant to the actual Item that was before them and because they didn't have the
919 information, they had some level of uncomfortability and that, in my opinion, is what
920 promoted the no vote. And, which brings me back to the point to remind you that I think
921 it's imperative that we get them some training because, you know, you can't arbitrarily
922 vote against something for reasons that's not within the scope of the abandonment that's
923 before you.

924 **City Manager Evans:** And, and Councilman McCoy, to your point, I was just saying
925 that in the event, for whatever reason that there is a thought that Viking can attempt to

926 wiggle out of the arrangement, that it.., by us vacating that roadway, it doesn't weaken
927 our, our position. To, but to your point, you're ex'.., exactly right, is that everything has
928 been consummated as it relates to the relationship and how the process is going to move
929 forward. And obviously, we have a vested interest as it relates to even the Phase 2 project
930 to assemble as much property adjacent to ours, to help effectuate the redevelopment of
931 our Marina.

932 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, has that, so has that...

933 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** One minute. You're finished, Mr. McCoy?

934 **Councilperson McCoy:** I yield back.

935 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Go ahead.

936 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, has.., have those documents been reviewed by our Legal
937 Department?

938 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** Those, those documents are, are.., the
939 agreement is between the CRA and Viking. So that's.., that was reviewed by the CRA's
940 legal attorney, Michael Haygood.

941 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, the City has not reviewed them? Legal?

942 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** No. Because that agreement's
943 between the CRA and, and Viking. And tonight's abandonment, of course, I assume that
944 City Legal...

945 **City Manager Evans:** Right.

946 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** ...has reviewed that. Yeah.

947 **Councilperson Lanier:** Well, [stammer] my, my concern is that there could be some,
948 you know, there could be some exit clauses and we haven't even seen the agreement.

949 **Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Evans...

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

951 **Councilperson McCoy:** Bo'...

952 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Go ahead.

953 **City Manager Evans:** Well, one, one of the things obviously, this is first reading and
954 we can certainly provide additional information before your second and final reading to
955 provide any additional clarity from City Legal concerning this, but to Mr. Evans' point, that
956 this is a relationship that is between the, the CRA and Viking. However, in the spirit of
957 cooperation and working together, and that stirp of, of infrastructure, it requires the
958 legislative action by this Board to, to vacate that, that stretch of roadway that is not being

959 utilized and not being maintained up to City standard. And, in the event that we don't do
960 anything, eventually, we're gonna have to look to reconstruct that roadway at a pretty
961 sizable cost, and our job, what we want to do is assemble these large tracks of land for
962 the purposes of redevelopment.

963 **Councilperson Lanier:** And, and I understand that and I'm, you know, have no
964 problem with that. I just want.., but my, my concern is that it is related. You know, that
965 we can have the City to review.., to review these documents because it is related.

966 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. So...

967 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, I would like to have that done.

968 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Before this vote tonight? If that is the case, then
969 someone needs...

970 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah, because...

971 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...to make a motion to table it...

972 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...otherwise there's no urgency.

973 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...or we can vote on it tonight and then get that
974 information for the second votes as they explained before. So, if you.., someone would
975 like to make a motion if you are not interested in voting tonight, then you all can do that.

976 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just think we should be able to see the documents that we're
977 actually having a conversation about.

978 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** So.., okay. Well, Mr. Evans, Scott Evans, is there a
979 reason why we weren't able to see that before tonight?

980 **Interim CRA Executive Director Evans:** No. We have those documents. We
981 can.., if the Board would like, we could circulate them. My request would be that we pass
982 this on first reading, or at le'.., and at least try to move it forward and we will provide all
983 the documents, both to City Legal and to the Board. They were, of course, approved in
984 2017, along with, you know, a lot of other legal documents, but we can make these ones
985 available.

986 **City Manager Evans:** Madam, Madam Chair, to...

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

988 **City Manager Evans:** ...to Mr. Evans' point, I, I would also echo that the Board
989 approve the Item on first reading with the caveat that it is to be reviewed by City Legal
990 and provided as part of the presentation for second and final reading.

991 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. What.., any comments from the Board?

992 **Councilperson Lanier:** So that will be a condition?

993 **City Manager Evans:** That is correct.

994 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

995 **Councilperson McCoy:** If, if a Member offers it up as a amended motion.

