

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

PRESENT AT MEETING¹:

MAYOR RONNIE FELDER	MAYOR FELDER
CHAIRPERSON JULIA A. BOTEL – DISTRICT 4.....	CHAIRPERSON BOTEL
CHAIR PRO TEM DOUGLAS A. LAWSON – DISTRICT 5	CHAIR PRO TEM LAWSON
COUNCILPERSON TRADRICK MCCOY – DISTRICT 1	COUNCILPERSON MCCOY
COUNCILPERSON SHIRLY D. LANIER – DISTRICT 3	COUNCILPERSON LANIER
COUNCILPERSON KASHAMBA MILLER- ANDERSON DISTRICT 2	COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON
CITY MANAGER JONATHAN EVANS	CITY MANAGER EVANS
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PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 15, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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[Before meeting chatter]

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Botel: I call to order the Regular Council Meeting for the City of Riviera Beach, July 15th. The time is 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Botel: Madam Clerk, call the roll.

City Clerk Anthony: Mayor Ronnie Felder?

Mayor Felder: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Chairperson Julia Botel?

Chairperson Botel: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Chair Pro Tem Douglas Lawson?

Chair Pro Tem Lawson: Present.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Tradrick McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Shirley Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Present.

City Clerk Anthony: City Manager Jonathan Evans?

City Manager Evans: Present.

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

31 **City Attorney Wynn:** Here.

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

33 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

34 **INVOCATION**

35 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

36 **Chairperson Botel:** Could we have a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge
37 of Allegiance led by Councilwoman Lanier.

38 [Moment of silence]

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

42 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

43 **Chairperson Botel:** **ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO COMMENT**
44 **PUBLICLY ON ANY MATTER, INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, SHALL**
45 **SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS BY EMAIL TO CITY CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY AT**
46 **PUBLICCOMMENTS@RIVIERABEACH.ORG. THE EMAIL SHALL CONTAIN THE**
47 **APPLICABLE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS, ALONG WITH THE PRECISE WORDING**
48 **TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD. EXPLICIT LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE READ.**
49 **EMAILS WITHOUT APPLICABLE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS WILL BE READ UNDER**
50 **THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION. BE ADVISED, PUBLIC COMMENTS**
51 **WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR EACH APPLICABLE ITEM AND GENERAL PUBLIC**
52 **COMMENT SECTION UNTIL CLOSURE IS ANNOUNCED BY THE CHAIRPERSON**
53 **OR THE CITY CLERK.**

54 **ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES AND SUBMITTED COMMENTS WILL BE PUBLIC**
55 **RECORD.**

56 **THE CITY CLERK OR DESIGNEE WILL READ PUBLIC COMMENTS INTO THE**
57 **RECORD AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR NO MORE THAN THREE MINUTES,**
58 **UNLESS THE TIME LIMIT IS REDUCED BY A VOTE OF THE COUNCIL BASED ON**
59 **THE VOLUMINOUS NATURE OF THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED.**

60 **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**
61 **AT 561-845-4090 OR EMAIL CROBINSON@RIVIERABEACH.ORG.**

62 **Chairperson Botel:** And now earlier at our Utility meeting, I suggested that we
63 follow Robert's Rules of Order in terms of the amount of time that we spend on each
64 question. Robert's Rules, Article 7, Section 42 says: 'No Member shall speak more than
65 twice during the same day, to the same question.'

66 Someone... Mr. Lawson, could you turn your microphone off, please?

67 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** [Inaudible].

68 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. 'No Member shall speak more than twice during
69 the same day to the same question, only once on appeal. Nor longer than ten minutes at
70 one time without leave of the assembly, and the question upon granting a.., and the
71 question upon granting the leave, shall be decided by a two-thirds vote without debate.
72 No Member can speak a second time to a question as long as any Member desires to
73 speak who has not spoken to the question.'

74 And I would also ask, in addition to following that two ti'.., two bites at the apple
75 rule, that you please mute your microphone until I recognize you. That way, we'll cut
76 down on the cross talk that we've had in the past. That would be really helpful. Thank
77 you.

78 **AGENDA APPROVAL**

79 **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

80 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have any additions, deletions, substitutions from the
81 Mayor or the Manager or City Council? Mayor, did you wanna make a.., did you want to
82 ask to have the Consent Agenda Item moved off Consent, or do you want me to do that?

83 **Mayor Felder:** You, you can do it and then just have a brief discussion.

84 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Thank you. I would like to have the Item No. 1 on
85 Consent Agenda moved off Consent so that we can have a discussion regarding the
86 appointment of Board members.

87 **Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Chair?

88 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

89 **Councilperson Lanier:** My Item number.., my Item No. 4, I would like for the
90 gentleman who is.., this organization give a, you know, forty-five, one minute introduction
91 to the Council about his program.

92 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. I don't think anybody would object to that.
93 Anybody object to either of those?

94 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I just...

95 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. L'...

96 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...wanna make sure I'm clear.

97 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy, you're recognized. Ms., Lanier, could you turn
98 your mic off so that we don't have cross talk? Thank you. Mr. McCoy.

99 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, Madam Chair, you, you spoke of this Robert's Rules of
100 Order and I don't think that, as far as I'm concerned, that that is even applicable because
101 there's no direction as to what that means to speak. I mean, if I wanna ask a question
102 and additional follow up, me asking a second question shouldn't be interpreted as me
103 speaking twice on a issue. So, unless there's some clarity on how the applicability of that
104 Robert's Rule that you're quoting with no reference to us applies then I don't even think
105 that that's something that we should even be entertaining at this point because, clearly,
106 that is very much open for interpretation.

107 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

108 **Councilperson McCoy:** And without any guidance, I don't want me asking questions
109 to be deemed as me taking another opportunity to ask..., or, me speaking twice on a Item.

110 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

111 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, unless...

112 **Chairperson Botel:** So, what we're gonna...

113 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...somebody's gonna opine on that and provide us some sort
114 of reference ahead of time, I don't think it's something that we need to adopt right now,
115 because there are some issues...

116 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh no.

117 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...that I even raised to.., with the Manger today, a few of these
118 Items, so I don't even want to even start this whole conversation when it appears that
119 asking follow up questions can be perceived as speaking twice.

120 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy, thank you. We, we will be using Robert's Rules
121 and Robert's Rules will allow you to speak twice on a topic. You can speak once for ten
122 minutes, and have all the questions, all the follow ups that you like in that first opportunity.
123 And then we'll see other people..., listen to...

124 **Councilperson McCoy:** But Madam...

125 **Chairperson Botel:** ...other people's...

126 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Chair? What I'm...

127 **Chairperson Botel:** No.

128 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...what I'm stating to you...

129 **Chairperson Botel:** Let, let..., could I just finish?

130 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...unless that's provided ahead of time, I do not expect that
131 that's something that we're going to adhere to tonight.

132 **Chairperson Botel:** We're gonna adhere to it tonight. Ms. Miller-Anderson.

133 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** There was, well, a couple years back, there's a
134 Resolution that should be on the books regarding the limited amount of time to speak
135 and, and how many times we can come around. So, I personally think that, that's
136 something that needs to go on the Agenda so we can have a discussion about that, in
137 terms of following it versus just coming out of the blue before this meeting saying that
138 we're gonna do it that way. That [inaudible] that we had a meeting for a couple years
139 back, and there's a Resolution on the books, so we can actually, you know, read..., look
140 at that, bring that Resolution back and modify it based on what Council wants to do, but
141 being that it did come to us before, I think that we probably need to bring it back before
142 we try to implement something here on the spot.

143 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. It's really..., I... Thank you for that opinion. It's not so
144 much that it's on the spot, we do adhere to Robert's Rules of Order. Now, I will, I will
145 admit that we haven't had this discussion, but I will also tell you that we are facing a lot of
146 criticism from the community, all segments of the community, with regard to the way we
147 are conducting our meetings. I would ask you, if we don't abide by this, then at least,
148 please, be succinct, think about the questions you wanna ask before you ask them. If
149 you can please abide by this Robert's Rules..., we'll, we'll give you a little, little flexibility
150 this first go around but if we can abide by Robert's Rules as much as possible, take one
151 big bite of the apple, ask all your questions and then let's o'..., let's have other people
152 speak before you speak again. That's the way good meetings are run and that's the way
153 I'd like to see this meeting be run. And we can have that discussion in the future. As a
154 matter of fact, we're going to be having a discussion in the not too distant future about
155 how we run our meetings, about how we put our Agendas together and we can make that
156 discussion part of the discussion about our Agenda composition. But for this evening,
157 please try to abide by Robert's Rules and speak once on the topic, get all your questions
158 out, let other people speak, speak a second time if you have to and then we can move
159 the meeting along. If there are no other additions... Madam Miller-Anderson.

160 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I certainly agree with you in terms of the
161 criticisms regarding the meeting. I mean, that has been going on for quite a while, not
162 just recently. So, I, I can agree to what you're saying but I do think, at the end of the day,
163 it is gonna be the Board's decision as to how we're moving forward. And I think if we're
164 going to follow Ru'..., Robert's Rules of Order on one issue, we have to make sure we're
165 consistent on all issues. And, and I think that's something that we all can have a
166 discussion on.

167 Thank you.

168 **Chairperson Botel:** I, I agree. Thank you. Any other delet'..., deletions, additions
169 or substitutions?

170 **DISCLOSURES**

171 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have any disclosure by Council or the Mayor?
172 Disclosures? [Pause]. None?

173 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

174 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have a motion to adopt the Agenda? Would anyone
175 care to make a motion to adopt the Agenda?

176 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So moved.

177 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

178 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

179 **Chairperson Botel:** Anyone care... Thank you. Let's see. Let me read the...
180 Well, we can...

181 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam...

182 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Go ahead, Madam Clerk.

183 **City Clerk Anthony:** We need to take a vote.

184 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Go ahead.

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

186 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

188 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

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

190 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

191 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

192 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

193 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

194 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

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

196 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

197 **MINUTES**

198 **CONSENT AGENDA**

199 **Chairperson Botel:** ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE
200 **CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION.**
201 **THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A**
202 **COUNCILPERSON SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE**
203 **REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS**
204 **NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.**

205 **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

206 **2. APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) NEW MEMBER TO THE CITY'S LIBRARY**
207 **ADVISORY BOARD.**

208 **AMY DICKINSON, INTERIM LIBRARY DIRECTOR (561) 840-0155dic**

209 **3. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS.**

210 **CLARENCE SIRMONS, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, 561-845-4060**

211 **COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS ON CONSENT**

212 **Chairperson Botel:** Would someone care to make a motion to accept the Consent
213 **Agenda?**

214 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible].

215 **Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Ch'...?

216 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Miller-Anderson.

217 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** This.., wasn't No. 1 pulled? We pulled one,
218 **right?**

219 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. We...

220 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Somebody...

221 **Chairperson Botel:** ...we pulled, we pulled one.

222 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

223 **Councilperson Lanier:** And...

224 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** And that...

225 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...you asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda,
226 and I would say yes but I wanted to...

227 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I'm sorry. I was still talking.

228 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Ms., Ms. Miller-Anderson's not finished. I'm sorry, Ms.
229 Lanier. Go ahead.

230 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So, No. 1 was pulled and No. 4, we're pulling
231 that so that a, a...

232 **Chairperson Botel:** Short. Brief.

233 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So, 1 and 4 are being pulled.

234 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Correct.

235 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Thank you.

236 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk.

237 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, we do have public comment on the Consent
238 Agenda. The acceptance of public comment on the Consent Agenda is now closed.

239 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

240 **City Clerk Anthony:** Ms. Hall, would you proceed to read the public comment on
241 the Consent Agenda?

242 **Ms. D. Hall:** Yes. The public comment comes from Marybeth Coffey and the email
243 address is Marybeth.coffey@gmail.com.

244 I support the appointment of Ms. Cohen to the Library Advisory Board. Her
245 appointment will bring us to a full complement of five primary and two alternate members.
246 A full team is important as the Library looks ahead at both a new temporary and
247 permanent facility. I had the privilege of meeting with Ricky Aiken of Hope Dealers and
248 he and his program are impressive. I commend Councilwoman Lanier for supporting his
249 entry into Riviera Beach. He brings a unique understanding to the issue of neighborhood
250 violence, particularly gun violence. I hope he can be as successful in reaching the hearts
251 of minds of young men in Riviera Beach as he has been in West Palm Beach.

252 Madam Chair, that concludes public comment for Consent.

253 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Madam Clerk.

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

255 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.
256 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?
257 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.
258 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?
259 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.
260 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?
261 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.
262 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?
263 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.
264 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.
265 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

266 **1. RE-APPOINTMENT OF BESSIE BROWN TO THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES**
267 **PENSION BOARD.**

268 **EUREKA YOUNG, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, (561) 840-4880**

269 **Chairperson Botel:** And now, we'll move to Item No. 1, which would've been the
270 reappointment to the General Employee's Pension Board. And I had an opportunity to
271 very briefly text with Mayor Felder earlier and he expressed, as do I, a desire to have a
272 discussion about how board members are appointed, by whom, is there a distribution
273 across this City with regard to membership on any board and so forth. So maybe we can
274 ask., Mr. Evans, I hate to put you on the spot like this but if we could ask you to give us
275 a brief description of how board members in general are appointed, and most particularly,
276 how Board members to the pension Board are appointed. It seems to me I recall reading
277 that four of the Pension Board members are appointed by Council, and three are
278 appointed directly by the employees. Or, I should say, elected by the employees.

279 Mr. Evans.

280 **City Manager Evans:** Okay. I'll, I'll speak in, in generality as it relates to the boards
281 throughout the City, and then if we can have the Interim HR Director, Ms. Young, provide
282 a little bit more specificity on the Pension Board. As it relates to the boards and advisory
283 boards, and Councilperson Lanier has communicated her desires to have the holistic
284 discussions as we look at these boards because there's a lot of inconsistency and
285 ambiguity into the process. There is not a certain rhyme or reason, in some cases, as
286 how some of these board positions are filled. The one that is a board that is consistent
287 and, as it relates to appointments, is usually your Planning & Zoning, and that's consistent

288 amongst most municipalities, at how those board members are selected. But, as it relates
289 to our Audit Committee and some of the other boards, there's not a consistent procedure
290 or protocol, and that's one of the things that I think we should build out and have an
291 expectation as to individuals that are serving in these boards, certainly should go through
292 the same type of training that you all go through, Sunshine Law, Ethics, et. cetera and
293 even some government entities that I've worked with in the past have required them to
294 go through the Citizen Leadership Academy, or Citizens Academy before you even qualify
295 to serve on a board.

296 So, Staff is having the conversations internally and we do want to bring forward a
297 plan that speaks on how do we look at addressing these boards holistically on the
298 appointment side, but also to ensure there's fair and equitable representation from all of
299 the, the respective districts as it relates to the board. And so, that's something that Staff
300 has an item queued up, and that's something that we can certainly run into, you know, as
301 far as collaboration as it relates to the Agenda process and some of the items that were
302 communicated today. We can do that as one particular item and really focus on the
303 Agenda process and, and the meeting process, as well as the, the board appointments.

304 Ms. Young, if you can speak more specifically on the Pension Advi'.., or the
305 Pension Boards.

306 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** Okay. The, the City has three Pension
307 Boards. I'm sorry, this is Eureka Young, Department of Human Resources.

308 The City has three Pension Boards. We have a General Employees Pension
309 Board, a Police Pension Board, as well as a Fire Pension Board. The boards are made
310 up of citizens from the community. The General Employee's Pension Board has a clause
311 that one of their appointed members could be a retiree of the City.., from the City, and the
312 other members are.., must be residents of the City, as well as the three remaining
313 members of the Board, are elected by the participating employees of the plan. A couple
314 of years ago, a revision to the General Employee's Pension Ordinance designated that
315 two of the appointed members come from the City Council and the other two is from the
316 Mayor, with the approval of the City Council. That's where we are now.

317 The Fire and Police Pension Board, their rules are slightly different. The Fire and
318 Pension Board, and I believe that a member of the Pension Board can be appointed by
319 the members of the Board. However, that appointment must be approved by the City
320 Council.

321 Are there any particular questions, in particular, that you have? Regarding the
322 appointments of the Board?

323 **City Manager Evans:** And, Ms. Young, correct me if I'm wrong, also, there is a, a
324 stipulation that the Council made some time ago with regards to professional certifications
325 or training that they wanted individuals on those Pension Boards to have. Is that not
326 correct?

327 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** That is correct. It was established maybe
328 about five years ago, that all of the Pension Board members must be certified by the
329 Florida Public Pension Trustee Association, and that certification takes approximately,
330 maybe, two years for a trustee to receive that certification. And, as we'.., and that is the..,
331 that training is out of state, in most cases, or in the City of Orlando. So, the board
332 members must attend the education seminar, as well as the workshop to obtain that
333 certification. And, the board members, they must attend their meetings regularly.

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

335 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms., Ms. Miller-Anderson. Thank you.

336 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Ms. Young, you said that each mem'.., each
337 Council Member has two appointments? Correct?

338 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** Yes. Yes, ma'am. The Mayor has two
339 appointments, and the Council have two appointments.

340 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I don't...

341 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** Total.

342 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...recall ever appointing anyone. I mean, when
343 do.., I mean, the only thing I remember is just ha'.., it coming on the Agenda and obviously
344 voting for it, but I, I, I don't recall appointing anyone since I been on. So, how do these
345 people get on if we haven't submitted names?

346 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** Well, we normally advert'.., we sub'.., we
347 advertise the vacancy and the citizens respond to the vacancy.

348 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So how...

349 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** We advertise...

350 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...are we appointing them?

351 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** I'm sorry?

352 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** How are we appointing them if they're.., it's
353 open to anyone?

354 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** That is...

355 **Chairperson Botel:** Can I j'...

356 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** ...one of the technical issues that, that
357 hasn't been worked out. Because, that came up.., well, because normally, in most cases,
358 as you.., this, this particular Board, it has pretty much been the same members for the
359 past several years.

360 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Right, right. Yes. That I know. And that's
361 what., that's my point. I, I have not., I haven't appointed anyone as long as I can
362 remember since I've been on here. It's just...

363 **Chairperson Botel:** Actually...

364 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible].

365 **Chairperson Botel:** There are two members on this Board from District 2, one
366 member from District 3 and no members from Districts 1 or 4.

367 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** But that...

368 **Chairperson Botel:** Current... [stammer]...

369 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...does not mean that I submitted that name.

370 **Chairperson Botel:** No, no, no. I know, I'm just telling you, that's the current...

371 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Right.

372 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Board. Yeah.

373 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Oh, I'm aware. I'm aware. But what I'm saying
374 is, at no point...

375 **Chairperson Botel:** Right.

376 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...has the Council appointed those people. I
377 think they have just carried over, over the years. So, my question is, when do we actually
378 appoint them and Ms. Young just explained that it was that., it's just being carried over.
379 So, it's...

380 **Chairperson Botel:** Right.

381 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...not a matter of us having appointed... 'Cause
382 I think these people that are in District 2, have been on before I got here. So, I didn't
383 appoint them either.

384 **Chairperson Botel:** Right. Right. Thank you. Are you finished, Ms. Miller-
385 Anderson? Thank you.

386 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

387 **Chairperson Botel:** Mayor Felder. Thank you. Mayor Felder.

388 **Mayor Felder:** Ms., Ms. Young, whose appointment was Bessie Brown?

389 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** So, basically, since the Ordinance has...
390 since the Ordinance changed a couple of years ago, we decided to... Well, not
391 necessarily decided, but we defaulted into the pattern of the Mayor has appointment, the
392 Council has appointment. The Mayor has an appointment, the Council has an
393 appointment. So, Ms. Brown's appointment is the Mayor's appointment.

394 **Mayor Felder:** Okay.

395 **Chairperson Botel:** [Stammer]...

396 **Mayor Felder:** And, and just piggybacking on Councilwoman Anderson, Miller-
397 Anderson, 'cause I, I knew nothing about that. I know my Chief of Staff was telling me I
398 had an appointment to a Pension...