996 **City Manager Evans:** That is correct.

997 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, if that's what you want...

998 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes. I'm offering that up as an amended..., amendment to that
999 motion, that it is a condition that the City reviews those legal documents and we have a
1000 look at them as well.

1001 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. That second still stands, whoever...

1002 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

1003 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Did I make the motion...

1004 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Whoever motioned it and second it.

1005 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Can you remind us who made the first [stammer] motion so
1006 we can agree to the amendment?

1007 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** It's usually Botel and...

1008 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I know, I know.

1009 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...Law'...

1010 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Then I...

1011 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...Tradrick.

1012 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...I...

1013 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I mean those...

1014 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I, I agree to the amendment...

1015 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...two never make any...

1016 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...if you agree to the s'..., to...

1017 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh. And on the amendment, you offer up a new second.
1018 That's all that is.

1019 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Who was it? [Inaudible]. Is it you?

1020 **Councilperson McCoy:** I don't recall. But, I...

1021 **Councilperson Lawson:** Second.

1022 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...I don't...

1023 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.

1024 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. Thank you.

1025 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1026 **Councilperson McCoy:** I don't support the second that's why I was...

1027 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Oh okay. Okay. Okay. Alright. Madam Clerk.

1028 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, debate, debate on, on this...

1029 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah.

1030 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...amendment.

1031 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead.

1032 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, here's my question to Commissioner..., Councilperson...,
1033 Board Member Lanier's point... You know, we got so many hats, I try to...

1034 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

1035 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...fit the right one at the appropriate time. In fact, this was
1036 reviewed by [stammer] the City Attorneys because I can remember when this Item came
1037 up before, and there's been several discussions about it. But let's be clear about what
1038 we're talking about, and I wanna see if there's an opportunity of perhaps even Mr. Gentile
1039 may be able to kinda..., further clarify. But what we're..., what we have before us,
1040 Members, is, there's an agreement that's been already executed between the CRA and
1041 Viking to exchange property so that they have contiguous piece of a property. The City
1042 of Riviera Beach is not a party to that. So, us reviewing the documents provides nothing
1043 for the City. It's solely..., basically, it's a private transaction, and you know, I take this back
1044 to what I've seen on other meetings, we take things sometimes, I think, in an effort of due
1045 diligence, sometimes to a point where it becomes almost moot and unnecessary. Now, I
1046 certainly respect if a Member has concerns about us abandoning the property, but the
1047 agreement's between two private parties, is no business of the City. If we're gonna
1048 abandon the property for a public purpose to assemble development, then that has no
1049 bearing on whether or not the City uses it because there is pro'..., provisions in the
1050 current..., there is provisions in the current Resolution that ultimately it stays with Viking.
1051 And if it..., the property stays with Viking if we doesn't..., if we don't do that. Now, the

1052 problem with that is, you won't have any development. What I don't wanna do is hastily
1053 slow down additional process and Staff time of reviewing something that has absolutely
1054 nothing to do with the City.

1055 So, those are my concerns regarding the amended motion. I just don't think it's
1056 necessary and it would cause hasty delays. I yield back.

1057 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair...

1058 **Councilperson Lanier:** Ma'...

1059 **City Manager Evans:** ...the City's interest in that is the street. Only the City can
1060 effectively vacate the street.

1061 **Councilperson McCoy:** Right.

1062 **City Manager Evans:** And so, that's, that's where our involvement begins and ends.

1063 **Councilperson McCoy:** And not with the agreement?

1064 **Unk.:** Right.

1065 **City Manager Evans:** That's correct.

1066 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, there's would be..., there would be no urgency. I mean,
1067 the City never received a review or reviewed the documents. So, the thing about is that
1068 where we are now, we have not seen it. And you have to remember, we do sit at the
1069 CRA Board as well. So, we have a vested interest on both ends of this.

1070 [Pause]

1071 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1072 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** May I...

1073 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. Go ahead.

1074 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Madam Chair?

1075 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mhmm.

1076 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Now, to the Councilman to my right, if I, I have the floor which
1077 means I can ask to call the question, which means that I need to have a second in that
1078 request and then we can vote as a body on calling the question. So, I ask to call the
1079 question. Do I have a second?

1080 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

1081 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Do we need to vote on calling the question? Yes. All in favor
1082 of calling the question?