399 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** Right.

400 **Mayor Felder:** ...Board.

401 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** Okay. So, when this appointment came
402 up, the memorandum that is attached with the, with the Item, [stammer], it included a little
403 bit more education of the appointment to make you all fully aware of how the appointments
404 work for the Pension Board. Because I assumed that you are not fully aware that this is
405 how it occurred. So, in..., we wanted to make sure that you were aware of how this
406 happened with the, with the Pension Board appointments.

407 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would there be any, any negative affect on your
408 operation if we postpone this appointment until after we had an opportunity to discuss this
409 at a future meeting, a meeting where we're gonna discuss other boards? Ms... Where'd
410 she go?

411 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** No, ma'am. The Board..., the, the Board
412 will continue..., or, the trustee will continue until there's an appointment.

413 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. So, Mr. Evans... Someone's..., Ms. Lanier, maybe it's
414 your micro'...

415 **Councilperson Lanier:** No. I...

416 **City Manager Evans:** I think Chief Curd just joined us. I think that's what it may be.

417 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

418 **City Manager Evans:** And, and that..., therein lies the challenge as it relates to the
419 ambiguity and the inconsistencies with regards to the appointments. Let alone, providing
420 the Board with all the different advisory boards and pension boards and committees that
421 you may have, 'cause invariably, you're going to have duplications of roles and
422 responsibilities. And so, that's one of the things that we want to ask the Board, how do
423 you want to handle this? It's also common in other municipalities that the appointments

424 run concurrently with the term of office of the individual that's appointing, and then if the
425 individual chooses not to run or they vacate their seat, then the, the new individual that
426 gets the opportunity to appoint individuals to the Board.

427 But, you know, we're gonna have about three or four different options for the Board
428 to provide, but we want uniformity and consistency because if it's confusing to us and
429 confusing.., it's gonna be confusing to the Members and the public. And there's a lot of
430 different ways in which we've done that, so we do wanna have the holistic discussion with
431 the Council. And we can look to have that discussion with you at one of your upcoming
432 meetings, where we can keep the Agenda light and focus on how we want to address
433 this, and look at all the boards and committees we do have.

434 **Chairperson Botel:** Great. Do we have to table this Item then, or do we have to
435 eliminate the Item? What's the best way to proceed, Ms. Anthony?

436 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, rather than table, I would say that the Item
437 needs to be postponed.

438 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

439 **City Clerk Anthony:** With a time certain.

440 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

441 **City Clerk Anthony:** If that's the desire of the Board.

442 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. McCoy.

443 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, Madam Chair, respectfully, I, I wanna ask that if you have
444 a specific recommendation, offer it to the body and not leave the discussion to ask the
445 Chair.., I mean, ask the Clerk how we move forward. And, and I'm concerned...

446 **Chairperson Botel:** [Stammer]...

447 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...because of two reasons. The Item that's before us is the
448 reappointment of a Board member. And if what we're saying is we wanna change the
449 process that is nothing to do with the appointment at hand. And I'm saying that because
450 I'm looking at the backup documentation for this Item. More specifically, for the
451 attendance record of this appointee which, in this case, was December of 2016. So,
452 basically, in order to get this certification, you would have to be at least, at a very
453 minimum, on the Board for two years. I don't see how this appointment is even relevant
454 to the convention or the structure of us appointing people from here on out. Because, if,
455 if that's the case, every time a new elected official comes in, then we can expect new
456 board members to come in. What I do know about the Pension Board, there is a
457 certification for a reason. Because they have specialty knowledge and understanding.
458 And in this case, I know Ms. Brown worked for the City for some time, but unless we're
459 gonna vote down this issue, I don't see why we need to be talking about what we need to
460 do, should it be appropriate to table or any of that.

461 I mean, the issue that's before us, is whether or not we're gonna reappoint her to
462 the Board. Now, if the Mayor chooses not to do that, then that's something else then, but
463 the precedent that you're creating at this point is, every time a new elected official comes
464 in then we have, basically, a new appointee. But clearly, I don't know if she's obtained
465 that certification but she's been there just over two years, so even if she hasn't, I think it
466 would be premature to start reassigning new appointment every time, you know, this
467 comes up.

468 **Chairperson Botel:** [Stammer]...

469 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, what I'm asking is, that we vote on the Item before us, and
470 if we wanna bring this back to have a discussion about the general convention, or re'...,
471 revisiting the Ordinance that organizes these various boards, then I'm okay with that but
472 it just would'..., wouldn't make sense. Because I've seen this happen in my time on the
473 P&Z Board. And then, most recently where we are right now on the P&Z, because when
474 we start having these discussion about appointees, you're gonna have yourself in a
475 position where if you remove a member, you can likely not have another member to move
476 forward because absence of a quorum or absence of the appropriate certification that
477 they can act in certain fashions. So, I don't understand how us going forward has anything
478 to do with the specific Item of reappointment.

479 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Mayor.

480 **Mayor Felder:** Yeah. Because it was my appointment, and I'm not saying we don't
481 reappoint Bessie Brown. I have not talked to Bessie Brown to even know if she wanted
482 to be back on the Board, so I would say at least give me that opportunity to speak with
483 her, because it is my appoint'..., my appointment to bring back to the Board to say aye or
484 nay, she wants, you know, to stay on the Board. So I'm not saying or disagreeing with
485 her being appointed but at least give me the opportunity to speak with her to make sure
486 that that's what she wants to do.

487 **Chairperson Botel:** Right. So, you're asking for us to postpone? And, and, Mr.
488 McCoy, I don't have a hidden agenda here [chuckle]. I, I discussed this, as I said earlier,
489 very briefly, on text with the Mayor because I didn't see anyone from District 1 or District
490 4 on this Board, and it struck me that there should be at least a balance across the City,
491 and that's the only reason. I have nothing against anybody that's on the Board, nor do I
492 think that this postponement necessarily indicates that we're going to change Board
493 members every time we change Council. That was just one suggestion that Mr. Evans
494 raised as a possibility, not as something that we were deciding to do this evening.

495 So, if there's no other question'... Do you have anything else to say, Mr. McCoy?

496 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I, I mean, Ms., Ms. Young, how is this Item before us?
497 Is this just because of the expiration of term? Because I thought I seen that the term
498 expired in 2019, or was that an expressed interest by this member to be reappointed?

499 **Interim Human Resources Director Young:** Ms. Brown expressed her interest to be
500 reappointed.

501 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And, you know, I certainly, you know, would love if the
502 Mayor can have that opportunity to meet with that appointee if this is, in fact, his
503 appointee, as you say. And then, you know, they can decide from whatever. But, I, you
504 know, I, I just wanna make sure that we're not gonna, you know, kinda suspend
505 reappointing members at this point.

506 **Chairperson Botel:** No., I don't think that's the intention. Thank you. So, we're
507 gonna postpone this Item. And then we have.., anything.., if there's nothing else, we'll
508 move to Item No. 4, which is...

509 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, do we vote to postpone it, or do you just make that
510 decision? That's, that's, that's actually what I was asking...

511 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, okay.

512 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Madam Chair.

513 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk, do we have to vote to postpone it?

514 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board that was what I was
515 raising my hand for, was to advise that a motion has to be made to postpone the Item
516 with a time certain.

517 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

518 **Councilperson McCoy:** So Mayor.., Madam Chair? Mayor, is that your desire?

519 **Mayor Felder:** Yeah. I, I will make sure I reach out to her tomorrow. Maybe on the
520 next meeting, we can put it back on the Agenda. But just give me a opportunity to meet
521 with Mrs. Brown.

522 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

523 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

524 **Councilperson McCoy:** Can I be recognized to move to postpone, please?

525 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

526 **Councilperson McCoy:** To...

527 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized.

528 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I guess...

529 **Chairperson Botel:** Does someone...

530 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...if we move to postpone, we don't have to come back to a
531 time certain, it just comes back.

532 **Chairperson Botel:** It just...

533 **Councilperson McCoy:** Correct?

534 **Chairperson Botel:** ...goes back.

535 **Councilperson McCoy:** Alright.

536 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk.

537 **City Clerk Anthony:** It, it is proper to give a time in which to bring the Item back,
538 because if you do not, it remains postponed indefinitely.

539 **Councilperson McCoy:** And what's... And, I don't understand. What's the problem
540 with that? Because, I mean, I don't wanna limit him to next meeting. And provided the
541 Agenda's already full, I mean, but if it's postponed, it's indefinite. It's just gonna appear
542 back on the Agenda.

543 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, if that is the.., if that's the pleasure of the
544 Members.., Members of the Board, Staff will move accordingly.

545 **Councilperson McCoy:** Move to postpone.

546 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Do we have someone who would like to second?

547 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

548 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Second.

549 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Madam Clerk.

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

551 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

553 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

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

555 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

556 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

557 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

558 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

559 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

560 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous...

561 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

562 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...vote.

563 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

564 **4. HOPE DEALER- \$3000 - COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER- THE**
565 **COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE HOPE**
566 **DEALER HYBRID MENTORING PROGRAM FOR INNER-CITY MALES TO DEVELOP**
567 **LEADERSHIP SKILLS, SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL LEARNING, AND A LOVE OF**
568 **COMMUNITY.**

569 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, we are now on to Item No. 4, which was pulled
570 from the Consent Agenda.

571 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

572 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, I need to announce that, following this Item, the
573 Office of the City Clerk has a announcement that it needs to make.

574 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

575 **City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 4. Hope Dealer. A., there's a benefit request from
576 Councilperson Shirley Lanier in the amount of \$3,000. The funds will be utilized to support
577 the Hope Dealer Hybrid Mentoring Program for inner-city males to develop leadership
578 skills, social/emotional learning and a love of community.

579 **Councilperson Lanier:** I...

580 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, I do not have any public comment on this Item.
581 The acceptance of public comment on this Item is now closed.

582 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

583 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

584 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Second.

585 **Councilperson Lanier:** Hi. I wanted to have Mr. Aiken come on and provide just a
586 brief description of his program but I think that., I don't see him on here. Are you on here,
587 Mr. Aiken?

588 **Councilperson McCoy:** Ma'..., Madam Chair, can we..., we can postpone... He's, he's
589 back.

590 **Councilperson Lanier:** I wanted Mr. Aiken just to give a brief description of his
591 program. You can go ahead, Mr. Aiken.

592 **Mr. R. Aiken:** Hello everybody. My name is Ricky Aiken. I'm the Founder and
593 Executive Director of Inner-City Innovators. We run a program called the Hope Dealer
594 Mentoring Program, which is a hybrid mentoring program focused on leadership
595 development, social/emotional learning and community service. We got about thirty
596 young men in our mentoring program in West Palm Beach. Forty percent of our program
597 participants have encountered gun fire before, meaning they've been shot, meaning
598 they've participated in things that would wind them up in those situations. And we're
599 happy to say, none of the young men in our program that encountered that, have gone
600 back thanks to our mentoring.

601 It's very down to earth, really meeting the young men where they are and trying to
602 fill the gaps that many of them are missing, as far as fatherhood and having role models
603 to look up to. And I'm sure.., how much time... A minute, right?

604 **Chairperson Botel:** Keep going.

605 **Mr. R. Aiken:** Yeah. But, yeah. It's.., our, our mentoring program is very down
606 to earth and I'm sure if you follow me on Facebook, you know all about it. I really want to
607 kinda use this time to answer any questions you guys might have about how we plan to
608 work in regards to moving into Riviera Beach.

609 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Aiken, how do you select the, the young men? Do you
610 work with our Police Department or? How do you do that?

611 **Mr. R. Aiken:** Yeah. A lot of the young men we work with were referred to us
612 through the Public Defender's office, concerned parents, and through friends of young
613 men we already work with. I don't know if you know but we started in 2015 after the death
614 of Johnny Davis, one of our mentees, a few of his peers wanted to do something to kinda
615 stop themselves and others from going down the same direction. So that's kinda how we
616 started, and since, we've expanded on that work.

617 **Chairperson Botel:** And do your meet.., where do you.., do you have a place, a
618 regular place, to meet with young men or do you meet them in the community or?

619 **Mr. R. Aiken:** Yeah. In West Palm Beach, we were meeting at Coleman Park
620 Community Center before our community centers were shut down. This summer, we did
621 a leadership academy, taking ten leaders from the group and meeting at our office at 313
622 Datura, using social distancing measures.

623 **Chairperson Botel:** Mhmm. And are the young men.., what age group are they?
624 Where do they fall in?

625 **Mr. R. Aiken:** Yeah. Ages fifteen to twenty-four, homicide's the leading cause of
626 death for black young men in this age group and that's our focus.

627 **Chairperson Botel:** Well it sounds like a worthy... Mayor Felder.

628 **Mayor Felder:** How, how often do ya'll meet, Ricky?

629 **Mr. R. Aiken:** Throughout the summer, we've been meeting every Tuesday and
630 Thursday for our social/emotional learning circle and leadership development, with
631 Saturdays delegated for community service and field trips.

632 **Mayor Felder:** Follow up, Madam Chair.

633 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. [Inaudible].

634 **Mayor Felder:** Do, do..., do you have a place in Riviera Beach? A main spot?

635 **Mr. R. Aiken:** Yes. I believe we do. We're just waiting for things to open back
636 up. I'll let Commissioner..., or, Councilwoman speak to that.

637 **Mayor Felder:** Okay. Thank you.

638 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr., Mr. Lawson, and then we'll hear from Ms. Lanier.

639 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Aiken, I love the program. I've
640 been a follower of what you've been doing. Excellent program and I love what you're
641 bringing to the community.

642 Madam Chair Botel requested and asked how were you gonna be selecting the
643 young men. More..., specifically, how were you gonna choose the Riviera Beach residents
644 and will all of the residents..., all of the individuals you utilize for the program you're
645 launching in Riviera Beach, be residents of Riviera Beach?

646 **Mr. R. Aiken:** Absolutely. We have a few young men in our current program that
647 we bring down to West Palm from Riviera and they'd be like the first young men in recruit
648 to help us with recruiting in the area. And, when gun violence happens in our community,
649 it's usually young men who already have criminal histories or records, put in a request
650 with the Department of Juvenile Justice to kinda find out who we have within Riviera
651 Beach City limits, that have gotten the kinda charges that we know put them at a higher
652 propensity, participating gun violence and that's where we wanna focus our efforts. There
653 are lots of great programs already happening in Riviera Beach and we don't wanna take
654 away from any of that. We wanna really focus on targeting those high risk individuals.
655 And, many of you, especially you, Commissioner..., or Councilman Lawson, may know
656 young men that you feel like would benefit from a personalized touch that you may
657 consider high risk. But that's our focus area.

658 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. And a follow up, Madam Chair.

659 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

660 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Again, Mr. Aiken, I, I., like I said, I, I follow the program, I, I
661 love what you're doing. If you can send over a request for benefits, I'd love to support it
662 as well. So, if you could forward that over to me, I'd love to support the program as well
663 moving forward.

664 **Mr. R. Aiken:** Awesome. Thank you so much for your support over the years, sir.

665 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, sir.

666 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Aiken, just a [stammer].., out of curiosity, do you use the
667 standard social/emotional learning protocol or is it something you have unique to you?

668 **Mr. R. Aiken:** I wouldn't say it's unique to us. It is being used in other places.
669 And essentially, it's a circle. We all come in and the young men share the trauma or they
670 share good news/bad news in their state of being, and during that time, we facilitate them
671 opening up and being able to share. It's built on rituals which include mindfulest
672 techniques. And, I can def'.., I could forward you all the curriculum we use for you to take
673 a look at. It's a..

674 **Chairperson Botel:** I'd like to take a...

675 **Mr. R. Aiken:** ...little too much to explain in the timeframe...

676 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

677 **Mr. R. Aiken:** ...I have allotted.

678 **Chairperson Botel:** I'd love to see that. Thank you so much. It sounds like a really
679 exciting program and I'm so happy that Councilwoman Lanier brought it to our attention.

680 **Mr. R. Aiken:** Thank you.

681 **Chairperson Botel:** Anything e'.., anything else before we...?

682 **Mr. R. Aiken:** No. I just wanna...

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

684 **Mr. R. Aiken:** ...say I'm super grateful for the opportunity to work with you all.
685 I've, I've been looking for the opportunity and I'm, I'm thankful it's here. And many of you
686 have already been proud supporters of my [stammer] Councilwoman Miller... Many of
687 you have already been supporters, so I think this was a logical next step. And I'm thankful
688 for the Mayor and everyone on the Council. I really appreciate this opportunity. I look
689 forward to working with you all.

690 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

691 **Councilperson Lanier:** Thank you so much, Ricky, for coming and, and sharing that
692 with us. We look forward to working with you.

693 **Mr. R. Aiken:** Awesome.

694 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

695 **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

696 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have any petitions or communications for filing? You
697 said something...

698 **Councilperson McCoy:** Aren't we gonna...

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

700 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...vote [inaudible]?

701 **City Clerk Anthony:** We need to take a vote on the Item.

702 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh. Yes. Go ahead. Ms. Miller-Anderson, did you have
703 something to say first? No? Okay. Madam Clerk.

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

705 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

707 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

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

709 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

710 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

711 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

712 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

713 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

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

715 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Anthony, you said you had a, had an announcement .

716 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, Members of the Board and
717 those that are listening. Please be advised, and be reminded, that the deadline to register
718 to participate in the primary election, scheduled for August 18, 2020, the deadline to
719 register to vote is July 20th. In addition, early voting will commence August 3rd to August
720 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will have a location here in the City at Wells

721 Recreation, located at 2409 Avenue H West. And once again, election day is scheduled
722 for August 18th and the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For additional
723 information, please visit, pbcelections., that's elections with., elections with an 's' dot
724 org. There, you can also go to find where your precinct is located.

725 Madam Chair, that concludes communication.

726 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

727 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Ch'...

728 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

729 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

730 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy.

731 **Councilperson McCoy:** Where, where did that communication come from?

732 **City Clerk Anthony:** Information off of the pub'..., Palm Beach County Supervisor
733 of Elections' website.

734 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Alright. Thank you.

735 **City Clerk Anthony:** You're welcome.

736 **AWARDS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

737 **Chairperson Botel:** Awards and presentations.

738 **5. City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 5.

739 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RIVIERA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTATION ON**
740 **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY BOXES.**

741 **AMY DICKERSON, INTERIM LIBRARY DIRECTOR, (561) 840-0155**

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

744 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

745 **Ms. D. Hall:** The public...

746 **Unk.:** [Inaudible].

747 **Ms. D. Hall:** ...comment comes... The public comment comes from
748 marybeth.coffer@gmail.com.

749 On behalf of the Riviera Beach Library Advisory Board, I would like to thank
750 Councilwoman Miller-Anderson for her funding Ms. Baker and her students at Inlet Grove
751 for their un'.., outstanding artwork executions, Ms. Dickenson for executing the final
752 distribution of the boxes and the local businesses where the book boxes will be placed
753 before becoming many libraries.

754 This has been a community team effort. Reading is fundamental and the joy of a
755 book in your hands cannot be denied. The earlier a love of books is developed and
756 encouraged, the earlier more windows of the world around us will.., around us emerge.
757 My father said, if you can read, you can do anything. Not only can you do anything, but
758 you can anywhere and become your best self.

759 Again, thank you.

760 Madam Chair, that's the end of public comments for this Item.

761 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Do we have a presentation by Ms. Dickerson?
762 Dickinson?

763 **Interim Library Director Dickinson:** Yes, ma'am. I'm here. Can everyone hear me?

764 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

765 **Interim Library Director Dickinson:** I'm trying to share my screen but, unfortunately,
766 it's not allowing me at the moment. [Pause]. There we go. Can you see my screen?
767 There we go.

768 Good evening, Honorable Mayor, Members of Council. My name is Amy
769 Dickinson. And I am the Interim Director for the Library. This evening, we are going to
770 present to you on our Little Free Library Boxes.