1083 **Councilperson Lanier:** I.

1084 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** She, she the Chair and the...
1085 [Chuckles]

1086 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So, let's take our vote.

1087 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Madam Clerk.

1088 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

1089 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1090 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Pro Tem Botel?

1091 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

1092 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson McCoy?

1093 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

1094 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lanier?

1095 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

1096 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lawson?

1097 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

1098 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Unanimous vote.

1099 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Madam Chair...

1100 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, we're on the amended motion?
1101 [Chuckles]

1102 **Councilperson McCoy:** We're on the amended motion?

1103 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Amended motion. Madam Clerk.

1104 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

1105 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1106 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Pro Tem Botel?

1107 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Now, let me be clear, this is on the amended motion that
1108 requires that the...

1109 **Councilperson Lanier:** I thought that's what we just voted on.

1110 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I think we just...

1111 **Councilperson McCoy:** No. We voted on...

1112 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** No. We...

1113 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...calling the...

1114 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...voted to call...

1115 **Councilperson Lawson:** Call the question.

1116 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...the question.

1117 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** So...

1118 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

1119 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** We didn't have a second on... Well, you, you said we didn't
1120 need a second.

1121 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We had one. Lawson second it.

1122 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Mr. Lawson gave the second.

1123 **Councilperson Lanier:** So we're voting on the amended...

1124 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** The motion...

1125 **Staff Assistant Hall:** This on the...

1126 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...that you made...

1127 **Staff Assistant Hall:** ...amended...

1128 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** The motion you made.

1129 **Staff Assistant Hall:** ...motion.

1130 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes. Okay.

1131 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1132 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, can...

1133 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam...

1134 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...you start roll call over, please?

1135 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Go ahead.

1136 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

1137 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1138 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Pro Chair Tem Botel?

1139 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** No.

1140 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson McCoy?

1141 **Councilperson McCoy:** No.

1142 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lanier?

1143 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

1144 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lawson?

1145 **Councilperson Lawson:** No.

1146 **Staff Assistant Hall:** That Item fails.

1147 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. So we're back to the original motion. Madam
1148 Clerk.

1149 **Councilperson McCoy:** So are you done with debate?

1150 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I would...

1151 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** I think...

1152 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** ...yes.

1153 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...we are.

1154 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

1155 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.

1156 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Stammer], I, I can't say nothing...

1157 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Clerk.

1158 **Staff Assistant Hall:** We're back to the original motion?

- 1159 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.
- 1160 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chairperson Miller-Anderson?
- 1161 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.
- 1162 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Pro Tem Botel?
- 1163 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.
- 1164 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson McCoy?
- 1165 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.
- 1166 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lanier?
- 1167 **Councilperson Lanier:** No.
- 1168 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lawson?
- 1169 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.
- 1170 **Staff Assistant Hall:** The Item passes with Councilperson Lanier dissenting.
- 1171 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Thank you so much. I'm almost afraid to...

1172 **ITEMS TABLED**

1173 **REGULAR**

- 1174 **3. Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Item No. 3. Regular Item.

1175 **Staff Assistant Hall:** **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
1176 **RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE**
1177 **CONTRIBUTION OF DISTRICT 1 NEIGHBORHOOD SECTOR FUNDS IN THE**
1178 **AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE**
1179 **PERIMETER FENCING AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1180 **RICHARD BLANKENSHIP, DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION (561) 845-4070**

1181 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Madam Chair, we do have comment cards on this Item. The
1182 acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

1183 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1184 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

1185 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.

1186 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Second.

1187 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you. Mr. Manager.

1188 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I can have Parks & Recreation Director, Mr.
1189 Richard Blankenship present this Item.

1190 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Good evening, Mayor, Council, City
1191 Manager. Richard Blankenship, Parks & Recreation Director.

1192 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

1193 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** This Item is seeking authorization to
1194 purchase portable fencing using District 1 sector funds that are used several times a year
1195 during special events and, and activities that we have going on in the City. Presently, we
1196 have to rent that. By purchasing the fencing, we will..., it will pay for itself in approximately
1197 two and a half years. And it also provides opportunity for the CRA to use it for their events
1198 and, and other events that we have in the City. I., there were... I placed two examples
1199 in, in the packet. One of them is a barricade type fencing that you would recognize when
1200 we do a July 4th event or MLK, and the other is a six by ten web panel fencing for similar
1201 activities.

1202 I'll be able to answer any questions you may have regarding the issue.

1203 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Public comment cards.

1204 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Lloyd Brown, followed by Bonnie Larson.

1205 **Ms. B. Larson:** [Inaudible] fencing?

1206 [Pause]

1207 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. Brown here? Lloyd Brown?

1208 **Unk. Audience:** He's gone.

1209 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Ms. Larson?

1210 **Ms. B. Larson:** No, I...

1211 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1212 **Ms. B. Larson:** ...[inaudible].

1213 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Comments, questions from the Board?

1214 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

1215 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1216 **Councilperson McCoy:** Permission to kind of.., kind of go into explaining this. I had
1217 the opportunity to sit in on MLK coordinating.., I'm sorry, the planning coordinating
1218 committee of our Staff that are coordinating the events and I seen the budget and I
1219 thought it was something that we could improve on. And I kinda polled and asked Mr.
1220 Blankenship and the members of that committee, what was some of those expenses.
1221 You know, and we've.., did take some efforts in curtailing some of our expenses, like,
1222 there's not gonna be a gala with the keynote speaker. And, you know, it was mentioned
1223 that we spend, you know, quite a bit of money in renting. And, I said, 'Well, provided that
1224 it clears Finance, I don't mind supporting it from my sector dollars,' and Mr. Blankenship
1225 brought back this Item. And I think it's a, a great Item because it is going towards a capital
1226 project that we can use further and I would certainly ask my Members to support it.
1227 However, I'm gonna offer an amendment since this Item is primarily, or at least suggested,
1228 for the MLK parade, which goes does West Blue Heron and that's shared between myself
1229 and Councilperson Lanier. So...

1230 **Unk.:** [Chuckle].

1231 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I wanna offer an amendment to see if she'd be willing to
1232 split the cost out of her sector funds when that time comes up later, after other Board
1233 Member comments.

1234 **Councilperson Lanier:** Ma'...

1235 [Chuckles]

1236 **Councilperson Lanier:** Councilperson McCoy, you should ask the CRA to split it.
1237 They have events from time to time, so if anyone is going to split the cost, it should be
1238 through the CRA.

1239 **Councilperson McCoy:** But I.., if... If I can respond?

1240 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes, sir.

1241 **Councilperson McCoy:** Commissioner, I think we get a sizable amount of money from
1242 the CRA to supplement the MLK parade. In fact, they are one of the larger sponsors of
1243 the MLK parade. But, you know I.., so, whether you support it or not, I guess my idea
1244 was, it's a lot easier for us to spend \$38,000, which will cover the cost of us doing fencing
1245 for two years. I just was asking if any one of my colleagues here... And I know I can't
1246 ask the gentleman from the 5th District about his sector dollars because...

1247 **Councilperson Lawson:** They don't give me none.

1248 [Chuckles]

1249 **Councilperson McCoy:** He wasn't, he wasn't allocated any. But I was just asking if
1250 anyone wanted to share the cost. If not, you know what, and I, and I... Let me make
1251 sure I always preference this, this is not Tradrick McCoy's money.

1252 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

1253 **Councilperson McCoy:** You know, this money belongs to sector one and, you know,
1254 anybody that has a proposal or idea that better sector one or the community at large, I
1255 don't mind putting it forth and that's what it's here for, to be stewards of taxpayer dollars
1256 and this, in itself, pays for it. So, that's why I wanted to extend the offer since you share
1257 the other half of MLK Boulevard where the parade is to share in the cost.

1258 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

1259 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. Mr. Lawson.

1260 **Councilperson Lawson:** I think this is a, a great use of sector funds, Councilman
1261 McCoy, because in addition to the cost of that two and a half year period, Mr. Blankenship,
1262 I also believe the rental from the CRA and the usage for the different events that are
1263 actually rented out to the Marina and to the.., to the Marina pavilion, that this could be
1264 covered in a lot shorter period of time. So, that cost will be recouped quickly. This is an
1265 initiative that I wanted us to do a, a while ago, so thank you, Councilman McCoy, for
1266 bringing it to the table.

1267 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you, Mr. McCoy for doing this. You know, I know
1268 we've joked a lot about the sector monies up here but I think this Item here is a great
1269 investment from, from your District. And, I fully support it.