771 So, to give you a little background, through an initiative supported by community
772 benefits, funded by then Council Chair KaShamba Miller-Anderson, the Riviera Beach
773 Public Library partnered with Inlet Grove High School this year to create little free library
774 boxes to be distributed to local community businesses. Sixteen students worked with the
775 digital design instructor at the school, Ms. Arenthia Baker and produced the following
776 items which are to be filled with complimentary books from the Library, and to be
777 distributed to business locations throughout Riviera Beach for City residents to read and
778 enjoy.

779 So, here are some of the student with their creations. Some of the boxes required
780 two parties to work on them due to their size. So I'm gonna read off their names and beg
781 forgiveness for any mispronunciations I may have. On the left we have Jaheim Wilson's
782 box, who Garrett Loewenberg assisted on, who.., but who is not pictured here. And Mr.
783 Pierre Moniville, Brianna Luberisse, Collin Loveless, Nhya Elien and Justina Leslie. On
784 the right, we have A'Layssia [sp] Burkes, Sur'.., sorry, Sireayah Jones, Janiya Toney,
785 Nicholas Boston, and David Rodriguez. Our next students are Isaac Jessup, Josue [sp]
786 Charles and Liana Wynn.

787 As you can see here with some of the double decker boxes, the artwork covers the
788 entirety of the box, and the interiors as well. Students used a variety of art medians,
789 including drawing, painting and new media, digital art forms. Yeah, you can see here
790 also that each box is equipped with a chalkboard face, with artwork already on the item.
791 But the location receiving it will be able to change this if they would like to do so. Many
792 of the pieces have incorporated great phrases within the artwork. They..., pretty much
793 almost all of them include the little free library concept of give a book, take a book. But,
794 there are also some that say, there are many books you could give or take, choose wisely;
795 better the inside of your head too; just read it; not all readers are leaders, but all leaders
796 are readers. For instance, here is Mr. Charles' box, he has incorporated the following
797 sayings into it, a peasant that reads is a prince in waiting; in books I have travelled not
798 only to other worlds but into my own; take a book to bed with you, books do not snore;
799 reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body; read a book and save a llama. One
800 of my favorites. And then finally on the back, what are we reading? This box is by Mr.
801 Ming. He has incorporated the following sayings, let your imagination run wild with the
802 greatest achievement; libraries are full of ideas, the most dangerous and powerful of
803 weapons. What appears to be a backdrop of Mario Brothers. This double decker box by
804 Ms. Elien and Ms. Leslie incorporates the sayings, mother nature has to read; reading is
805 dreaming with eyes open. The box by Ms. Luberisse shows a picture of Tupac reading
806 with the phrase, tomorrow a leader. And the box by Mr. Adams, who was not originally
807 pictured or had his box available for the picture day, so we've incorporated it here,
808 indicates the word loser changed to lover with the phrase, saying, Georgie always loved
809 to read, you should too, for your dear friend, Pennywise. Obviously a reference to
810 Stephen King's 'It'.

811 We have a short video here showing the students preparing the boxes for the
812 artwork with the digital art director, Ms. Arenthia Baker. We, unfortunately, found later
813 that sound is not available for this item through GoTo Meetings so, for any party that's
814 interested, I will be happy to forward this video separately, but I just wanted to play it for
815 you.

816 [Video plays]

817 **City Manager Evans:** And for the viewing audience, this is prior to COVID.

818 **Interim Library Director Dickinson:** [Chuckle]. Yes.

819 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you for that, Mr. Evans.

820 [Chuckles]

821 [Video continues to play]

822 **Interim Library Director Dickinson:** So finally, we just wanted to again thank
823 Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson for her generous support of this project in the
824 Library. Addition, many thanks to Inlet Grove High School for their assistance by
825 supplying their creative and artistic skills to help create these beautiful pieces of artwork
826 our wonderful community now gets to enjoy. Thank you Ms. Arenthia Baker, Joshua

827 Adams, Nicholas Boston, A'Layssia Burkes, Jose Charles, Nhya Elie, Isaac Jessup,
828 Sireayah Jones, Collin Loveless, Justina Leslie, Garrett Loewenberg, Brianna Luberisse,
829 Josue [sp] Charles, Pierre Moniville, David Rodrigues, Janiya Toney and Jaheim Wilson
830 for sharing your talent with us, and your community. Finally, also, a thank you to our
831 Children's Library and Ms. Sharmain Arnold, and former Director Ms. Cobb, for your
832 assistance in seeing this project through.

833 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Miller-Anderson.

834 **Interim Library Director Dickinson:** And that was it?

835 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I just.., I'm glad Mr. Evans pointed that out that
836 that was pre-COVID and it was so much so pre-COVID that when the boxes were finished,
837 I was actually sick. That's when I was having my coughing fit for a while, and I kept
838 delaying coming up there to see the boxes. They kept telling they're done, they look
839 good. I said, 'Okay, I'm gonna come,' and I think two weeks went by before I finally made
840 it up there. And Ms. Dickinson was.., showed me the boxes that were upstairs in the
841 Library. You know, I really.., I'm really appreciative of Ms. Cobb and Ms. Dickinson, as
842 well as the kids just being very creative with the idea. I just ask for them to possibly look
843 into doing the Little Free Library Boxes so that we can kinda get it going on this side. I
844 know Singer Island former Chairwoman.., well, former Councilwoman Pardo started it
845 over there but those boxes were designed, I believe, by some of our employees. And so,
846 we wanted to make sure that students in the City of Riviera Beach participated and had
847 a hand in getting these boxes created.

848 And so, I truly appreciate Ms. Dickinson and former Director Cobb for taking on the
849 project and seeing it through, and I appreciate the children for putting in the hard work to
850 get it done. Those boxes are going to be delivered, I believe in the next week or two, to
851 some businesses in the community and, and just see how it goes. Those of you who
852 have leftover obviously now we have to worry about things being disinfected. So,
853 [stammer] pre-COVID, we would've said probably to, you know, have them added. You
854 know, if you have free books, you could possibly take them still and then get them
855 disinfected some sort of way so that they can be added to the collection, but there are
856 books and Ms. Dickinson, I'm.., I don't know if you mentioned it about how they.., the
857 books will be placed into the box and, and as well as how they'll be replaced.

858 So, I appreciate everything that you all have done and, you know, in the future, if
859 there is funds to be given to increase the amount of boxes that we have in different
860 businesses, that would be great as well and I really look forward to doing like a Phase 2
861 of it. Thank you so much everybody.

862 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Dickinson, anything else?

863 **Interim Library Director Dickinson:** No. That's it. Thank you.

864 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Madam Clerk, Item No...

865 **Councilperson Lanier:** I wanted...

866 **Chairperson Botel:** ...6. Somebody have something to say?

867 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted to comment that.., 'cause I like those boxes.
868 They're very unique and it's, it's really a, really a art project. You know, and, and
869 [stammer] piggybacking off of Councilman Lawson's Art in Public Spaces, that is really
870 the same thing really but with the kid's doing it. That's really nice.

871 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Madam Clerk.

872 **REGULAR**

873 **6. RESOLUTION NUMBER 58-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF**
874 **THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING**
875 **THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO**
876 **APPROPRIATE FUND BALANCE IN THE MAJOR DISASTER FUND NUMBER 607-**
877 **00-271000 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,982.80 FOR HURRICANE IRMA DEBRIS**
878 **REMOVAL; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE**
879 **SERVICES TO SET UP A BUDGET FOR SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE**
880 **DATE.**

881 **RANDY SHERMAN, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE**
882 **SERVICES, (561) 845-4040**

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

885 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would a Member care to make a motion on the
886 question?

887 **Councilperson Lanier:** So moved.

888 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

889 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Second.

890 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. We have Mr. Sherman, I believe, Mr. Evans?

891 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair. If I can have our Finance Director, Mr.
892 Randy Sherman present this Item..

893 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Good evening, Mayor and
894 Council. Randy Sherman, Finance Director.

895 Yeah. The Item that you have before you is a request to appropriate funds out of
896 the Major Disaster Fund. The City has recently been presented two invoices from AshBritt
897 Environmental for debris removal for Hurricane Irma. So this invoice is almost three years
898 old. You'll notice if you actually look at the backup and the invoices attached, the invoices
899 actually have a February [inaudible], 2017 date on them, which obviously isn't correct. I

900 will tell you that in closing out the Irma projects, we had until November, I wanna say it
901 was November 17th, to present everything to FEMA that we would like to be reimbursed
902 for. We made numerous attempts to [inaudible] these invoices, to gather them and be
903 able to submit them. We were never able to do that at that time. We actually received
904 assistance from our FEMA rep trying to get the invoices. And ultimately, I think, you know,
905 even he concluded that possibly the county could pay these invoices. Until recently, you
906 know, we weren't even aware of them. Interim Director Terrence Bailey., Public Works
907 Director Terrence Bailey has reviewed them, feels that they are due and payable. Clearly,
908 we didn't appropriate any funds but they are eligible to be paid out of the Major Disaster
909 Fund. So that's why we're asking for an appropriation so we can pay off these two
910 invoices.

911 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. McCoy.

912 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr., Finance Director, Mr.
913 Sherman, who authorized AshBritt to do this vegetation pickup from the City? And is
914 there a receiving report for this?

915 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah. Debris removal is
916 handled by Public Works, so I'll ask Mr. Bailey if he could answer that.

917 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes. At the time, directly after the hurricane...
918 Actually, I'll back you up, before the hurricane, the City piggybacked on the Solid Waste
919 Authority contract for debris removal, as well as observation and oversight. Most
920 municipalities went with the Palm Beach County contract for consistency and all of the
921 arrangements. Directly after the hurricane, we called AshBritt to begin debris cleanup
922 throughout the City. It took about two weeks to clean the City up from all the tree limbs
923 and other vegetation. And after they completed their work, we spent upwards of six
924 months requesting these invoices. And you can see from your backup, some of the
925 emails back and forth. After approximately December/January of 2017-18, we stopped
926 asking for the invoices and it became apparent about three weeks ago that the invoices
927 were out there and were provided to the City, here nearly three years later.

928 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy, go ahead.

929 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And I'm sorry, you said a lot, Mr. Bailey. So I guess
930 I'm, I'm back at my original question. Who authorized the specific pickup that corresponds
931 to this invoice and do we have somebody from our Staff, or from the City, that can verify
932 that what [stammer] what we have in front of us to deliberate on, was actually collected,
933 and agreed upon? And I mean, I, you know, I, I thank you for the backup but I'm, I'm very
934 simple but I'm very simple with my question because I'm being asked to even deliberate
935 on something that clearly has the wrong date on it, that's the first thing, and I wanna make
936 sure that there is some employee within this organization that's willing to put their name
937 and reputation on the line that this is a valid and legitimate business expense because
938 clearly, there's a few things that jumped out at me that wouldn't necessarily pass the
939 litmus test, in my opinion.

940 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes, sir. As Mr. Sherman indicated, I have
941 provided my review and approval that these are legitimate costs associated with
942 Hurricane Irma, and that they should be paid.

943 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, Mr. Bailey, if that's true then why would we have a invoice
944 dated for before when the hurricane occurred.

945 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Well, my verification was on the quantity and the
946 dollar number. The fact that it says February of '17, I'm sure is a scrivener's error that
947 should've been '18, because in our email communication back and forth with the vendor,
948 after the fact, they had indicated that there was, as Mr. Sherman said, these tickets got
949 intermingled with Palm Beach County's tickets, so... I apologize, let me back you up.
950 The way the system works, AshBritt will go out into the community, pick up a lot of debris
951 and take it over to the dump. At the dumpsite, because they are working in Riviera Beach,
952 they are given a dump ticket. That dump ticket is checked by the oversight company and
953 the oversight company then takes all of those tickets and assigns them to Riviera Beach.
954 So, the ticketing system and verification of the quantities can be back checked. The issue
955 being, the oversight company, unfortunately, intermingled Riviera Beach's dump tickets
956 with Palm Beach County's and it took them all the way until February of 2018 to unwind
957 that mistake. So, the February date that's on the invoice, they change the February but
958 they missed the 2017. Obviously, these invoices couldn't have been twenty seven...
959 February of 2017 because the hurricane didn't happen until later in the summer. So, the,
960 the 2017 versus 2018 date is a minor scrivener's error.

961 **Councilperson McCoy:** O'...

962 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

963 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Char.

964 **Councilperson McCoy:** Scrivener's error or not, Mr. Bailey, we're July 2020, don't you
965 think that could've been corrected at this point? I mean, 'cause I'm, I'm voting down on
966 this Item simply because, don't bring me something half-baked. If this was, in fact, an
967 omission, they should've amended the invoice. But you're basically asking us to authorize
968 something on its face that you guys..., well, Staff could've corrected. And as far as I'm
969 concerned, I still haven't gotten an answer to, who verified, and I guess in your
970 explanation it would've been whoever issued the dump ticket, that this is actually
971 something Riviera Beach is responsible for.

972 So, absent of that, I have no other questions and I'll be voting down on this Item.

973 **Councilperson Lanier:** Madam Chair?

974 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

975 **Councilperson Lanier:** I, I just wanted to ask, you know, just a basic question of how
976 did it take so long for this to get to us? And I understand the back story, I understand the
977 unraveling and I understand, you know, all of that but it's been, it's been three years and

978 the people who actually were supposed to be paid this, they themselves waited three
979 years to be paid? [Pause]. I'm asking...

980 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** No.

981 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...a question.

982 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** The, the..., we asked those same questions. In
983 essence, where have you been for the last three years and we presented to them all of
984 our email requests to their team for these invoices. And, they provided..., they provided
985 the explanation of wi'..., the unwinding of why it took so long but they did not provide any
986 satisfactory evidence on who they reached out to in the City and who they sent these
987 invoices to. Unfortunately, with our data breach of last year, there's no way to go back
988 into the system to see if they may have sent the email to someone, or an email address
989 that wasn't currently in use, but they did end up, I believe, reaching out to our lobbyist to
990 get in contact with someone in the City and it came through that way, and once we were
991 made aware of these invoices, we opened up a direct line of communication with the
992 company to understand exactly what happened, over these three years.

993 **Councilperson Lanier:** I'm gonna have to agree with Mr..., Councilman McCoy.
994 There, there's no way that after three years..., if I did work and... It wouldn't take me three
995 years to ask for my money, it would take me three minutes to ask for [chuckle] my money.
996 So, how they..., they, meaning the people who are owed this money, took so long to be
997 able to come to us and say you actually owe us this money, is, is beyond me. It, it, it just,
998 it just does not sound like a, a, a entity that does business. If you're doing business and
999 you are owed every bit of \$65,000 and you wait three years to come and get the money?
1000 I, I, I just, I can't see it. I can't see it.

1001 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Lawson, and then Mr. McCoy and then Ms. Miller-
1002 Anderson.

1003 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Bailey, question. You said that
1004 we don't know who sent over, or when they sent over the invoice. Couldn't we just ask
1005 them to forward the original email or invoicing of who they sent it to so we could
1006 acknowledge who was supposed to receive this? And if it did come in during our, our
1007 crash, our system breach, that would still be after the fact of the deadline for FEMA. So,
1008 I guess some of my concerns is gonna be the invoice that was written is dated incorrectly,
1009 the timeframe that's actually gonna cost our taxpayers this money instead of allowing for
1010 us to be reimbursed, and also, I'm almost inclined to, to fight this and to not move forward
1011 with paying this invoice. And I would actually also wanna hear from Ms. Wynn in
1012 reference to the status of actually having to pay this invoice and pay this service after
1013 three years. I, I know there's a, a limitation on when you can bill me for services that were
1014 provided, and we don't have accurate dates or information. So, if three years later we're
1015 still getting invoices for a service that was gonna be paid by FEMA, I can't really be in
1016 support of this.

1017 So, I was gonna ask if Ms. Wynn could give some feedback on legality of paying
1018 this business.

1019 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yes. I asked the question when we talked about it during
1020 Agenda review and based on the timeframe given to me, the statute of limitation has not
1021 yet run. And I ended my inquiry there.

1022 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** When, when is the statute of limitation? What is the time'...
1023 I'm sorry, Madam Chair, just a follow up. What is the...

1024 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Go ahead. Sure.

1025 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...statute...

1026 **City Attorney Wynn:** Four years.

1027 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...of limitation? Four years?

1028 **City Attorney Wynn:** Mhmm. It's only been three. If, if we go by the date of October
1029 twenty..., 2017, it hasn't even been three years yet.

1030 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. Go by..., which date did you say, Ms. Wynn?

1031 **City Attorney Wynn:** I was given the date of October 12, 2017. Mr. Bailey can
1032 clarify that, but I have that in my notes.

1033 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. So, that was my question in regards to limitation of
1034 having to pay this invoice, the timeframe. 'Cause I thought it would've expired. But if
1035 you're saying it's four years, I guess my only concern is having them clean this up. Getting
1036 some additional information as to who they sent the original invoice to, fixing these
1037 invoices before we vote on paying them and if we owe them, and I understand we owe
1038 them but we have to do a better job of just demanding this information, just letting them
1039 know that they're in default of providing the, the documentation 'cause FEMA essentially
1040 could've covered this, now it has to come out of our taxpayer's dollars. So, I would wanna
1041 figure out moving forward, what can we put in place to require that we're not put in this
1042 position ever again?

1043 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Miller-Anderson. Mr., it looks like Mr. Evans
1044 is wanting to speak. Would you allow him to speak first? Thank you. Mr. Evans.

1045 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** McCoy was...

1046 **City Manager Evans:** Ye'... Yes, Madam Chair. One of the things also that we have
1047 some exposure from the City side is, compliance with the Prompt Payment Act. So we
1048 do have a situation whereby the invoice has been submitted and we have to par'..., you
1049 know, pay the invoice in a reasonable time. And so, in the event that we were to
1050 effectively fight this, we don't have really good footing from the City side as to why this
1051 particular invoice wasn't provided. Plus, there's statutory obligations that we, as a

1052 government entity, need to be able to render payment expeditiously. Now why that didn't
1053 occur during the appropriate timeframe, that's something that, you know, Staff can
1054 certainly do some additional research.

1055 I do agree with the Board, it.., as it relates to getting the invoice corrected and
1056 maybe even some additional documentation from the vendor but I think one of the
1057 challenges associated with that, if it's three years ago, finding the employee if they still
1058 work in that company, or who the account manager was and if they, you know, they're
1059 not obligated to retain public records at, at the degree that we have to. So, we can get
1060 the invoice corrected, we can do additional research and then bring it back with some
1061 additional information that the Board has requested to provide additional context to the
1062 Item versus the Board having to approve I'.., an Item or voting an Item down without
1063 having all the information that can provide additional clarity.

1064 **Chairperson Botel:** Will it put us in any legal jeopardy if we postpone this for a
1065 couple of weeks to get that information? You're saying that we have an obligation but my
1066 question is, the obligation, we're not hurt in any way by postponing, am I right? Mr.
1067 Evans?

1068 **City Attorney Wynn:** No. I think we'll be fine. I mean...

1069 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Ms. Miller-Anderson, you had a question? And then
1070 Mr. McCoy.

1071 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** No. You had said Lawson, McCoy, and then
1072 Miller-Anderson, so. Go ahead, Lawson.

1073 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle]. His had his... Go ahead. Mr. McCoy.

1074 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Thank you. And, I thought you were gonna say I had
1075 my time but...

1076 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle]. No, no. Go right ahead.

1077 **Councilperson McCoy:** This is exactly why I don't wanna accept accepting this
1078 Robert's Rule that you produced today because I had a number of questions and,
1079 conveniently, Staff has not answered it, and I thank you, Mr. Evans, for bringing up that
1080 Prompt Payment Act. In one of the components of Prompt Payment Act and state law
1081 requires that the local agency, being the City, has to actually receive and acknowledge
1082 receipt of these goods. I don't understand, and I'm still asking the same question. So,
1083 Madam Chair, please take note, I'm still on the same issue...

1084 **Chairperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

1085 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...that has not been answered. What employee
1086 acknowledged, or have we received a receiver report, that these services were rendered?
1087 I mean, being offered a invoice after the fact, coupled with that the date is wrong, you
1088 asked a question of the Manger, do we run a risk? We run a risk with the Inspector

1089 General because we lack internal controls, or our internal controls just failed when we
1090 approve or authorize invoices when we don't have appropriate backup documentation.
1091 Literally, we all know that the Finance Department in our City is so tight, if you're missing
1092 a receipt, you can't expect any kind of reimbursement. And I don't want me, as a Member
1093 or any of my colleagues, to authorize something that, on its face, just doesn't pass the
1094 test. And, that's my only question.