1270 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** I do too.

1271 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

1272 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1273 **Councilperson Lawson:** Mr. Blankenship, if you'd be able to just put together a cost
1274 analysis of what you'd be renting this..., these supplies out to the CRA, what's..., what
1275 they're gonna be using to rent it out to the local businesses that maybe wanna utilize the
1276 park and what we'd be able to receive in return. Because, from my understanding, we
1277 lease out that pavilion, or Bicentennial Park at least ten to fifteen times a year where they
1278 utilize these type of fencing, and they're going to local vendors. So, this can be
1279 incorporated into the cost of rental space, then that can actually be offset, the cost of
1280 these sector funds and bring down that, that overhead a little quicker. So.

1281 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** And, to answer your question, it'd be
1282 about \$4,000 per event

1283 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

1284 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** And we know that because that was what
1285 we spend when we do...

1286 **Councilperson Lawson:** Perfect.

1287 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** ...July 4th.

1288 **Councilperson Lawson:** And that's what we'd be renting it to the local businesses as
1289 well?

1290 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** In that general area.

1291 **Councilperson Lawson:** Perfect. That, that's definitely gonna be beneficial. So, that
1292 cost is gonna offset quickly, that \$35,000. So, it'll be...

1293 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up.

1294 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...this is a great benefit to the City.

1295 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Inaudible].

1296 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you again.

1297 [Chuckles]

1298 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up.

1299 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Stammer] you cannot have it back.

1300 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up, Madam Chair?

1301 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead.

1302 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you. Councilperson Lawson, what a great idea. Mr.
1303 Sherman.

1304 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Chuckle]. He put...

1305 **Councilperson McCoy:** I think you know...

1306 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** ...his hands on his head.

1307 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...what I'm about to ask. Right?

1308 [Chuckles]

1309 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, any money that we generate from this investment, would
1310 that be able to go back into the coffers of the sector dollars, or probably not. It's has to
1311 be...

1312 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible]...

1313 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...reallocated by budget. But you know, eh, I had to try, right?

1314 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** [Chuckle].

1315 [Inaudible comment]

1316 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Nice try.

1317 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Chuckle]. Hey, so...

1318 **City Manager Evans:** We won't charge the District, if the District utilizes it for events
1319 within the District.

1320 [Chuckles]

1321 [Inaudible dais comment]

1322 **Councilperson McCoy:** One question of Commissioner Lanier. Commission Lanier,
1323 would you be amenable to a friendly amendment to share in the cost? If not, I won't put
1324 the motion on the floor.

1325 **Councilperson Lanier:** No, sir.

1326 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1327 [Chuckles]

1328 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you so much, Mr. Blankenship. Madam Clerk.

1329 [Chuckles]

1330 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

1331 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1332 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Pro Tem Botel?

1333 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

1334 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson McCoy?

1335 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

1336 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lanier?

1337 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

1338 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lawson?

1339 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

1340 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Unanimous vote.

1341 **Parks and Recreation Director Blankenship:** Thank you.

1342 **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

1343 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Discussion and deliberation.

1344 **4. DECEMBER 24 – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CITY HOLIDAY.**

1345 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Item No. 4.

1346 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, this Item before you is to request that we offer
1347 to the City employees Christmas Eve, or December 24th, off. When I did look at other
1348 municipalities throughout Palm Beach County, multiple jurisdictions, such as the Town of
1349 Jupiter, is closed December 24th and 25th. West Palm Beach is December 25th and 26th.
1350 The Town of Palm Beach is closed December 24th and 25. And, Palm Beach County is
1351 closed December 24th and 25th. In light of the Citywide organizational goals and us
1352 looking to obtain operational excellence, I think it would be a extreme nice.., extremely
1353 nice gesture to the employees if the Council will authorize me to close non-essential City
1354 operations for Tuesday, December 24th, and then compensate all other employees
1355 consistent with their collective bargaining agreements, as well as the City's overtime and
1356 holiday pay policy. The fiscal impact associated with this is approximately \$100,000. The
1357 monies are already budgeted and accounted for, so it's not gonna over expend or over
1358 exhaust any fiscal resources within the agency.

1359 So, Staff is recommending approval and authorization to close non-essential City
1360 operations on December 24th, which is Tuesday, Christmas Eve. And Staff is prepared
1361 to answer any questions the Board may have.

1362 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1363 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

1364 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Do we have any public comment cards on this Item?

1365 **Staff Assistant Hall:** There are no public comment cards on this Item.

1366 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Mr. McCoy.

1367 **Councilperson McCoy:** I wanted to make a motion to support that Item, with the
1368 understanding that there's no, I guess this one additional day that's closed, doesn't affect
1369 any penalties or any kinda, I guess, what would regularly we do on that day. Like, such
1370 as water bills or whatever...

1371 **City Manager Evans:** [Stammer]...

1372 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...library fines, or whatever.

1373 **City Manager Evans:** Yeah. Usually during this time, we, we don't, you know, cut
1374 folks off or, or levy fees. We're, we're very conscientious. We d'.., we do this during the
1375 holiday season so we don't have a situation where we cut people off on Monday and then
1376 we're closed Tuesday and Wednesday, et. cetera. So, we're, we're very conscientious
1377 of that.

1378 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Any other questions? Did you make the
1379 motion? I'm sorry.

1380 **Councilperson McCoy:** I...

1381 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Second.

1382 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved, yes.

1383 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Second.

1384 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1385 **Councilperson Lanier:** So this already... I'm sorry. Madam Chair?

1386 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead.

1387 **Councilperson Lanier:** So this is already budgeted, so we're not, we're not...
1388 [Pause]. Okay.

1389 **City Manager Evans:** Yes.

1390 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. Madam Clerk.

1391 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Miller-Anderson?

1392 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1393 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Chair Pro Tem Botel?

1394 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** Yes.

1395 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson McCoy?

1396 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

1397 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lanier?

1398 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

1399 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Councilperson Lawson?

1400 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

1401 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Unanimous vote.

1402 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1403 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - 7:30 P.M. - NON-AGENDA ITEM SPEAKERS**
1404 **(Three Minute Limitation)**

1405 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** We'll go into public comments.

1406 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO
1407 ISSUES, MATTERS OR TOPICS PERTINENT TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.
1408 PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED RULES OF
1409 DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS, WHICH
1410 HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. IN AN
1411 EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO,
1412 THE COUNCIL CHAIR MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER OR ATTENDEE
1413 REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING AND/OR THE BUILDING, IF
1414 NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

1415 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** And I wanna remind everyone to please pay attention
1416 to the clock. You have.., you will have three minutes.

1417 **Staff Assistant Hall:** The acceptance of public comment cards is now closed at this
1418 time. We will begin with Bonnie Larson, followed by Jill Marie Wardle-Culligan. And lastly
1419 will be J.B. Dixon.

1420 **Ms. B. Larson:** Bonnie Larson.

1421 First of all, thank you for getting rid of that green dot. It was the most ridiculous
1422 timer I've ever seen in my life. I brought my kitchen timer with me.

1423 [Audience chuckles]

1424 **Ms. B. Larson:** You couldn't tell with that silly green... Who thought that up? I don't
1425 know.

1426 [Chuckles]

1427 **Ms. B. Larson:** Couple questions. I wondered this for a while. When we have Items
1428 to be brought before the Council and it's approved by all the different departments, why
1429 is it that the department heads, who make the big bucks, why is it that they don't sign off
1430 on each one? It's usually a Staff member. I've wondered about that for a long time. And
1431 like today, there was one Item and it was signed off by one person for the, for the Attorney,
1432 for the City Clerk and for Mr. Evans. So why do Staff people sign off? It should be people
1433 who make the big bucks, the department heads. 'Cause that's where the buck stops.

1434 We talked about potholes tonight in the Utility meeting and there's been a pothole
1435 on CRA property by the Dairy Belle for years. I have reported it for years. The pavement

1436 is about this much below the manhole cover. I was told by our previous Utility person,
1437 'You go to the City and...', standing there, right there with his tablet and he said, 'You go
1438 to the City and you write it up as a report.' No. Not my job. I don't know if that's hurting
1439 the water but I'm just tired of reporting it, so I'm not doing it anymore. I know the CRA's
1440 gonna say we gonna redo the, the pavement but it's been there for a couple years.

1441 Waste Management pickup dates, have they changed? I think I saw something
1442 on the board here when I was paying my water bill, 'cause the vegetation guy, sometimes
1443 he comes on Tuesday, sometimes he comes on Wednesday and since I did see
1444 something on the board, I don't have Channel 18, we need to know if they've changed
1445 the pickup dates.