1095 Obviously, I appreciate the Member from the 5th District bringing up the statute of
1096 limitations, but if it's owed, I wanna make sure that we pay it. But I don't wanna see
1097 something that doesn't have the correct dates. And if it's been three.., close to three
1098 years, or at least three years, then at the very minimum, somebody should've corrected
1099 this and somebody from our department or from our City, needs to validate that this is
1100 something that the City's responsible for because now we run the risk of having the
1101 Inspector General to say that we've authorized, as a body, an invoice that we don't even
1102 have the correct.., the appropriate backup documentation for it.

1103 So, my concerns, I, I shared with some of the Members but I'm solely from the
1104 City's perspective of how we make sure we're handling our end of ensuring that this was
1105 actually done properly.

1106 And I, and I yield back. Thank you, Madam Chair.

1107 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Evans.

1108 **City Manager Evans:** Director Bailey, if you would, one of the things that I know from
1109 past relationships I've had with debris contractors, in most cases, they do take photos
1110 and they have documentation as it relates to the tonnage and what in fact was provided.
1111 Is that something that we have, or something that can be provided? I know that there's
1112 certain information that may have not been retained for whatever reason, but I think to
1113 Councilperson McCoy's point, that's the issue. If there is documentation or photo'..,
1114 photographic evidence that says, you know, six trucks that were full, you know, with this
1115 type of tonnage and this is the cost associated with that, it provides the backup or the
1116 information that he's requesting to facilitate the payment. Is that something that we have
1117 or we have kept, or is that something that we're gonna have to rely on the vendor to
1118 provide?

1119 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Due to the data breach, again, we.., those are..,
1120 that is information that we may have had at the time but wouldn't have now. We would
1121 need to rely on the vendor to provide it. But again, I believe because these are federal
1122 dollars for the hurricane debris cleanup, the retention requirements are a little bit longer
1123 and everyone knows FEMA takes five years to pay so the.., between Palm Beach County,
1124 the Solid Waste Authority and the vendor, they should have all the necessary
1125 documentation.

1126 And again, to Mr. McCoy's question, I was Interim Director of Public Works at the
1127 time of the hurricane. I oversaw the debris cleanup effort and I am the one who said that
1128 yes, these are valid costs and volumes that were picked up from the City streets, that

1129 need to be paid. So, what we will., we can ask for, from the vendor, additional
1130 documentation from their files in the way of pictures, truck tickets, anything that can
1131 validate the information to substantiate the invoices as presented, in addition to
1132 demanding that they amend the dates and get them corrected so they correlate to the
1133 actual time of the operation in 2017.

1134 **City Manager Evans:** And, and, Councilman McCoy, I wish I could provide
1135 additional information but I went on vacation from September 20th...

1136 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

1137 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Oh gosh.

1138 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

1139 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

1140 **Councilperson McCoy:** I promise you that I was literally gonna differ to Mr. Evans and
1141 I didn't wanna seem like the guy that was making a wise joke but...

1142 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

1143 **Councilperson McCoy:** ... I literally knew exactly the timing of this issue. But, I
1144 appreciate that we're at the same point where we have an understanding. But from an
1145 accounting and a, a finance and reporting standpoint, Mr. Sherman, you know, the
1146 moment you put in an invoice, when you create it., when you receive an invoice, it's
1147 automatically populated for that date. I don't know how, it seems like somebody has
1148 backdated this but I just wanna make sure that it's corrected because this is gonna be the
1149 very issue that we have an Inspector General's report on. And I don't wanna be validating
1150 something where, at least on the face, the documentation is incorrect. So, if you guys
1151 can, you know, fix that. And I, and I mean., people wanna get paid. Obviously, things
1152 slip through the cracks, but if we can correct that, I'm more amenable to see it but I just
1153 can't support it. And I would, you know, yield back but I wanna see if there's a opportunity
1154 to perhaps postpone it or bring it back at another time. Because at this...

1155 **Chairperson Botel:** So, we have...

1156 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...point, right? Three years, I'm sure they're not, I mean, I'm
1157 sure they're not gonna close down because of this.

1158 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle]. So, we had a motion and a second on the floor to.,
1159 on this question. Do we need... Ms. Miller-Anderson.

1160 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I still wanted to make my comment.

1161 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

1162 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. And I think everyone has pretty much hit
1163 on everything. I know, Mr. Evans, I was going to say that certainly probably is not an
1164 answer that he can give, 'cause that was a time in which he was not here at that point
1165 afterwards. With this Item having the.., the things that you all said about the invoice, that
1166 definitely needs to be right and I would like for documentation kinda supporting that it was
1167 actually done. I'm glad to hear that Mr. Bailey said that he, he definitely was the one in..,
1168 on site, but I think we need to have some sort of formal documentation to support the
1169 paying of the people. I'm sure they did the work and, like you said, Mr. McCoy, I'm sure
1170 that this is not gonna cause them to close their doors because they're not that small of a
1171 company, but I think we.., in order for us to move forward, we do need to make sure that
1172 we have the right documentation so we're not being accused of just paying random
1173 invoices that we really don't know if the work was completed.

1174 Thank you. I support the postponement.

1175 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. So, we have a motion on the floor. We have to
1176 withdraw the motion and the second I think and then ask for the motion to postpone.
1177 Madam Clerk. Am I...

1178 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam...

1179 **Chairperson Botel:** ...right about that?

1180 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...Madam Chair?

1181 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr., Mr. Lawson and then we'll answer that question.

1182 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Sorry, I just wanted to just make a quick comment or request.
1183 Mr. Sherman, when was the cutoff for reimbursement requests from FEMA?

1184 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah. We, we had to
1185 report our expenses, I wa'.., again, I wanna say it was November 17th of 2017. You're
1186 allowed to finalize things after that point but you pretty much have to have most of it done
1187 and in place by, by that cutoff.

1188 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And when was this service provided? You said November 17,
1189 2017?

1190 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Correct. The...

1191 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And when...

1192 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** ...service for these two
1193 invoices was the end of September 2017, and then the first couple weeks of October of
1194 2017. So, one invoice is for September, one invoice is for October.

1195 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. And, those invoices were not sent over to the City and
1196 we don't have that exact date because of our, our system breach. Can we request from

1197 the vendor when is the first time they sent the invoice over? I, I see requests from Mr.
1198 Bailey, multiple emails. So, I just wanna see what.., if we can have them send us a
1199 forward because they're saying they sent over the invoice. If they can just re-forward that
1200 email that they sent to whatever representative that actually approved it, as Councilman
1201 McCoy said, or even any representative that they just forwarded this email to that may or
1202 may not have acknowledged it. If we could request that information with the updated
1203 invoice, that would be my request as well.

1204 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Miller-Anderson. [Pause]. You're, you're...

1205 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** You're, you're...

1206 **Chairperson Botel:** ...you're...

1207 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...you're muted, Ms...

1208 **Chairperson Botel:** ...you're muted.

1209 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...Miller-Anderson.

1210 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** The email that Mr. Sherman has on the backup,
1211 that's from Ms. Hoskins for December of 2017. How were we able to obtain that?
1212 [Pause]. Mr. Sherman, did you [inaudible]?

1213 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah. That was.., that was
1214 provided to me by Mr. Bailey. So maybe he can answer that question.

1215 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Mr. Bailey, how did you access that email
1216 from Ms., Ms. Hoskins from December 22, 2017?

1217 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** The short version is, due to the fact that I
1218 typically get very large emails with pdf's and AutoCAD files, my email system is set up to
1219 save locally, so we.., when we had the data breach, I was able to retain a portion of my
1220 emails going back to 2017. Luckily, that email was in some of the emails that were saved
1221 locally on my machine, and not corrupted in the cyber attack during the incident last year.
1222 So I was able to retrieve that email, convert it into a pdf so that we had the, the
1223 conversation and documentation of our requests.

1224 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. So, is it possible for IT to take a look at
1225 your computer and see if they're able to locate others? I mean, it, it's the computer
1226 [inaudible], right? That's...

1227 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes. Well, during this conversation with the
1228 vendor, I asked them to provide proof that they had sent over the invoices, and they did
1229 provide me two emails from 2018, and they did not submit the invoices to anyone on our
1230 team that had been working on it. And in addition, when I opened the email itself, they
1231 sent it to ajohnson@rivierabeach.org in 2018. Well, Riviera Beach dot org is not an email
1232 address that goes to the City, which explains why they sent it to no one and that is why

1233 we never received those invoices until now. They sent it to an email address that doesn't
1234 exist.

1235 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. But you., we could possibly have our IT
1236 take a look to see if they're able to identify any others from Decem'.., from the 2017 time?
1237 Is that not possible? You said [inaudible]...

1238 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Any other emails...

1239 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** You said those things are saved locally on your
1240 computer, right?

1241 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes.

1242 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So, is it possible for us to have IT take a look at
1243 it to see if they can obtain a little more than maybe you may be able to? I don't, I don't
1244 know. I'm not a tech person, but I'm just thinking that part of it, some of it was saved in
1245 December of 2017, maybe some of others were too. And maybe you're just not able to
1246 get it for some reason. I don't know. That., at least try.

1247 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes, ma'am. I'll have IT look into it.

1248 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Thanks.

1249 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy, and then Ms. Lanier.

1250 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Ms., Councilwoman Miller-
1251 Anderson, thank you.

1252 Mr. Evans and Dr. Botel, I'm looking for records around that time too, September
1253 30, 2017, I, I yie'.., I, I withdraw my.., I withdraw. I have nothing else.

1254 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle]. You just... Okay. So...

1255 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Stammer]...

1256 **Chairperson Botel:** ...are there... Ms. Lanier had.., Ms. Lanier had a question.

1257 **Councilperson Lanier:** We can say piggyback off of Miller-Anderson's comment is
1258 that we have to be in a position to validate this as well. We can't put all the onus on the
1259 company to give us information to say that we're going to provide you with whatever you
1260 need to pay this, I think that we need to be in a position to validate this and we need to
1261 be in a position to make sure that this happened and that we received invoices, or we
1262 received emails. So yes, it, it has to., the burden has to be on us as well.

1263 **Chairperson Botel:** I don't see any other hands raised. So, I'm gonna ask the
1264 Clerk., we have a motion on the floor and a second. Do we need to withdraw that and
1265 then make a motion to postpone, is that the way we should handle this?

1266 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board. The motion., the
1267 maker of the motion can be asked to withdraw their motion, and then a motion is made to
1268 postpone or an amended motion can be made to...

1269 **Chairperson Botel:** Right.

1270 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...postpone.

1271 **Chairperson Botel:** So, who made the motion?

1272 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier.

1273 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

1274 **Councilperson Lanier:** I'll, I'll...

1275 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Councilwoman...

1276 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...withdraw my motion

1277 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. And the second?

1278 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson.

1279 **Chairperson Botel:** And you withdraw your second. And now, would I ask
1280 someone to make a motion to postpone this Item?

1281 **Councilperson Lanier:** So moved.

1282 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr., Mr. Lawson? I mean, Mr. McCoy, I think he made the
1283 motion and then Ms. Lanier must have seconded because it was...

1284 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

1285 **Chairperson Botel:** ...at the same time. Okay. So, we're postponing this Item
1286 until we get additional information and some clarity about when these invoices were
1287 actually sent.

1288 Thank you.

1289 **Councilperson McCoy:** Roll call on that, Madam Chair.

1290 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Madam Clerk.

1291 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1292 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

1293 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

- 1294 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.
- 1295 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?
- 1296 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.
- 1297 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?
- 1298 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.
- 1299 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?
- 1300 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.
- 1301 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.
- 1302 **7. ITEM NO. 7**
- 1303 **Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 7.
- 1304 **City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 7.
- 1305 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 59-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE**
 1306 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**
 1307 **FLORIDA, SETTING THE MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF RIVIERA**
 1308 **BEACH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 AT A RATE OF 8.4520 MILLS; SETTING THE**
 1309 **DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR**
 1310 **AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 1311 **RANDY SHERMAN, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR,**
 1312 **(561) 845-4040**
- 1313 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comment on this Item
 1314 is now closed.
- 1315 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, I move to amend to 8.2 mills, please.
- 1316 [Pause]
- 1317 **City Attorney Wynn:** Mr. McCoy? Because there isn't.., I don't believe anybody
 1318 made a motion, you would make a motion to amend it.
- 1319 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm sorry. I move to amend to 8.25 mills. I thought that was
 1320 probably the same thing. But I would love to have the discussion.
- 1321 **Chairperson Botel:** Well, if you would make the motion, then perhaps we can have
 1322 the discussion.
- 1323 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

1324 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Wynn is...

1325 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yes.

1326 **Chairperson Botel:** ...nodding her head, so.

1327 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, let's...

1328 **City Attorney Wynn:** He can make the motion, he just needs a second.

1329 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

1330 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Second.

1331 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Do we have public comments on this Item, Ms.
1332 Anthony?

1333 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, we do not have any public comments on this
1334 Item at this time.

1335 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Mr. Evans, is Mr. Sherman gonna take this? Your,
1336 your...

1337 **City Manager Evans:** I, I will..., I will actually be making the presentation but I think...

1338 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

1339 **City Manager Evans:** ...Councilman McCoy should be recognized for his Item.

1340 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Mr. McCoy.

1341 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Members, I just..., I, I, I had a
1342 conversation with the Manager today and wanted to share with you. I appreciate the work
1343 that the Manager is doing relative to the budget but I really have to encourage you guys
1344 and really ask, let's really push this to the point of driving down what we require of our
1345 taxpayers to contribute. Now obviously, this is the same tax rate that we had last year
1346 and we're in a position that we don't have to raise the millage rate/tax rate, which is
1347 synonymous. But, I really wanna see that we don't accept just the same as the last time
1348 and, you know, obviously this is a time that is unprecedented for everybody. And I only
1349 offer an alternative and if it's not supported, I'm okay with that but I really wanna see if we
1350 can, you know, not just do the same thing we did last year and try to turn this tide because
1351 I looked back, you know, just nine years ago, we were operating, in 2012, I think it was
1352 just over \$25MM, give or take, for our operating budget for the year and we're almost
1353 nearly triple that amount. And, obviously, I don't think any Member of this body should
1354 be surprised that there's gonna be some, some..., there, there's gonna be some changes
1355 how we operate government but I at least wanted to allow the Members to have a
1356 discussion about financially or fiscally where we take the City in, as far as our millage rate
1357 and our overall operations of our budget. And I only wanted to offer that so that we can

1358 have the discussion and then hear from the Manager. But I certainly, you know, support
1359 whatever conversations that come from this.

1360 So that's all I have, Madam Chair.

1361 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Evans.

1362 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, this Item before you
1363 is to request that the City Council adopt the maximum millage rate for Fiscal Year 2020
1364 and 2021 at 8.452 mills by establishing the maximum millage rates. This is to allow for
1365 us to provide notice based on truth and millage, which it provides notice to the taxpayer.
1366 This is the same millage rate that was levied last year. However, the taxpayer would see
1367 an increase as a result of the values that we have seen., the property values that we've
1368 seen increase in our community, to approximately about 6.9 percent. This is consistent
1369 with Florida State Statute 200.065, that we established the maximum millage rate, as well
1370 as making sure that our first public hearing does not conflict with the School District or
1371 Palm Beach County. Palm Beach County has set their public hearing for Thursday,
1372 September 3rd, and the school District for Wednesday, September 9th. And so, Staff is
1373 recommending that we set our first public hearing for Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00
1374 p.m. In the event that we wanted to look to levy the rollback rate, which is 7.9567 mills
1375 which, in essence, generates the same revenue that the City collected in the previous
1376 budget year. That would be about a \$3MM less revenue intake for the City. The revenue
1377 that would be generated as a result of the rollback rate, would be \$46MM., a little over
1378 \$46MM.

1379 One of the things that we also want to communicate, in the event that we move
1380 forward with the millage rate that is., Staff is recommending, it would generate about
1381 \$50MM, however, \$5.6MM of that is paid to the CRA in their tax increment value, and
1382 about \$750,000 is transferred into the Major Disaster Fund. By establishing the maximum
1383 millage rate, you do have the ability to reduce the millage rate. One of the things to
1384 Councilperson McCoy's point, in the event that the Council wishes for Staff to present a
1385 budget based on the maximum millage rate or that 8.2 millage rate that's proffered, it is
1386 something that we can look to share with you as part of the budget discussions that we
1387 will be having with the Council. The impact, the revenue impact's about \$1.7MM, in the
1388 event that we would look to institute that reduced millage rate.

1389 Staff has started beginning going through the budget process, and I can tell you
1390 that the deficit going into Fiscal Year 2021 is approximately \$4.3MM. Virtually every
1391 sector of our business models as it relates to., or our business relationships as it relates
1392 to health insurance, property and liability, we're seeing double digit increases. We're also
1393 seeing revenues., our revenue projections are down about thirty percent. And so, Staff
1394 is looking to make some, some tough choices and ultimately per Charter to provide the
1395 City Council with a budget that is consistent with the millage rate that we are requesting
1396 for the, the Board to set, that maximum millage rate.

1397 But, in the event that the Board says you would like to see two variations of
1398 budgets, that's something that we can work on and to provide that to you. We know that

1399 it's been a point of discussion in our community for quite a bit of time, as to how we can
1400 effectively reduce expenditures, as well as reduce the millage rate. And so, there's plans
1401 that we are putting in place to right size the organization and to make us a little bit more
1402 leaner, a little bit more efficient and this particular crisis is, is making us look at the way
1403 in which we do business differently. So, we are going to prepare the, the budget with
1404 some reductions, as well as providing for a pathway forward as to how do we become
1405 more fiscally sustainable on the long terms because we're not seeing the economic
1406 growth and the redevelopment in our community that's essential for our, our tax base to
1407 go up. In addition to, we have some concerns with regards to the commercial industries
1408 being impacted because we actually feel the impact in arrears. So what we're gonna do
1409 is, this year, we've seen a 6.7 percent increase. Next year, flat is considered the new up
1410 and so you may not really feel impact the until, you know, 2023 is where you can possibly
1411 see revenues being impacted on the ad valorem side. But the good thing is, we have
1412 very diversified funding streams and we're not completely reliant on the ad valorem
1413 revenue as most, for instance the county, probably about seventy percent of their revenue
1414 is predicated on ad valorem value.

1415 So, Staff is recommending that we adopt the millage rate as levied as previous
1416 years, but if it's the pleasure of the Board, we can bring you a budget that accomplishes
1417 the millage rates that was proffered by Councilman McCoy.

1418 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Miller-Anderson.

1419 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Is it po'.., I know it is possible to look at bringing
1420 a budget back with, like, half a mill and then one with a full mill?

1421 **City Manager Evans:** Yes. We, we can, we can, if, if the Board, if it's the pleasure
1422 of the Board, we can actually bring it down, you know, by quarters to show what it would
1423 look like and the impact as a result of that. We, we can definitely do that.

1424 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Yeah. That would be good.

1425 [Inaudible comment]

1426 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** And, yeah. I'm fine with making it.., with the
1427 approval tonight for the maximum being set at that, and then obviously we can make it
1428 lower when have our discussions. And we're starting that when? Our budget
1429 discussions?

1430 **City Manager Evans:** Our, our discussions commence in August. I will be sending
1431 the, the Board a updated budget calendar, no later by the end of this week.

1432 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Thank you.

1433 **Chairperson Botel:** Any other... Mr. McCoy.

1434 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Councilwoman from
1435 the 2nd District. That's exactly what I wanted to hear from the body. You know, by no

1436 means do I wanna tie the Manager's or Administration's hand when it comes to a budget
1437 because that is their role to present us with a budget for us to approve, but I want us to
1438 begin to think outside the box.

1439 And, Mr. Evans, this is just my personal belief and it's not representative of the
1440 Council, but I would like to see, obviously there's a initiative across the country to defund
1441 the police. Let me tell you something, [chuckle], you know where I was out at 6:00 o'clock
1442 this morning, so I certainly respect our Riviera Beach Finest and the work that they do,
1443 but I really wanna see that we can take a very thorough and intense look at how we
1444 budget for police spending. And I..., let me tell you something, apparently I must have
1445 missed the invitation for the, the bicycle event but I lit'.., did see our... Is something
1446 funny?

1447 **Chairperson Botel:** [Stammer], you, you could'.., you coulda been there on a
1448 tricycle or, you know. We talked about this.

1449 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, you know, it was so great to see our officers... Actually, I
1450 seen them...

1451 **Chairperson Botel:** What?

1452 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...yesterday, out in the community on their bikes. And this is,
1453 like, the real emphasis of where I wanna see our City dollars spent. When they're riding
1454 up to, to people in the community, just on a fellowship. I, I wanna see that we're less the
1455 old, old SWAT and very tactical unit, and obviously we need it, right? But, more in the
1456 community base and I thought that was very..., I mean, that was very reinforcing that it, it
1457 does work when we have a community and individuals in our community that really
1458 respect. And I tell you, our, our policing unit, Sergeant Menard, Officers Terrell and Officer
1459 [inaudible], who I seen yesterday were suited and they were actually in the neighborhood,
1460 so I can really appreciate that. And that goes to the point, Mr. Evans, I, I don't.., and
1461 again, I don't wanna tie your hands, I just really wanted us to think, and bring back us
1462 something that can really support where we are as a City and where we're moving as a
1463 country overall because I think it really helps if we're proactive on the front end, as
1464 opposed to, you know, doing all of the backend stuff that doesn't always equate to, you
1465 know the situations. And, perhaps we don't need to support an initiative like
1466 Councilwoman Lanier's because we're taking care of, taking care of it on the front end,
1467 and we don't need to do, you know the backend where we have individuals that are
1468 suffering from.., or victims of gun violence and, and being arrested in that criminal justice
1469 system. Certainly, I think it's needed, but I would much rather put those resources on the
1470 front end.

1471 So, Mr. Evans, by no means am I taking any kind of.., any, any offense to what
1472 you presented. I just really want us to think outside of, out of the box when it comes to
1473 creating a budget this year.

1474 So, I will withdraw my motion that I offered and allow the Manager to put together
1475 a spending plan in the millage rate. So, I yield back.

1476 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Lanier.

1477 **Councilperson Lanier::** Yeah. I also, too, [stammer], Mr. Evans, to take a look at the,
1478 the disaster fund annual required contribution. You know, I wanna see if we can adjust,
1479 adjust that, if we can, to support to more acquisition of, of major fixed assets, Fire
1480 Department, Fleet. You know, what can we do to look at..., look at that fund, and also to
1481 put that funding in towards, in towa'..., towards major fixed assets because we really
1482 understand that as we're moving forward here, we know that this economy is not going
1483 to sustain itself based on how we are going now. We know that, given the number of...
1484 I mean, and, and everything kind of circles back to COVID-19, the fact that we are looking
1485 at a major economic, financial meltdown for this country, which means it's going to trickle
1486 down to this community. So, we need to look at a lot of other options that were not
1487 normally on the table. So, if we can have some look to, to look at that disaster fund and
1488 the annual contribution to that, so that we can be able to look at other options. Given the
1489 fact that we are going into a atmosphere, and a financial atmosphere, that is not going to
1490 bode well for small communities like ours.

1491 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Miller-Anderson and...

1492 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I just wanted to make a comment and piggyback
1493 on Mr. McCoy speaking about the officers being on the bicycles. On yesterday, I..., on my
1494 Ring alert, I saw something where someone posted over in..., they live in Villa Rosa, and
1495 they said they see policemen riding around on..., riding around on bicycles so they're trying
1496 to find out what was going on. You know, I think they thought something major, you know,
1497 some kinda crime was going on. So, we definitely need to do a little more of that so they
1498 don't think it's a problem [chuckle] when they see our officers out there on the bicycles,
1499 but they definitely saw them. So, it, it's working.

1500 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Anyone else before we...

1501 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, Madam Chair...

1502 **Chairperson Botel:** I, I just... I'm sorry. I wanted to thank Mr. McCoy for raising
1503 this issue. I think it's been many, many years that we've been talking about trying to get
1504 the millage rate down and I would appreciate it, very much, if we could have a series of,
1505 of budget proposals that would show us what the affect would be for..., at a variety of
1506 levels. So, thank you, Mr. McCoy and thank you, Mr. Evans, for being willing to do that
1507 for us.

1508 Any..., Mr. McCoy, you had something to say?

1509 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I just..., Madam Chair, I wanted to remind you that I did
1510 the whole thing that I said, did offer to withdraw my motion. I just wanted to have the
1511 discussion. I think we've gotten to that point but I move to approve the Resolution as
1512 presented.

1513 **Chairperson Botel:** And she se'..., appr'..., she seconds. [Inaudible].

1514 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah.

1515 **Chairperson Botel:** That was a yes. Okay. Did we have to vote on removing...,
 1516 on, on removing the first motion or are we okay with just accepting...

1517 **Unk.:** [Inaudible].

1518 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. We're good. So, unless there's anything else, are we
 1519 ready to call the question? Yes. Madam Clerk.

1520 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1521 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

1522 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

1523 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1524 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

1525 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

1526 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

1527 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

1528 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

1529 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

1530 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

1531 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – 7:30 P.M. – NON AGENDA ITEM SPEAKERS**
 1532 **(Three Minute Limitation)**

1533 **Chairperson Botel:** It is 7:41. Madam Clerk, do we have public comments?

1534 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, can you read the statement into the record,
 1535 please?

1536 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes, I can, if we have them. [Pause]. Sorry.

1537 **Chairperson Botel:** **PUBLIC COMMENTS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO**
 1538 **ISSUES, MATTERS OR TOPICS PERTINENT TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.**
 1539 **PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED RULES OF**
 1540 **DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC COMMENT DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS.**
 1541 **PUBLIC COMMENTS SHALL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. UNLESS THERE'S NO FURTHER**
 1542 **BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WHICH, IN THAT EVENT, IT SHALL BEGIN**
 1543 **SOONER. IN ADDITION, IF AN ITEM IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 7:30 P.M., THEN**

1544 **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ITEM HAS**
1545 **BEEN CONCLUDED.**

1546 **ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO COMMENT PUBLICLY ON ANY**
1547 **MATTER, INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, SHALL SUBMIT THEIR**
1548 **COMMENTS BY EMAIL TO CITY CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY AT**
1549 **PUBLICCOMMENTS@RIVIERABEACH.ORG. THE EMAIL SHALL CONTAIN THE**
1550 **APPLICABLE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS, ALONG WITH THE PRECISE WORDING**
1551 **TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD. EXPLICIT LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE READ.**
1552 **EMAILS WITHOUT APPLICABLE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS WILL BE READ UNDER**
1553 **THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION. BE ADVISED, PUBLIC COMMENTS**
1554 **WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR EACH APPLICABLE ITEM AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**
1555 **COMMENT SECTION UNTIL CLOSURE IS ANNOUNCED BY THE CHAIRPERSON**
1556 **OR CITY CLERK.**

1557 **ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES AND SUBMITTED COMMENTS ARE AND WILL BE**
1558 **PUBLIC RECORD. THE CITY CLERK OR DESIGNEE WILL READ PUBLIC**
1559 **COMMENTS INTO THE RECORD AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR NO MORE**
1560 **THAN THREE MINUTES.**

1561 **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**
1562 **AT (561) 845-4090 OR EMAIL CROBINSON@RIVIERABEACH.ORG.**

1563 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comments for the
1564 general public comment section is now closed.

1565 Ms. Hall.

1566 **Ms. D. Hall:** The public comment comes from Norman Adams, nbaxox@aol.com.

1567 To Riviera Beach City Council, I understand you selected the incumbents to repeat
1568 as City Auditor. Please respond to the following questions. Why did you select the firm
1569 that scored last in the ranking process, carried out by the Audit Committee? How will the
1570 state government, that now requires the City to have an Audit Committee feel about you
1571 choosing HCT? How much does that firm, or any of its partners contribute to each of you
1572 when you last ran for Council? What were the dollars bid by each firm? Do each of you
1573 personally know any partners or employees of HCT? If so, who and for how long? Where
1574 was HCT when certain previous Council Members used some of the City's monies as
1575 their personal piggybank? Why shouldn't each member of the Audit Committee feel that
1576 we wasted our time?

1577 I hate to think that something smells in their selection. Please dissuade me.

1578 Madam Chair, that's the end of public comments.

1579 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Evans, do you wanna answer any of that or,
1580 I mean, I don't know how you wanna handle that.

1581 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, that Item is actually going through a bid protest
1582 process, so I certainly would refrain from any comments associated with it and let it work
1583 its way through the, the...

1584 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

1585 **City Manager Evans:** ...course.

1586 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1587 **8. Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 8.

1588 **City Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 60-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE
1589 CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE
1590 MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT
1591 AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY
1592 LOCATED AT 1920 W. BLUE HERON BLVD., PALM BEACH COUNTY PCN 56-43-42-
1593 30-25-001-0000, (TRACT '1' OF BLUE HERON WALGREENS, ACCORDING TO THE
1594 PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 84, PAGE 179, OF THE PUBLIC
1595 RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA) FROM FSADECV FL C4 LLC IN
1596 THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
1597 (\$2,400,000) PLUS CLOSING COSTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A
1598 NEW FIRE STATION TO REPLACE THE CITY'S FIRE RESCUE STATION 88;
1599 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
1600 FOR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR SAID PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE
1601 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE PAYMENT OF TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED
1602 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,400,000) PLUS CLOSING COSTS FROM PROJECT
1603 NUMBER 18034 UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT;
1604 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1605 **DAWN WYNN, CITY ATTORNEY, (561) 845-3454**

1606 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Council, the acceptance of
1607 public comments on this Item is now closed.

1608 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would a Member care to make a motion on this
1609 question?

1610 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, I offer to counteroffer at \$2MM.

1611 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle]. Thank you, Mr. McCoy.

1612 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I, I., I'm, I'm sorry. I was..., I was just... I'm, I'm glad I
1613 got a response form the Manager and also a facial expression from the Attorney. I'm just
1614 kidding. I'm, I'm sure...

1615 **Unk.:** [Inaudible].

1616 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...they did good work on this. I was just joking. So I move to
1617 approve as presented.

1618 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

1619 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Are there public comments, Madam Clerk?

1620 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, there are no public comments.

1621 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Do we have a presentation by Ms. Wynn?

1622 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, I'll actually be making the presentation, and
1623 then Chief Curd will speak on the Fire operational side and then Ms. Busby can speak on
1624 the legal elements contained in the Agenda Item.

1625 City Staff is recommending approval of the Resolution to authorize the Mayor and
1626 City Clerk to execute the Purchase and Sales Agreement for an acquisition of the property
1627 located at 1920 West Blue Heron, referred to as the Walgreens site. When City Staff
1628 looked at the opportunity to construct a, a Fire Station 88, principally it was identified to
1629 reconstruct the facility in an existing location at 1663 West Blue Heron. But Chief Curd
1630 and I had some conversations about what is the optimal location and what can provide
1631 for fire services, not just today but also looking at a fifty year plan. Based on the site that
1632 has already been identified for Fire Station 88, as soon as we were to move forward with
1633 the construction of that site and open that site, it would already be at capacity. So, we
1634 looked at the opportunity that has been afforded to us at the Walgreens site. This
1635 particular facility can accommodate the Fire Station..., a Fire Station that can serve us for
1636 well over fifty years. It also provides additional capacity to be able to have some flex
1637 space, move professional offices as it relates to Fire Administration and also provide a...,
1638 an ops function in the event of our EOC having our operations sections report and, and
1639 effectuate any response in the event of a disaster. So, we've taken a look at this particular
1640 property. We had an appraisal done on the property. There was two appraisals that were
1641 conducted, one came in, and I think at around one point..., or \$2.1MM and the other one
1642 was at \$2.4MM. We then went back and had conversations with the property owners and
1643 they were deadset on the \$2.4MM. And we still believe that that is a, a excellent
1644 investment and a great site for Fire Station 88.

1645 In the event that the Council gives us authorization to move forward with this,
1646 closing will be scheduled on or before August 19th. However, some other things that are
1647 germane to the process is that we would have to get a Future Land Use Map and Zoning
1648 Map Amendments because currently it is commercial general, and we would need to
1649 change that to community facilities. So, prior to issuing any type of development order or
1650 any type of construction, we would have to have a Comp Plan amendment, as well as
1651 Zoning Map, and so it would have to go betwee'..., before the Planning & Zoning Board,
1652 as well as the City Council for first and second reading. The City Attorney's office has
1653 provided notice as stipulated in the Code of Ordinance, the Planning & Zoning Board that
1654 the City's desire is to move forward with the acquisition of this particular parcel.

1655 At this particular moment, I would like for Chief Curd to talk about some of the Fire
1656 elements and, and what we would look to be able to do if we are able to secure this site.
1657 One of the things that has been expressed by this Board is the concerns of Blue Heron
1658 and Congress, and having some issues with regards to individuals traversing that
1659 roadway, and I would say to the Council that by locating the Fire Station at 1920 West
1660 Blue Heron, we can then push on the state and the county for intersection improvements,
1661 as there is a Public Safety facility there so I think we can actually make that intersection
1662 more safe for pedestrians, as well as motorist at that particular intersection should we be
1663 able to provide service.

1664 At this time, I'm gonna turn it over to Chief Curd to speak on the Fire side, and then
1665 Ms. Busby is on the meeting as well to provide any legal explanation with regards to the
1666 Purchase and Sales Agreement. Chief Curd.

1667 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** Good evening, Mayor Council. Chief Curd, Interim Fire Chief.

1668 I, I just wanna have a conversation about what a Fire Station should look like and
1669 what a Fire Station should be built for considering what the next fifty years is gonna look
1670 like, 'cause this truly will be a fifty year decision. Originally, the property where existing
1671 Fire Station 88 was located, was our only option. We tried to obtain some properties from
1672 the School Board to the West of that property and we also looked at areas behind that
1673 property to build a fully functioning Fire Station. And to no avail, we were unable to
1674 acquire those properties. So simply, we were working with the area that we were given.
1675 It was very tight. The area to enter the station would've been off of Avenue S, which
1676 woulda posed some problems when school was, you know, coming in, in the morning and
1677 letting out.

1678 When the property became available over on the, the Walgreen site, Mr. Evans
1679 had me and Staff do some research on what that site would look like as far as response
1680 from a Fire Rescue standpoint. We've reached out to Palm Beach County Fire Rescue;
1681 we've done time response analysis and we've actually determined that we would actually
1682 decrease our response time by being at that location. While it's marginal, it is a decrease
1683 in response time. However, what's more important is what that property is gonna allow
1684 us to build moving forward.

1685 Fifty years ago, we didn't have ambulances in the Fire Station, we didn't respond
1686 to HAZMAT calls, we didn't respond to active shooter calls, we didn't have special rescue
1687 operations. I don't know what the next fifty years will look like in the fire service, but I can
1688 tell you over the last six months, it will lend to us being a community partner to provide
1689 whether it be vaccine'.., vaccinations to the community, or some type of a community
1690 health program and we're looking at the new facility. It'll give us space to have some type
1691 of pseudo-clinic in the lobby for community, should vaccinations be needed, it'll give us a
1692 little bit more space to operate as a EOC for fire operations during times of disaster, it'll
1693 also give us room for growth should that come in the next fifty years, and allow for a
1694 widening and enlarging of, of the floor plan so that we can provide the employees with
1695 the room and space that we've needed.., that we need. If we learned anything from
1696 COVID-19, we have learned that we will have to build and design our buildings differently

1697 and I do believe that this property is in the best interest of the City and Fire Rescue moving
1698 forward in that fifty year decision.

1699 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1700 **City Manager Evans:** Chief Curd, if, if I may? I'm going to Madam Chair. I'm going
1701 to share my screen and allow for Chief Curd to kinda walk through some of the, you know,
1702 basic interior elements and how the site will work with regards to this. 'Cause I think it's
1703 important for the public, as well as the, the Council to, to see it and hear from Chief Curd,
1704 you know, how we plan to site this particular station. So.

1705 [Pause]

1706 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** So, what we're looking at here is the property on the corner of
1707 the Walgreens station. And, what we have determined is that we are gonna be working,
1708 as we build this station, to be able to have our units respond out onto Blue Heron. Now,
1709 just to the east of where we would respond out from, we are gonna have a controlled
1710 intersection. We've also had Mr. Bailey reach out to DOT, I've reached out to members
1711 of Palm Beach County and there is a preemption and priority lighting system, which
1712 actually is gonna help us control that intersection, it's gonna give us the ability to come
1713 out onto Blue Heron, move west to our western community, which is growing and we're
1714 seeing an increase in call volume or simply cross the median, in which we're gonna be
1715 working with the DOT to provide that crossing in the median, similar to what you see at
1716 the old Station 88, to allow us to move east on Blue Heron. We'll also have control of the
1717 intersection to go north and south on Congress to address those areas, and that
1718 community's growth both north and south of Congress, whether it be Thousand Oaks,
1719 Marsh Harbor, Villa Rosa or any of the other communities that have been built out and,
1720 and have increased our call volume in that Congress corridor.

1721 This is gonna be a five bay station. This is gonna allow for an engine, a rescue
1722 and a Chief Officer to be able to respond. It's also gonna provide us with an additional
1723 bay where we can have spare apparatus located on the western side of our community.
1724 It's going to have what is gonna be known as a clean station concept. This is similar to
1725 what we were gonna build with 88 on its existing property, however, this larger footprint
1726 is gonna give us a better opportunity to provide showers and facilities for both our male
1727 and female firefighters. This is also gonna provide the ability for us to be able to have a
1728 training room, west of the tracks. It is gonna provide us with office space, not only for the
1729 officers at that station, but also a second story which is gonna provide for offices for City
1730 Administration..., Fire Administration, excuse me, and also members of the operational
1731 EOC.

1732 So, this is a fully functioning five bay station where each firefighter now will have
1733 its..., their own bunkroom. There will be individual restrooms. The, the days of conjugal
1734 restrooms of just that large male and female bathroom, with a female and male locker
1735 room is coming to an end. I have to look at what the next fifty years is gonna look like. It
1736 may be gender neutral, it may be nongender specific. We may not have male or female
1737 restrooms, we just simply will have restrooms. There will be a toilet, a shower and a sink

1738 that is all contained within one restroom to accommodate anyone, regardless of their
1739 identities or genders. It is also gonna allow us to be able to have a bit of a flex space.
1740 We do know we have some concerns with Fire Station 89 out at Military Trail, we are
1741 working diligently with the Department of Veteran Affairs to extend that lease on that
1742 property but in the event that that property is no longer available to us, this station will
1743 allow us to bring those individuals in while we look at options and alternatives.

1744 But as you can see the rendering, we think it's gonna be a, a key element when
1745 coming into the City, it is gonna be able to house not only spare apparatus to keep some
1746 of these valuable apparatus out of the wind, rain and sun but it's gonna allow us to also
1747 have a command element west of the tracks, while maintaining our current element east
1748 of the tracks. So, it's gonna be a very unique station, it's gonna be the first of its kind in
1749 the State of Florida and we think it's gonna be a staple in the fire service for what fire
1750 stations should look like in Florida..

1751 [Pause]

1752 **City Manager Evans:** And Madam Chair, that concludes our presentation, unless
1753 there's any questions for Ms. Busby on the, the legal side or the Planning & Zoning side,
1754 Staff is prepared to answer any questions the Board may have.

1755 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Lanier first, and then Mr. Lawson. [Pause].
1756 You're, you're muted, Ms. Lanier.