1446 The other thing was... Oh, we, we talked about at the workshop... That was a
1447 good workshop by the way. We talked about doing a survey. It's gonna come up later
1448 and, Ms. Lanier, you mentioned maybe there'd be an incentive for people to fill out the
1449 survey. And I know the business that you're in is health related and people usually are
1450 reluctant to give their health information but if this is a survey for what they want to happen
1451 in the City and they don't ever come to the meetings or something, they should be happy
1452 to fill that out and have a voice without actually having to come here and stand at the
1453 podium. There's nothing scary about standing here but some people feel it is. So I don't
1454 think a incentive is really necessary, they should want to do it because it'll give them a
1455 voice without having to stand here.

1456 The last thing I wanna talk about is the..., our water bills. Everybody that I've talked
1457 to water bills have gone up, and I know when our previous water guy was here, he said
1458 he'd done a study. So my question is, are they gonna go up again from his study? Is
1459 that what we have to look forward to? And also, the other thing was, he promised us that
1460 we could look up online what our water bill was each day. Because I said to him, 'You
1461 know, I got put into a level two. What happened here? I don't use any more water than
1462 I did before.' And they said, 'You'll be able to call this num'..., a number and then every
1463 day you can see how much water you used.' Now, they said it would be ready by
1464 September and..., but I haven't seen it yet. I called Ferguson and they said, 'Well, that's
1465 up to the City when it starts.'

1466 [Timer]

1467 **Ms. B. Larson:** I, I'd like to know when we can be able to do that, to find out how
1468 much to anticipate...

1469 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.

1470 **Ms. B. Larson:** ...we're spending.

1471 Thank you.

1472 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Who's next?

1473 **Staff Assistant Hall:** Jill Marie Wardle-Culligan.

1474 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Is that the last one?

1475 **Staff Assistant Hall:** The last person will be J.B. Dixon.

1476 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1477 **Ms. J.M. Wardle-Culligan:** Thanks, Deborah. I'm Jill Maire Wardle-Culligan.

1478 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

1479 **Ms. J.M. Wardle-Culligan:** I founded Singer Island Paws and Paddocks Rescue.
1480 I also founded, and created and own, Singer Island Beach Polo. I'm very limited in what
1481 I can discuss here tonight due to the ongoing investigation, as you very well know. I spent
1482 a lot of money on that charity, the Inner City Youth Riding Program, the animal secure. I
1483 happen to have been the biggest charitable donor in the area at \$500,00 in five years
1484 time. Okay? I [chuckle].., I want you to know, the only people on the paperwork for the
1485 beach polo, has ever been in the eight years since I founded it, is my sons, Jordan and
1486 Shane. The only thing Julia Botel is on, is on police body cam video, stealing the
1487 admissions money box at beach polo, from my son. My autistic son, who volunteered
1488 every weekend to teach the children, of this City, to ride horses out of the goodness of
1489 his heart.

1490 That's about all I can say due to the ongoing investigation and for the attorneys.
1491 And, how very unfortunate. But I gotta tell you something, I have told everybody, I would
1492 not donate to a charity in Riviera Beach under present Administration, or open a business
1493 here.

1494 Thank you very much.

1495 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you. Ms. Dixon?

1496 **Ms. J.B. Dixon:** I'm J.B. Dixon.

1497 **Chairperson Miller-Anderson:** Good evening.

1498 **Ms. J.B. Dixon:** I live at 3000 North Ocean Drive on Singer Island, in Riviera Beach.

1499 Sometimes I feel like I'm the Snopes of the City Council.

1500 **Chair Pro Tem Botel:** [Chuckle]

1501 **Ms. J.B. Dixon:** And that's why I usually try to put in a comment card because I like
1502 to take umbrance at some things that are not true. One of which is the theft of a cashbox.
1503 I would like to be able to explain that and actually there is.., there was an investigation
1504 requested by the previous speaker and that came back exonerating [chuckle]
1505 Councilwoman Botel of all of the accusations. What happened was that vendors were
1506 not being paid with the sponsorship money and we had certain bills that had to be paid,
1507 the money, cash, was in a lockbox. The lockbox was taken, we did not have the key, the