1757 **Councilperson Lanier:** I, I wanted to say that I, I like this project. I like the fact that,
1758 reading the backup, it being the only Category 5 building that we may have in this City,
1759 the fact that [stammer] aesthetically speaking, this is how our buildings are supposed to
1760 look going forward. I like the fact that it has a high level of functionality to it, that there is
1761 some other operations that can happen in this particular building. And, when the person
1762 gets off of I-95, coming into the City, looking at something that is pleasantly, you know,
1763 pleasant to the eye and going down through our City to be able to put something on... I
1764 know Councilman McCoy has always talked about looking at Blue Heron Boulevard and
1765 getting off of I-95 and seeing apartments here, gas stations here, this over here, this over
1766 here. So, having something that is going to bring some type of appearance to the City,
1767 especially a building that is functional and a building that we need in terms of, of providing
1768 services to our residents. So I certainly approve and appreciate the fact that we are
1769 moving forward with this.

1770 What I also want to say as well that, you know, moving forward with all of our
1771 facilities, that we also need to be looking at the, the land and the, the properties that the
1772 City owns, to be able to build our own buildings. So, with that being said, I, I approve of
1773 this project and I'm, I'm looking forward to seeing how it's going to look and how it's going
1774 to fit into how we do business with the City. And also, that it looks good coming off of I-
1775 95.

1776 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. McCoy.

1777 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm sorry. Am I being asked a question?

1778 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

1779 **Councilperson McCoy:** I didn't...

1780 **Chairperson Botel:** No. I thought you had your hand... I., did you not have your
1781 hand raised earlier?

1782 **Councilperson McCoy:** No, ma'am.

1783 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm just so...

1784 **Councilperson McCoy:** No, ma'am.

1785 **Chairperson Botel:** ...used to calling on you and looking for you have an opinion.
1786 [Chuckle]. I, I [inaudible]... Did anybody else...

1787 **Councilperson McCoy:** I mean it is in District 1 side.

1788 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Lawson. Mr. Lawson.

1789 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

1790 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Lawson.

1791 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Evans, I wanted to discuss just
1792 a few concerns that I have with the project because I've been adamant since we got into
1793 office with buying buildings, developing and just beautifying our community. I think it's
1794 gonna be a beautification of our community by actually building something on this corner
1795 that's been vacant for so long. My concerns and my hesitation is, that we're gonna be
1796 taking between fifty and \$60,000 annually off of our tax roll by actually purchasing this lot
1797 and then building a Public Works building, or a Fire Station there.

1798 The second concern is that, like Councilwoman Lanier stated, we do have a lot of
1799 land throughout the community, but we don't have any of this prime real estate that's on
1800 some of those main corridors. So., and then the last point is, to the current state of affairs
1801 of what we're experiencing right now. With this COVID crisis, that this pandemic that no
1802 one has ever experienced in their lifetime, it's a concern that I foresee with my profession,
1803 a recession coming and in a community that's gonna be devastated by what's gonna
1804 happen over the next one to two years.

1805 So, with that stated, I don't foresee any major companies, corporations,
1806 businesses, restaurants, anything coming to that corridor in the near future just because
1807 it's gonna be limited in regards to social distancing, in regards to space, opportunity, office
1808 space. So, I think it is definitely a good buy. My issue with the purchase price is, its
1809 reflective upon a, a parcel of land and a fifteen thousand square foot building, which is
1810 essentially obsolete to us 'cause we'll be going onto the land and tearing it down and then
1811 rebuilding. So, the two questions I have are, what is gonna be the cost, our estimated
1812 cost to build this big house as, as we call it for this parcel. And then, in addition to that,

1813 can we put together an idea and a proposal for eliminating Station 89 on Military and
1814 utilizing this big house as the one station to represent Military and Station 88 by simply...,
1815 I think I spoke to Chief Curd in a, a meeting, by simply placing ambulance, paramedics
1816 and other of the first responders throughout the community on that west side, that I know
1817 it's gonna extend the time of travel by about a minute and a half, is what I think Chief Curd
1818 said in our facilities meeting.

1819 So, if we can implement that, eliminating some cost, eliminating 88's selling the
1820 land over it, 87, I believe that's in front of Barracuda Bay, and, and bringing some more
1821 resources back to the City. Possibly looking at... We talk about Barracuda Bay, possibly
1822 visiting that idea and selling that entire parcel and maybe working on a P3 project or
1823 partnering with someone? Because, with our new facilities, we have the option of actually
1824 building a similar project to Barracuda Bay that is actually costing us money and make
1825 something more cost effective.

1826 So, I would be definitely in supportive of this if we could provide some, some
1827 revenue to offset the \$50,000 to \$60,000 we'll lose on the tax roll, eliminating some
1828 additional overhead, like, that's on Military and being very cautious with our spending
1829 because I do know that if this market does crash, they may be inclined to that \$2MM offer
1830 that Councilman McCoy stated. So, but I do see that is an amazing buy because even in
1831 the recession, it was still selling at \$2.8MM. I think, in the down market it was around
1832 \$3MM, so you're getting it at a very good price but I wanna make sure we address all the
1833 financial aspects attached to the property.

1834 **City Manager Evans:** And, and...

1835 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1836 **City Manager Evans:** ...Councilman Lawson, your, your point is, is well taken.
1837 When we did look at properties, we did identify this because of its location, it's prominence
1838 and, and its ideal location to be able to effectuate fire response and, and emergency
1839 response in our community.

1840 The..., to your point with regards to the Station 89 on Military, this Station is going
1841 to be built to be able to accommodate, in the event that the VA says we're not going to
1842 enter into a extension with the lease agreement, this Station can effectively accommodate
1843 that fire company and that ambulance company to come over there and provide service.
1844 In the event that we had to ever shut down Station 87 at City Hall because of whatever
1845 issue, this Station can accommodate that. One of the things that we have spoken at the
1846 Staff level, is we would like to have community discussions with regards to what fire
1847 service will look like in..., off of that Military Trail because I can tell you, and the Chief will
1848 agree, is one of the most contentious items you could ever do is put a fire station in or
1849 take a fire station out.

1850 And so, we, we do want to have those conversations but also, as we see
1851 development that's happening, Arbor Parc, and even the development that is
1852 contemplated over by the Rapids to see if, as part of the agreement, if there's a track of

1853 land that can be provided to us from the developers to be able to look at a long term
1854 solution for how fire services will be provided. But nothing is off the table and we are
1855 looking at it holistically. So, if.., once this Station is up, in the event that the lease is no
1856 longer provided for on Military, we can move our units in there, there wouldn't be a bump
1857 in the road. Response times would be a little bit longer, however, we wouldn't have to
1858 search around for places to go ahead and, and put our Staff on. We do believe though,
1859 when you look at relocating Station 88 and you look at Barracuda Bay, one of the things
1860 that we will be having discussions with the Board at your workshop this weekend, is
1861 consolidating Barracuda Bay into a recreational facility so it's all encompassed as
1862 opposed to a one standalone facility, and we have some examples of other communities
1863 to do that. And so, if we relocate Barracuda Bay and Station 88, now you have a great
1864 corner there that can facilitate a P3 arrangement or a mix use development that creates
1865 some synergy, as well as, you know, we're always keeping our eyes on what the federal
1866 government's gonna do with the Post Office as well, 'cause that's another parcel of
1867 interest.

1868 Well, so, we're, we're looking at everything holistically but think that this is probably
1869 that.., the one opportunity we have to really control that corner because I think a lot of us
1870 do not want some of the repurposing we have seen of some of the Walgreens throughout
1871 the community to occur there. And I know I've had some conversations with
1872 Councilperson Miller-Anderson about what is gonna go on that corner and, and what type
1873 of businesses, 'cause there's a lot of businesses that are.., a costume store comes in
1874 there and occupies it or something else, and this is really, I think, a, a staple facility that
1875 we can have in the City, as well as making the improvements on that intersection that I
1876 believe all the Council Members have expressed some concerns about the pedestrian
1877 concerns that we have on that intersection. Having a Fire Station there, we can easily
1878 push back on, on DOT and, and the county to help us make some improvements to make
1879 that intersection a lot safer and, and be able to accommodate what we're trying to
1880 accomplish.

1881 So, as we have the discussions, Councilman, we certainly are looking at all
1882 different ways to accommodate and address the concerns that you have. And then, we
1883 know we only have limited time as it relates to the Station 88, the temporary station on
1884 the Public Safety site, 'cause that is borrowed time. And so, one of the challenges and,
1885 and the Chief has, has provided email correspondence and I've shared that with you,
1886 those confined spaces just don't work in a COVID era at this particular moment, and, and
1887 moving into the future.

1888 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you...

1889 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1890 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...Mr. Evans. I'm, I'm definitely... I'm sorry, Madam Chair,
1891 follow up to my quest'...

1892 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead. Yep.

1893 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** The..., I'm definitely adamant about us getting this and moving
1894 forward and quickly with it. It's just offsetting some of the revenue that we would be losing,
1895 based on taking it off the tax roll. What is the lease agreement amount, annual amount
1896 for Station 89?

1897 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** There's, there's no cost to the lease agreement. That was
1898 part of the original VA construction. And I think, at one time, it greatly benefitted them to
1899 have a Fire Department on their property. The building was built for us, there is no cost
1900 to the lease agreement, we're just required to maintain and upkeep the building. There's
1901 about six to seven years left on that lease agreement and Ms. Pemsel's working diligently,
1902 we might even have to work through Mr. Hastings or somebody up in..., higher up in
1903 government to really get the VA to give us an answer. However, it's so far out in the
1904 future, nobody really wants to make a decision on what they're gonna do with that property
1905 seven years from now.

1906 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. Yeah.

1907 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Anything...

1908 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...I definitely...

1909 **Chairperson Botel:** ...else, Mr. Lawson?

1910 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair.

1911 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

1912 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I definitely, Mr. Evans, would, would love to see us move
1913 forward with this, this project because I think that that just renovation and then your idea
1914 of, of doing something with 88, Barracuda Bay and that corner station, is just gonna
1915 revitalize Broadway like we discussed, trying to make this corridor entering into the City
1916 beautified and having the buildings that actually represent this beautiful City.

1917 So, I'm definitely in support of it and just moving forward just to offset some of the
1918 revenue we're going to lose.

1919 **City Manager Evans:** Yeah. And, and, Councilman Lawson, to your point, if we're
1920 able to effectively relocate Barracuda Bay on our, on our, one of our recreational sites,
1921 you're talking about a two acre tract of land that is highly desirable for redevelopment of
1922 the downtown core.

1923 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. Thank you, Mr. Evans. Thank you, Madam Chair.

1924 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Lanier.

1925 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted to say that, you know, of course with it being the
1926 Fire Department, it is a issue of, of health and safety at this point, to be able to make sure
1927 that we are, are responsive to the needs of the residents here in the City.

1962 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

1963 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

1964 **9. Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 8., 9. Excuse me. 9.

1965 **City Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 61-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE
1966 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,
1967 FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN
1968 AGREEMENT FOR PERSONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA
1969 BEACH AND ANGELIA GAMBLE TO PROVIDE LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE
1970 AREA OF LITIGATION AND CLAIMS; COMPENSATION SHALL BE AT AN HOURLY
1971 RATE OF PAY AND SHALL NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR
1972 ONE (1) YEAR WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT AN ADDITIONAL
1973 TWELVE (12) MONTHS; THE SAME TO BE PAID FROM THE PROFESSIONAL
1974 SERVICES-OTHER ACCOUNT NO. 10116101-531000 AND PROVIDING AN
1975 EFFECTIVE DATE.

1976 **DAWN WYNN, CITY ATTORNEY, (561) 845-3454**

1977 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comments on this
1978 Item is now closed.

1979 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would a Member care to make a motion to...

1980 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So moved.

1981 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1982 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

1983 **Chairperson Botel:** Second?

1984 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Second.

1985 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Are there any public comments on this topic?

1986 **City Clerk Anthony:** No, Madam Chair, Members of the Council.

1987 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Evans, who's making this presentation?

1988 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, this is a presentation by the City Attorney.

1989 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Wynn.

1990 **City Attorney Wynn:** Good evening, Madam Chair, Members of Council, Mayor
1991 Felder.

1992 This Resolution requests authorization to enter into a personal services agreement
1993 with Ms. Gamble, not to exceed \$50,000. The City Attorney's office is not asking for
1994 additional funding to add'..., be added to its budget, this is a budgeted expense, it's already
1995 in our budget. The total budget for the Department is \$865,000 and we've only spent
1996 \$738,000. And that means that we're coming to the end of this budget year well under
1997 budget. The minimum salary for a legal staff assistant position, not including benefits, is
1998 \$44,150. Our previous legal staff assistant was close to \$56,000 after sixteen years with
1999 the City. And the paralegal position alone starts at \$51,955. Both of those positions have
2000 been vacant since I've been with the City, so at least for a year and a half. The Legal
2001 Department has faced significant challenges, staffing challenges over the last two years.
2002 We are budgeted for four attorneys, four full-time attorneys, including myself. And, it was
2003 only in March that we added the third attorney. Again, we're also budgeted for a full-time
2004 legal staff assistant and a paralegal.

2005 In the next upcoming budget, we have agreed to transfer out the fourth attorney
2006 position in order to help with any budget shortfall issues.

2007 I'm gonna turn it over to Ms. Busby now, just to let her talk about the staffing issues
2008 that the office of has experienced prior to my coming to the office.

2009 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair...

2010 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Busby, before you...

2011 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...I wanna stop right...

2012 **Chairperson Botel:** ...start, Mr. McCoy has a question. Mr. McCoy, go ahead.

2013 **Councilperson McCoy:** Ms. Wynn.

2014 **City Attorney Wynn:** Mhmm.

2015 **Councilperson McCoy:** That was something I had not heard of. What does that mean,
2016 you agree to transfer out? Can you provide some additional information on what that
2017 means?

2018 **City Attorney Wynn:** There are four attorneys budgeted for the Legal Department
2019 and we are..., we currently have three attorneys as you all know, and we have agreed to
2020 forego the, the, the fourth attorney. We will keep half of that salary. I think the salary
2021 budgeted for that was \$1000,000. We'll keep \$50,000 for contractual services, and
2022 transfer the other \$50,000 into, I believe, the general fund, Mr. Evans?

2023 **City Manager Evans:** Yes. What the City Att'..., what the City Attorney has offered
2024 up as part of our budget discussion is to effectively unfund a position and transfer a portion
2025 of the monies that would be allocated for that position into professional services, and then
2026 to effectively reduce their budget by at least \$50,000, not to include probably, the benefits
2027 and other ancillary perks that are provided to the employees. But that's something that
2028 will be experienced in Fiscal Year 2021. However, in Fiscal Year 2020, the City Attorney

2029 has not filled that position so we've been carrying the vacancy with the monies to be
2030 utilized for any type of expenditures that the City Attorney may need to accomplish, the
2031 items that are in her office, as far as the professional services agreement with Ms.
2032 Gamble.

2033 **City Attorney Wynn:** Thank you, Mr. Evans.

2034 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

2035 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Wynn. Ms. Busby.

2036 **Assistant City Attorney Busby:** Good evening, Chair. Good evening, Members of the
2037 City Council and Mayor Felder.

2038 I just wanted to describe to you what was going on in the office that, that explains
2039 the staffing challenges. At the end of 2019, the Legal Department, we had a full-time
2040 legal staff assistant who had been with us for about sixteen years and she abruptly had
2041 to leave and she took FMLA during that time and did not return to work. Shortly thereafter,
2042 the Department lost its paralegal and, as you know, this was during a great time of
2043 transition where Ms. Wynn was coming into the office. And, during the time, the
2044 Department had to use the temp agency just for the essential duties of that legal staff
2045 assistant. And thankfully, Ms. Wynn recruited Ms. Gamble from the county out of
2046 retirement. She had retired with over thirty years of experience, specializing in litigation
2047 and claims. When she left the county, her salary was close to \$80,000. She came into
2048 the office with no required training necessary, she successfully has been working to
2049 transition our office purely to an electronic legal office. So, I think that that is..., deserves
2050 a great amount of credit, particularly because she has reduced other expenses within the
2051 office by going purely electronic. You know, paper expenses, printer, postage and all of
2052 these kinds of antiquated expenses that legal offices used to have, we're pretty much
2053 moving away from.

2054 In addition, the Department has used Ms. Gamble..., well, initially we used her as
2055 a full-time temporary employee, however, in November, she transitioned to an
2056 independent contractor on a limited hourly basis. You know, we were doing that kind of
2057 to ..., 'cause we were expecting that we would have filled the two positions. So, we were
2058 trying to move away from our reliance on her. However, following the Local State of
2059 Emergency, the City Manager did release temporary employees and the Legal
2060 Department was forced to rely more heavily on her services. Given the state of the
2061 uncertainly with the State of Emergency and all Department personnel within the Legal
2062 Department are rotating our physical presence in the office, Ms. Gamble's legal support
2063 services, with the litigation and claims files, have become critical to the successful
2064 functioning of our legal office.

2065 Lawsuits continue to be filed, we still have to respond [chuckle] to those lawsuits ,
2066 and deadlines exist and can be quite aggressive during this time period. So, the City
2067 Attorney's office is still working as hard as it's ever been and we're committed to providing
2068 the best legal representation for the residents of the City and the City.

2069 **City Attorney Wynn:** Thank you, Ms. Busby.

2070 **Assistant City Attorney Busby:** Thank you.

2071 **City Attorney Wynn:** Okay. I was going to conclude but I see Mr. McCoy has his
2072 hand up.

2073 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Attorney, are you recognizing me in absence of the
2074 Chairperson?

2075 **City Attorney Wynn:** No.

2076 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh, there she is.

2077 **City Attorney Wynn:** I was letting the Chair.., giving the Chair a heads up because
2078 she stepped away from her camera [chuckle].

2079 [Pause]

2080 **City Attorney Wynn:** Your mic is off, Madam Chair.

2081 **Chairperson Botel:** Sorry, [inaudible]. Mr. McCoy, did you have your hand raised?

2082 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes, Madam Chair. Ms. Wynn, I wanted to ask those
2083 questions. You went through it pretty quickly, what was the budgeted amount for your
2084 Department? Did you eight seventy?

2085 **City Attorney Wynn:** The budgeted amount was eight sixty-five.

2086 **Councilperson McCoy:** And, obviously, perhaps Mr. Evans and Ms. Wynn, this was
2087 gonna be carried forward to the next year given that we maintained the millage rate, and
2088 you're saying you're going down to eight fifteen?

2089 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yeah. We're reducing it by \$50,000. Yes.

2090 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So...

2091 **City Attorney Wynn:** Thus far. I mean, we haven't looked at any other cuts. And,
2092 you know, that's a possibility, as well. And then, you know, remember, if we're carrying
2093 over.., we haven't filled those two positions so those two positions were bo'.., well, that
2094 money will roll over as well.

2095 **Councilperson McCoy:** Does it...

2096 **City Attorney Wynn:** [Inaudible]...

2097 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...actually rollover? It doesn't rollover.

2098 **City Manager Evans:** It...

2099 **Councilperson McCoy:** But, [inaudible]....

2100 **City Attorney Wynn:** Well, it's swept.

2101 **Councilperson McCoy:** I understand.

2102 **City Attorney Wynn:** I think it's swept, right? Is that the correct term? It's being
2103 swept?

2104 **City Manager Evans:** Well, it.., we're re'.., we gonna be reab'.., we're rebudgeting
2105 those particular positions back into the, the City Attorney's budget. However though, just
2106 in the spirit of full disclosure, you are gonna see an increase in the City Attorney's budget
2107 because we found legal monies that were in another department that we pulled over to
2108 the City Attorney's budget. So, just for clarity sake.

2109 **City Attorney Wynn:** Right.

2110 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy.

2111 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, thank you for clarifying that. Let me get back to
2112 my point, and I really appreciate the work that they've been doing over there. But, there's
2113 two things that I wanna say and I brought this up last year at this time.., well, last year
2114 around budget time. I think it's very admirable and noble to say that we're gonna give
2115 \$50k back into general funds to be reallocated. But, I really had this concern, Mr. Evans,
2116 and I think I shared this with you last year, at least, that obviously there are two contractual
2117 employees with the City of Riviera Beach that reports to the City Council, the Attorney
2118 and also the Manager. And, you know, uniquely, the Manager kinda oversees everything
2119 and controls the budget. But Mr. Evans, is there a way that we can kinda create an
2120 autonomy when it comes to a budget that that portion is strictly done by City Council?

2121 And, the reason that I'm suggesting that because I really had some concerns with
2122 how the classification of certain positions within that Department is done by Human
2123 Resources, when they have no specific dealings or experience, or even where how with
2124 how those departments, or even the Legal Department works and what's required of it.
2125 Obviously, Ms. Wynn has the ability to recruit and hire whom she thinks is appropriate for
2126 that office but, you know, I would like to at least give them the opportunity, going forward,
2127 you know, and, and looking at the new fiscal year, how we can, you know, perhaps I even
2128 would even venture to say keep the \$50k and, you know, maintain it at eight sixty-five or
2129 eight seventy and allow that Department directly to control her own budget as far as the
2130 classification and, and the employee salary and that sort of thing. Similar to the autonomy
2131 that you have in, in your what, almost twenty departments?

2132 **City Manager Evans:** Yeah. [Chuckle]. Ms. Wynn and I have worked very well with
2133 regards to that. And, and she does have, in fact, that autonomy with regards to, you
2134 know, bringing people onboard, selecting what appropriate compensation is, those types
2135 of things. So, when the City Attorney's office asks for, you know, we wanna bring
2136 somebody in above market, we in Administration comply with that request because it is..,
2137 we work in the confines of, of the budget but I wanna make sure that they have all the

2138 resources that the City Attorney has. And I've even..., we've even had the conversation
2139 that when, you know, there's discussions with HR, I said, well, here's the recourse if the...,
2140 if the City Attorney doesn't agree, she has the same opportunities I have to go to the
2141 Board and ask the Board for that resource.. So, you know, Staff knows that, you know,
2142 it, it is it's own, independent style operation and we do everything in our power to facilitate
2143 the City Attorney's office.

2144 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Mr. McCoy.

2145 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Mr. Evans. And, I appreciate you giving that
2146 example of Human Resources and I'm, I'm saying this because I don't ever wanna ever
2147 have to deal with this from any other department within the City. Obviously, Ms. Wynn
2148 reports to the Board, as well as the Manager. And, and I'm sorry, let me clarify that, the
2149 City Attorney reports to the Board, as well as the City Manager and I, I just wanna give
2150 her the latitude and not have to, in seven months, deal with some department coming
2151 with some creative method to try to, you know fulfill some sort of vacancies through this
2152 method, and obviously we know the value of Ms. Gamble but I, I certainly wanted to make
2153 sure that there was not gonna be an opportunity to have to revisit this across some other
2154 department which would kinda create a bad precedent. But obviously, Ms. Wynn, in just
2155 the fashion that she reports to this body, would necessarily..., would, would necessitate
2156 this need. So, that's the only reason I asked that question.

2157 I did wanna ask one question of the agreement, Ms. Wynn, if that's okay. There
2158 was a section in there, Section 19 that deals with public records.

2159 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yes.

2160 **Councilperson McCoy:** Is this something that you guys worked on jointly, or is this
2161 general, I guess is this general information about public records and...

2162 **City Attorney Wynn:** It's standard contract language. It's in all of our City contracts,
2163 as required by Florida statute.

2164 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, generally, she has to comply with the provisions of
2165 Chapter 119? When it comes to public records?

2166 **City Attorney Wynn:** She does. However, as you know, there are certain things...,
2167 documents, in the City Attorney's office that are not public records. So, if someone were
2168 to come to the City Attorney's office and ask for a specific document, she would run that
2169 by either me or Ms. Busby or Ms. Matumba first, in that order.

2170 **Councilperson McCoy:** Alright. Good enough. Thank you.

2171 **City Attorney Wynn:** Thank you. And I would also like to state that I thank Mr.
2172 Evans so much for all of his support of the Legal Department. He and I, as I've said
2173 before, work very well together and we support each other because most of us just want
2174 what's best for the City. And, you know, I think that's evident to you all in, you know, in
2175 looking at our work..., our working together.

2176 So, if there are no other questions... Oh, I see Mr. Lawson.

2177 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Lawson.

2178 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm, I'm actually in agreement, for
2179 once, with Councilman McCoy about keeping that, that budget at the level that it is right
2180 now. I do know that, with the millage rate, our budget is going to be.., our revenue's
2181 gonna actually increase because the values are going up. But if we can keep it at that
2182 point that you were at, Ms. Wynn, because I'm very pleased with the Staff that you have.
2183 Ms. Busby's been here for years and then Ms. Matumba, and then just being able to bring
2184 in this new attorney that has such amazing accolades to our City, we wanna continue to
2185 do that. So, you and Mr. Evans are doing a great job with that, working together and
2186 bringing in the right Staff for our City.

2187 So, I just wanna thank you for that and be in support of this.

2188 **City Attorney Wynn:** Thank you.

2189 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Lanier.

2190 **Councilperson Lanier:** With the Item that's being presented, I think that the City
2191 Manager and the Finance Director recommends the budget and I think that the way it
2192 stands is the way that I will vote.

2193 **Chairperson Botel:** Anyone else before we... Are we ready for the question then?
2194 [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

2195 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2196 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2197 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

2198 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2199 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

2200 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

2201 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

2202 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

2203 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

2204 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2205 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

2206 **City Attorney Wynn:** Thank you.

2207 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2208 **10. Chairperson Botel:** No. 10.

2209 **City Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 62-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE
 2210 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,
 2211 FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A TREASURY MANAGEMENT
 2212 MASTER AGREEMENT WITH SUNTRUST BANK "TRUIST BANK". TO PROVIDE
 2213 BANKING AND DEPOSITORY SERVICES FOR THE CITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE
 2214 (3) YEARS COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 WITH UP
 2215 TO TWO ANNUAL RENEWALS AT THE CITY'S OPTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY
 2216 MANAGER AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 2217 TO EXECUTE ALL BANKING DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE
 2218 PROVISION OF BANKING AND DEPOSITORY SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE
 2219 CITY MANAGER AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
 2220 SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE ADDITIONAL SERVICES AS THE CITY MANAGER MAY
 2221 DEEM APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY AT REASONABLE COSTS AND
 2222 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2223 **RANDY SHERMAN, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR,**
 2224 **(561) 845-4040**

2225 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Council, the acceptance of
 2226 public comments at this time is now closed.

2227 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would a Member care to make a motion...

2228 **Councilperson Lanier:** So moved.

2229 **Chairperson Botel:** ...[inaudible].

2230 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

2231 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Are there any public comment cards, Ms.
 2232 Anthony?

2233 **City Clerk Anthony:** No, Madam Chair.

2234 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Evans, is Mr. Sherman making this
 2235 presentation?

2236 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair. If I can have our Finance Director, Mr.
 2237 Randy Sherman make this presentation.

2238 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2239 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Good evening again,
2240 Mayor, City Council Members.

2241 This Item is requesting to enter into a Treasure Management Master Services
2242 Agreement with Truist Bank. Truist Bank is the merger and result merger of SunTrust
2243 and BB&T. Our current provider of banking services is TD Bank. They were awarded
2244 the bid back in 2016. Coincidentally enough, they beat out BB&T in RFP process and
2245 now BB&T, in conjunction with SunTrust, has now been rated higher than the TD Bank
2246 proposal. The good news on this, our current fees under TD Bank are about \$70,000 a
2247 year. Under this proposal, which was the lowest proposal of the three received, the
2248 banking fees will actually go down to about \$53,000 a year. Additionally, Truist Bank
2249 offered the highest earnings credit rate, which is the rate that the City earns for our
2250 investments with the bank. And again, the net savings for the City will be roughly about
2251 \$30,000, as compared to the, the second proposal.

2252 I would add, not that this was necessarily a consideration during the RFP selection
2253 process, [inaudible] let you know BB&T has always been there for the CRA. They've, you
2254 know, provided funding when the CRA needed money for the Marina District. And as you
2255 know, the CRA is out looking to refinance that debt and get some additional new money.
2256 And again, Truist Bank was the only proposer to their RFP.

2257 So again, we would recommend that we enter into this agreement with Truist Bank
2258 for the next three years. And I'll take...

2259 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2260 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** ...any questions that you
2261 may have.

2262 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. McCoy. [Pause]. You're, you're muted.

2263 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Sherman, you spoke briefly to
2264 suggest that the return, or I guess the interest that we earn, is more going with Truist
2265 Bank. What's that rate or what's that amount? 'Cause I didn't see that. And, I guess,
2266 can I throw a few questions at you?

2267 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Sure.

2268 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I was looking in the backup and I didn't see this but, I, I, I
2269 certainly trust that it was \$70,000 being reduced to \$53,000 but I didn't see any other
2270 proposal, then I just so happened to bank with TD Bank, and I'm only saying this because,
2271 while I understand the RFP may lay out what we're looking for as a City, was there
2272 consideration of the convenience of TD Bank compared to BB&T? Not just for the City
2273 operations but the people that we serve as vendors and also our employees?

2274 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** In answer to your first
2275 question, the earnings credit rate that Truist offered is 1.15 percent. The interest rate that
2276 was offered by the other two proposers was 1 percent. So again, they were fifteen percent

2277 higher on that earnings credit rate. Now we typically keep between ten and \$15MM in
2278 the bank on a daily basis, so that .15 is a considerable amount of money to the City. Part
2279 of the RFP process and one of the questions, is the services that they do provide to our
2280 employees. A lot of the employees, when we went to TD Bank, and I will say that I bank
2281 at TD [chuckle] Bank as well, were disappointed that they, you know were losing the plan,
2282 the employee programs that BB&T offered at the time. They really liked the pl'..., the
2283 programs that they had developed for the, the employees. TD Bank does offer programs
2284 but the employees did prefer what BB&T offered. And so again, as we convert over,
2285 employees can clearly stay with TD Bank, they can move to whichever bank again, that
2286 they choose. But BB&T and SunTrust will be offering programs to the employees. One
2287 thing that we did like about, and again, I did not sit on the committee, one thing the
2288 committee did like about Truist is, again, the BB&T location right on Broadway versus
2289 over on Congress. They actually [chuckle] thought that that was a better suited situation.
2290 I will tell you that in 2016, one of the things that really worked against BB&T as compared
2291 to TD Bank, TD Bank was more geared towards small dollar/large volume transactions,
2292 which is what, you know, the City really operates in. And, BB&T kinda struggled in that
2293 area a little. I think now that they're partnered up with SunTrust who, again, is bringing
2294 that experience to the table, I think again, that'll assist us with our business transactions
2295 going forward.

2296 I don't know if that answered your question or not but...

2297 **Councilperson McCoy:** It did. Thank you, sir.

2298 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Okay.

2299 **Chairperson Botel:** Anything else, Mr. McCoy?

2300 **Councilperson McCoy:** That's it for now. I will wait on my second opportunity if the
2301 question...

2302 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle]. Thank, thank you. Anyone else have a question
2303 for Mr. Sherman? [Pause]. I think your second opportunity has arisen, Mr. McCoy.
2304 [Pause]. Mr. McCoy?

2305 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm good. I'm sorry, I'm good. I have nothing else.

2306 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2307 **Councilperson McCoy:** I was waiting for another Member to offer but, you know...

2308 **Chairperson Botel:** I don't...

2309 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Mr. Sherman, can we get them to open the drive thru? And
2310 even open their lobby because TD Bank hasn't skipped a beat in COVID-19.

2311 [Inaudible background]

2312 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, that wasn't me but...

2313 **Chairperson Botel:** Wasn't me.

2314 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** [Chuckle].

2315 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm alone.

2316 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Chuckle]. Yeah. That, that's my only concern. And I
2317 understand...

2318 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** I...

2319 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...that this is a decision that we have to make based on the
2320 RFP. And I support it. Actually, let me ask this question though, was there any options
2321 afforded to TD Bank in their contract or was it just a three year contract?

2322 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** TD Bank did have a three
2323 plus two one's. We're actually in the process of entering into the second one year
2324 extension, which we will do as well. I'll tell you a transition of banks can take up to a year.
2325 If you think of the tail that's out there on our receivables, EMS billings, lockbox, you know,
2326 there's a lot of transitions. We have to contact federal government stakeout and get all
2327 those accounts and wirers and everything transitioned. So, yes, they will be still in place
2328 for their fifth year as well.

2329 **Councilperson McCoy:** Last question. Thank you for bringing up that lockbox. Does
2330 BB&T have somewhere local? Obviously, Riviera Beach is a stretch but I don't wanna
2331 send money outside of the relative area to process payments for utilities or anything like
2332 that.

2333 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah. It, it actually is in
2334 Orlando.

2335 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh.

2336 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** But that's, that's way
2337 [inaudible]. But, what I will say is with our new billing system and going to more electronic
2338 payments versus the lockbox, you know, that's our hope is really to eliminate a lot of that.
2339 'Cause it's an expensive process for us. But that's where their, their lockbox is located.

2340 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I remember, Mr. Sherman, that was brought up and that just
2341 makes so much sense. I mean, we have to really manage how our dollars are spent and,
2342 I mean, when that came up years ago, I just said it makes perfect...

2343 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah.

2344 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...sense to... You know, and I'm probably one of those
2345 persons that sometimes just have to put a stamp just to make sure that I'm remitting my

2346 payment but I just don't like the fact that we have to send money outside the City. But,
2347 you know, I, I guess, obviously, at thirteen thou'..., well, actually, it's a little more than that.
2348 Was that... Yeah. Thirteen..., \$17,000 difference in the annual fee, plus additional
2349 earnings on interest then, you know, so be it. But, that's, that's a..., something that we, I
2350 think as a City, and I think all of the Members kinda..., we really would like to keep our
2351 money here locally, if at all possible.

2352 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah.

2353 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I still support it and I, I appreciate the work you've done on
2354 it.

2355 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you...

2356 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Thank you.

2357 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Mr. McCoy. Ms. Lanier.

2358 **Councilperson Lanier:** No. I was just...

2359 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, just turn your mic on. I... Oh, Ms. Lawson..., Mr. Lawson.

2360 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Sherman, I've seen in other
2361 municipalities, most recently I'd say, think Atlanta, they were able to negotiate for
2362 residents, small business loans, lines of credits and beneficial opportunities for them to
2363 invest and to actually garnish funds. I see that the employees are gonna have a lot of
2364 advantages when it comes to checking accounts, credit services, financial solutions, but
2365 is there anything being passed over to the residents as well with us banking there?

2366 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** They do have under the
2367 Community Redevelopment Act that they have to invest in the communities where they
2368 operate. So, once we get them engaged in that discussion, you know, get them under
2369 contract and you start engaging them in the programs that we have, we will work our best
2370 to, to see what we can get.

2371 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I think we lose our bargaining chip with getting them on the
2372 contract and then starting negotiations for having these discussions. Because if we get
2373 them under contract and then decide to start talking about community redevelopment,
2374 in'..., incentives for our residents, they're not gonna be as inclined to offer as much as we
2375 would like to see with the contract signed. So, prior to signing this contract, is there
2376 something that we can actually get some additional information on moving forward with
2377 some additional benefits for our residents? And, even a little bit more in depth for
2378 employees 'cause, based upon this proposal I'm looking at, it's, it's really just kind of a
2379 simple opportunity for checking accounts, savings accounts and vague responses in
2380 regards to financial goals. Where I know TD was amazing with small businesses and
2381 small business lending and, and support for small businesses. So, I really wanna see
2382 some opportunities to use our, [stammer] our revenue that they're going to be making off
2383 of the income from the City, to impact the community in a deeper fashion.

2384 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Well, they already do
2385 operate here. So, they already do invest. I can pull the CRA reports, get some, some
2386 background on that.

2387 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yeah. Because this...

2388 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** [Inaudible].

2389 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...amount., this dollar... This dollar amount that...

2390 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** I'm sorry?

2391 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...we're gonna be... The dollar amount that we're gonna be
2392 transitioning over to SunTrust or Truist is gonna be substantial for their bank, and as
2393 Councilman McCoy said, I, I understand them operating out of Orlando but I really want
2394 every dollar spent to impact and, and benefit all of our residents in this community.

2395 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. Lawson.

2396 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

2397 **Chairperson Botel:** I was gonna raise'..., raise that issues because we know that Mr.
2398 Evans has on a number of occasions, raised the issue of the potential for working with a
2399 bank to offer mortgages and, and improvements loans for our citizens because of the
2400 dollar value of our, our business. So, and I agree that it's much more effective if we can
2401 do that prior to signing any contract with them, because now is the time we have the
2402 leverage. So, I'm sure that Mr. Sherman and Mr. Evans will, will take a good hard look at
2403 that.

2404 Anyone else before we ask for a vote?

2405 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted to quickly say, yeah, that, that if it wasn't a part
2406 of the RFP, we kinda lost a little leverage at that point then, but if we can move forward
2407 with these type of ideas, certainly, we can make sure that the next time we go out to bid,
2408 it's a part of the contract or part of the RFP itself.

2409 **Chairperson Botel:** Right. Ms. Miller-Anderson and then Mr. McCoy.

2410 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you. Mr. Sherman, was..., when we had
2411 the RFP before, when TD Bank got it, did we have that conversation then? Was it in their
2412 RFP to do these things that are being asked of now?

2413 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** We ask..., we ask for their
2414 CRA reports. So, you know, the..., we do get the ability to find out what they are investing
2415 in. How many we can..., and what it'll tell you is, how many loans they have, how many
2416 mortgages they carry and all those types of things within the community. When we did
2417 go to TD Bank we did have the conversation with the rep'..., excuse me, with the rep at
2418 the meeting about additional commitment, which again, you know, they're all ha'..., they're

2419 all happy to do as long as it's within their, you know, their [inaudible]. So, if we bring
2420 programs to them, I think, you know, we'll get a positive response back.

2421 But, I think as, as Councilperson Lanier mentioned that, you know, it's kinda tough.
2422 It's not.., it wasn't in the RFP to, to negotiate anything like that. But again, we'll have that
2423 open conversation with them.

2424 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. That's why I was asking if it was in the
2425 last RFP when...

2426 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah.

2427 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...I, I vaguely.., I recall being there, on the
2428 Board, when we did that but I couldn't remember if that was in the RFP when we met
2429 before on the one with TD Bank., I know there was a little dispute between BB&T and
2430 TD Bank but couldn't recall if we had it in the RFP before.

2431 Okay. Thank you.

2432 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy.

2433 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Ms., Councilwoman Miller-
2434 Anderson, also Councilwoman Lanier, I, I think that's very important. But, Ms. Wynn and
2435 Mr. Sherman, don't all of our contracts provide us the option to terminate? Provided we
2436 give notice?

2437 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Oh yeah.

2438 **Councilperson McCoy:** And, that's certainly not what I'm trying to suggest to leverage,
2439 and I know that maybe probably tuning in but I'm asking for an opportunity to have a seat
2440 at the table. Obviously, this is perhaps something that wasn't negotiated on, but going
2441 with BB&T, yeah, I think all of us as a body and individually, have a commitment to
2442 supporting the initiatives in our community. And I'm not asking for a sponsorship but I'm
2443 asking for some consideration and, and preference when it comes to our employees and,
2444 you know, our residents here in the City. So certainly, I would love to see if there's a
2445 opportunity, Mr. Evans, and our Economic Development Director to build out some sort
2446 of program to kinda support some of those initiatives to some of the individuals that work
2447 within the City. And, perhaps that can come later down the line, and I would never
2448 suggest that we should do it pending the contract, but obviously we're, we're coming to
2449 the table to work together and I wanna see that we can accomplish that. Because, you
2450 know, obviously I didn't see any kinda backup as to all or who.., all of the banks that had
2451 submitted, provided in here. I was looking for a more.., a, a local bank in terms of s'..,
2452 one having some roots here in South Florida and not a national chain. But in the event, I
2453 understand the economies are scaling what those larger banks have to offer and I support
2454 where we're going but, certainly, I would love to have that conversation going forward,
2455 Mr. Evans and also, Finance Director, Mr. Sherman

2456 So, I, I support it as it's presented. Thank you.

2457 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Anything else? Are we ready for the question?
2458 [Pause]. Oh, Mr. Lawson.

2459 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes. Madam, Madam Chair. So, based upon what
2460 Councilwoman Lanier stated that us going into., or, not having this presented in the RFP,
2461 we're not able to actually ask for any additional resources or benefits to the community
2462 because it was not outlined in the RFP. Okay. So, then my request for Mr. Evans, moving
2463 forward with any RFP that we do put out, I would definitely want some type of community
2464 im'..., impact, benefitting the residents, [stammer] fitting the disparities that we have in the
2465 community and just making sure that we're, we're utilizing our leverage of spending major
2466 dollars with these businesses to address the, the blight that we have in our community,
2467 the housing crisis, the food desert. I don't want us to spend any more money without
2468 addressing...

2469 [Inaudible background]

2470 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...a lot of the concerns... Uhuh, that was Dr. Botel that time...
2471 without addressing any of the concerns that our community is truly experiencing. So, I
2472 want us to implement that prior to these RFP's going out because I can't be in support of
2473 this if we're not able to have that seat at the table, like Councilman McCoy stated with us
2474 spending millions of dollars with a bank that I know is gonna profit on a monthly basis,
2475 eight to ten percent revenue, based upon how they invest.

2476 So, I think it's a great opportunity for us to utilize the leverage of a City to get what
2477 we want. And, that would be my request moving forward with future RFP's, addressing
2478 disparity, addressing food deserts, addressing housing crisis and making sure it's
2479 impactful. This Council does an amazing job with the community benefits that we receive
2480 from Waste Management but, essentially, we would all throw it back in if they would
2481 provide better opportunities for the community when it came to jobs, when it comes to
2482 housing. I think that'd be a better opportunity. Like, Councilwoman Lanier just did a
2483 amazing investment to a program that I've watched for years, but providing a housing,
2484 providing fresh fruits, I think is something we wanna address further.

2485 **Chairperson Botel:** Mayor Felder.

2486 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

2487 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mayor Felder.

2488 **Mayor Felder:** Thank you, Madam Chair. And just to piggyback on Councilman
2489 McCoy, as we're looking to maybe putting that in other RFP's, as he stated, we still have
2490 some type of leverage. We're not saying we wanna go in and terminate a contract before
2491 it gets going but I think that's our leverage point. [Inaudible] she said, you know, we
2492 should be at the table and kinda getting some of our ideas of what we want this
2493 relationship to be about and warn that if they're not gonna follow those ideas, you know,
2494 we do have a, a option to terminate. So, you know, I, I., until we get that written in our
2495 RFP's, we, we still have a little bit of leverage to be at the table.

2496 **Chairperson Botel:** Right. Thank you. Ms. Lanier.

2497 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted to quickly say that, that, you know, I did not say
2498 that., Councilman Lawson, I did not say that because we had past., it wasn't in the RFP
2499 that we should not consider this. What I said was that when, when you talk about
2500 community benefit, yes, it should be a part of our RFP's regardless of it's the banking
2501 industry or anybody who wants to do business with our City. There should be a
2502 community benefits clause in it regardless.

2503 Second of all, I think that moving forward, because we do., are., we are in
2504 negotiations, don't make it a part of negotiations but consider a proposal for the agent.,
2505 for the bank to look at some of the programs and some of the proposals that we have for
2506 the city. It is not to say that they won't., they will not look at it. They have fou'., banks
2507 have foundations sized to them and they can fund some of the programs. So, we can.,
2508 knowing this., what we know now, we can move forward into asking them questions and
2509 asking them for things that now we do know. But, moving forward, not just the banking,
2510 but any RFP that comes out of the City needs to include a community benefits clause
2511 period.

2512 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Anything else? Okay. Madam Clerk.

2513 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2514 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2515 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

2516 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2517 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

2518 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

2519 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

2520 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** No.

2521 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

2522 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2523 **City Clerk Anthony:** That motion is approved with Councilperson Lawson
2524 dissenting.

2525 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Madam Clerk.

2526 **11. Chairperson Botel:** Item 11.

2527 **City Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 63-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE
2528 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,
2529 FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A MULTI-
2530 YEAR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND
2531 THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY IN THE
2532 AMOUNT OF \$180,000 FOR THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM;
2533 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO
2534 ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR THE SAME AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2535 VALERIE GRIMSLEY, YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM MANAGER, (561)
2536 840-0135

2537 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Council, the acceptance of
2538 public comments at this time is now closed.

2539 **Councilperson McCoy:** So...

2540 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy. Thank you.

2541 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

2542 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2543 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

2544 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Are there any public comment cards, Ms.
2545 Anthony?

2546 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, we do not have any public comments on this...

2547 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2548 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...Item.

2549 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Evans.

2550 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I can have Mr. Sirmons present this Item.

2551 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh.

2552 **City Manager Evans:** I mean, Ms. Grimsley, I'm sorry.

2553 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Grimsley, I was gonna say. Yeah.

2554 [Chuckles]

2555 **Councilperson McCoy:** Go for it, Mr. Sirmons.

2556 [Chuckles and inaudible comments]

2557 **City Manager Evans:** Ms. Grimsley.
2558 **Unk.:** I'm always ready.
2559 **City Manager Evans:** There you go.
2560 **Youth Empowerment Program Director Grimsley:** Good evening, Madam Chair,
2561 Members of City Council and the Mayor. This is Valerie Grimsley, Youth Empowerment
2562 Director.

2563 What you have before you is a multi-year agreement between Palm Beach County
2564 Youth Services and the City of Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment Center to provide
2565 services, after school programming, education, life skills, skill building programs for youth,
2566 eleven to twenty for the next two years. In that next two years, we'll receive \$180,000 per
2567 year. The \$100,000 will be used for afterschool programming, and the \$80,000 will be
2568 used for our career internships which you normally see our kids working within the City
2569 and around the City during the summer months. And that will occur for us over the next
2570 two years with the dollars that they're providing.

2571 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Ms. Grimsley. Do we have any questions?
2572 [Pause]. Well. I guess we're ready to ask the question to be called. Madam Clerk.

2573 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2574 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2575 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

2576 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2577 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

2578 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

2579 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

2580 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

2581 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

2582 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2583 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

2584 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2585 **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

2586 **Chairperson Botel:** Discussion and deliberation, Madam Clerk.

2587 **City Clerk Anthony:** ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (AIPP) DISCUSSION AND
2588 **DELIBERATION**

2589 **CLARENCE SIRMONS, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, (561) 845-4060**

2590 **Chairperson Botel:** Now, Mr. Sirmons. [Chuckle].

2591 **City Manager Evans:** There you go. [Chuckle].

2592 **Chairperson Botel:** By the way, I must say, Mr. Sirmons, whoever did this very
2593 comprehensive Art in Public Places chart really dug deep. Excellent work. Okay.

2594 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** I, I do have to brag on my Staff. We
2595 have a, a great team here and I was able to pull this information together using them and
2596 I will definitely pass the word on. Just a moment as I get the screen set up here. [Pause].
2597 Alright. I beg your pardon. I am trying to get it to show in presentation mode.

2598 **Councilperson Lanier:** Go all the way to your left., all the way to your left, up to your
2599 top, top, top. And there's a little screen all the way up to the top... Right. Yep, that's it.

2600 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Yeah. It's showing in presentation
2601 mode but not on the correct screen.

2602 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

2603 **Chairperson Botel:** Did you try going into slideshow from the beginning?

2604 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Yes. Give me just...

2605 [Pause]

2606 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Sirmons, if you wanna just leave it that way and, and click
2607 through the slides, we can see., I think it's large enough. Does everybody., anybody
2608 have a problem reading that, the way it is?

2609 **Councilperson Lanier:** No, that's fine just like that.

2610 **Chairperson Botel:** I think it's fine. Just, just go ahead and, and click, click through
2611 the various slides. We'll be okay.

2612 **Councilperson McCoy:** Right. And it's showing good on television so it looks...

2613 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. Yeah.

2614 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...pretty...

2615 **Chairperson Botel:** It's looks good on TV. It's fine.

2616 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Alright. Let's do it then.

2617 **Chairperson Botel:** No stress.

2618 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Good evening, Madam Chair and
2619 Members of the Council. I am before you today to present our Department's research on
2620 the Art in Public Places Item.

2621 So, City Council previously directed us to look into the, the feasibility and what it
2622 would like to implement a, a successful Art in Public Places program here in Riviera
2623 Beach. That research led us to look at several municipalities in the area and the county
2624 that have successful programs, to look at how their programs are structured, how they
2625 are facilitated and different funding sources so we can see what works and see what may
2626 work in our City. So, that research led us to identify four main components of the Art in
2627 Public Places programs. One was the program facilitator, two was having a Art in Public
2628 Places Master Plan, and the third was an Art Advisory Board and the fourth was a reliable
2629 funding source, of course.

2630 And so, the first item, a Master Plan, similar to a Comprehensive Plan that we
2631 already have for the City, just identifying the long term goals of the program, where certain
2632 installations would be placed and what the main priorities of the program are. New public
2633 and private projects would be reviewed for consistency with this Master Plan, again,
2634 similar to a, a Comprehensive Plan that we already have and without a Master Plan, this
2635 program may have unmet objectives and lack clear vision.

2636 The second component would be the Board, an Art Advisory Board Commissions
2637 generally consist of seven volunteers appointed by City Council. Pretty standard there.
2638 An application would be required and the terms would be one to three years. All meetings
2639 would be open to the general public and meeting minutes would be required. A program
2640 facilitator, all of the programs we observed, for the most part, have a full-time staff
2641 member that administers the program. This implementation includes serving as executive
2642 secretary and technical advisor to the Arts in Public Places Board; applying for grants and
2643 other funding sources for the program; and the staff person would also develop and have
2644 oversight of the Art in Public Places Master Plan; monitoring installations and their
2645 maintenance; monitoring the budgets and revenues for the program; as well as issuing
2646 and reviewing calls to artists when there are opportunities for installations to be designed
2647 and created.

2648 And then funding sources. Private and public sources have been used to fund
2649 these types of programs. Under private, one percent public arts fee is often used in these
2650 programs. That fee is levied in lieu of that property owner or developer installing the arts
2651 on their property or donating art to the City, and if they provide the art physically, it would
2652 have to be in equivalent value to one percent of their project's value. An art impact fee
2653 has also been used in some municipalities, naming rights and sponsorships is also an...,
2654 a method for funding that has been used, as well as grants and private donations. And
2655 then on the public side, typically initial seed funding, funding is required to get the program
2656 off the ground. General fund contributions on the regular are also used to prop up these
2657 art funds in different municipalities. There are situations where the municipality created
2658 a partnership with the local CRA to combine those efforts or interests in seeing art spread

2659 around the City. And then, a public art component of capital projects is often involved,
2660 whereas the City, the City's goal is to be the example they want to see in the development
2661 community so it's City projects making sure that at least one percent of the budget of
2662 those goes to a public art component, just like we would expect from the developers.

2663 And then, approximate program costs. As always, the biggest ticket is the human
2664 capital involved. The program facilitator on the, the..., what we estimate as the lowest end
2665 would be probably \$65,000 for salary and benefits total. Public meetings, quarterly
2666 meetings we estimate would be the necessary regularity of those meetings, about \$4,000
2667 advertising costs for newspaper ads. For public meetings, calls for artists and things of
2668 that nature, and then miscellaneous trainings, supplies and travel that the administrator
2669 of this program may need or benefit from to, to administer the program. Estimated annual
2670 program cost, seventy-two, \$75,000 per year.

2671 And then potential revenues. So, we looked a little more deeply at the one percent
2672 public art fee and what type of revenue that would generate. So, what Staff did was look
2673 at the past twelve months, so from July 13th of this year to July of 2019 and we looked at
2674 all of the projects that we had in Riviera Beach, I looked at the valuation of them and we
2675 pretended that we charged the one percent fee for public art on those projects to see
2676 what types of revenues we would could expect from that. And with that research, we
2677 found that if we took a look at., a look at all commercial projects valued greater than
2678 \$50,000 for the past twelve months, that total net would be \$59,123. However, that does
2679 include all projects that are classified as commercial, so anything from a new commercial
2680 building to a new sprinkler system in an existing commercial building. So, if we break that
2681 down to be more specific on the types of projects we want to levy that fee on, we looked
2682 at commercial interior work only, that's commercial buildouts, things of that nature,
2683 \$27,950, commercial with projects that are only new construction or existing building
2684 expansions, that would generate about \$29,613, if we levied that one percent fee only on
2685 those exterior projects. And then, we did have one CIP project that would've netted or
2686 required a \$1,560 either fee or installation. And I'm sure if we were doing the project, we
2687 would do the installation ourselves.

2688 And this next slide has a table that shows just what one percent looks like based
2689 on project valuation. So again, looking at these same categories, a project valued at, on
2690 the first line here, \$974,000. They pay., and this is a actual permit that we had over the
2691 past twelve months, they pay \$21,000 in permit fees, that one percent additional Art in
2692 Public Places fee would be \$9,741, so that's what they would pay to contribute to the Art
2693 in Public Places fund or they would be required to install some art of a equivalent value
2694 on their property, or donate art of equivalent value based on how most municipalities
2695 structure that fee requirement. So that's what the one percent would look like. Other
2696 options would be, again, general fund contributions from the City, partnering with other
2697 organizations such as the CRA and, and, and as many municipalities do, mix various
2698 sources to make that happen. And on this last slide, I will just leave you with some images
2699 of different art installations in public places.

2700 Again, Staff is prepared to move forward with developing an Ordinance or
2701 Resolution related to this program. However, we would need to know the desire of the

2702 Council on how we would structure the revenues required for this program, and then a lot
2703 of the other details, we could work out after that.

2704 And that concludes my slide presentation.

2705 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. Sirmons. Any questions from Council? Mr.
2706 Lawson.

2707 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Sorry, Mr. Shermans..., Sirmons, if
2708 you could stop sharing the screen.

2709 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Yes.

2710 [Pause]

2711 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And while you're doing that, I just wanted to thank you very
2712 much for working on this project. We brought this to the table and a few months ago and
2713 we finally got a tangible idea of how we can incorporate this into our community. So,
2714 thank you for getting it completed for us. I see a lot of the same locations as what Mr.
2715 Jackson had put on there, on the initial proposal and that's a great assertion that those
2716 are right on point with what we wanna incorporate into the community. So, thank you
2717 very much for bringing this to the City and to the Council.

2718 Question..., I have two questions now. Have we researched the estimated cost for
2719 a Master Plan?

2720 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** For creating an Art in Public Places
2721 Master Plan, no.

2722 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. If we could get some updates on that because I know
2723 that we're gonna try to incorporate that into our budget. I know that that's gonna be fairly
2724 expensive and I wanna keep the budget as limited as possible, while getting this program
2725 off the ground. I still want us to make sure that we can incorporate not just the art, but
2726 the actual programming to assist with some of the kids in the community, young adults
2727 and also do some possible training when it comes to the art arena, whether it's the murals,
2728 whether it's the, the programming, whether it's the sculptures and just incorporate that
2729 into the idea of an educational piece. That's the programming.

2730 The next step would be beautification and ideas of different sculptures and, and
2731 outlines throughout community. One of the ideas that I wanted to actually present is that
2732 we have the only intersection in the nation that actually has a Barack Obama and MLK
2733 intersecting. I've been speaking with the Port, as the Port rep to discuss beautification of
2734 that corridor for entry into the Port. And I think that would be a good location for us to
2735 launch and to really expand our Arts in Public Places by representing that location here
2736 in our City, by acknowledging our community lea'..., our leaders, previous president and
2737 our civil rights leader by showing support with the Ports and also possibly commemorating
2738 these leaders from the community, or these leaders that have influenced so many people

2739 in this community by some type of sculpture and making that as a destination, and kinda
2740 kicking that off as a great incentive for the community.

2741 Lastly, Mr. Sirmons, the, the impacts to adding these [stammer] additional fees to
2742 the developers, once it was incorporated from these other communities, what impact did
2743 you see, or did these other communities have when it came to adding this additional one
2744 to two percent fee to their accounting? Did it reduce the amount of development within
2745 the community? Did it keep it pretty consistent? Or, did it not effect it at all? That'd be
2746 just something I'd want us to take a look at as well.

2747 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Okay. Yeah. We can definitely take a
2748 deeper look into the before and after development rates based on these programs.

2749 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Perfect. And thank you very much. I also wanna just give
2750 credit to Mr. Jackson who did a lot of this initial research, my legislative aide, when we
2751 actually put., presented this program about two months ago, and your Staff as well, for
2752 bringing it together and putting it together because I think this will be a great initiative for
2753 the community and to also assist with the beautification of the community. So, thank you
2754 again, sir.

2755 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** No problem.

2756 **Chairperson Botel:** Anyone else? Mr. McCoy, and then Ms. Lanier.

2757 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Sirmons, appreciate the
2758 presentation. I actually am kinda feeling bad because I couldn't see some of those
2759 numbers...

2760 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckles].

2761 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...and perhaps I need glasses at this point. But, I., did I see
2762 correctly that there was numbers suggesting estimates of what that one percent will look
2763 like based on certain construction costs?

2764 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct. And those, those fees are
2765 based on the project valuation, not, not necessarily the permits they would've paid with
2766 them but, yes.

2767 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And this will be for new commercial constructions only,
2768 correct?

2769 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** That is the only categories that we
2770 looked at was commercial, but some of them were new building construction, some of
2771 them were just interior buildouts, just some interior remodels and things like that. Some
2772 commercial projects are, are things such as mechanical systems and sprinkler systems.
2773 So, on the table, we broke out what the revenue would look like based on those different
2774 construction, or permit, categories. So again, if we only looked at just new construction
2775 when it comes to commercial, the revenue would be a lot less. And, and then that

2776 category only, we saw about \$29,613, but that's only exterior commercial construction.
2777 And, and I think most of the time, these programs are envisioned for those types of
2778 projects, it's when you're doing something on the outside, a new building or significantly
2779 expanding an existing building. And those are typically when these fees are levied.
2780 However, over the, the twelve year period that we did this study, we had about six of
2781 those projects where it was exterior construction. The year previous to that, there was
2782 only one exterior construction permit in the City so the revenue rates would fluctuate
2783 greatly based on just the type of development we have in a calendar or fiscal year in
2784 terms of the amount of revenue we get from them.

2785 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you. Follow up.

2786 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

2787 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Thank you for that, Mr. Sirmons and I appreciate the
2788 concept, however, I, I have some reservations. Obviously, are we gonna go ahead and
2789 start at the top. The first thing is, the suggestion of general funds, I just can't, in good
2790 conscious, ask taxpayers to pay for Art in Public Places when, you know, we had this
2791 conversation just this meeting to see if we can return dollars back to the taxpayer and not
2792 levy it through general funds. That just seems like that is more or less an investment of
2793 taxpayer dollars into art that may or may not, you know, really add any value to the City.
2794 We have, I think, already, ever increasing needs for City services and I'm still at this whole
2795 point of how nine years later we almost tripled and, you know, it's kinda really hard to
2796 point to where we really improved as far as the efficiency and the type of services that we
2797 deliver to the citizens of Riviera Beach.

2798 My next concern is, how is this gonna be reduced into any kind of legislative action,
2799 be it by Ordinance or Resolution? And, I guess that's more or less..., probably one of the
2800 final questions that we should ask ourselves as a body because I would not want this to
2801 be something that becomes a permanent situation for the City. I mean, we can [stammer],
2802 we can be in a situation where we're collecting or levying a one percent tax that's now
2803 being codified in our Ordinances and we don't have any growth, and the money is just
2804 accumulating. Councilwoman Lanier brought up the, the very point tonight of how monies
2805 are being diverted into the, the City's disaster fund and we don't get to control that
2806 because that's set by Charter, and I don't know if I wanna set something that has such a
2807 fiscal impact on development into an Ordinance because it'd be that much more difficult
2808 to undo it in the event that they economy changes.

2809 Speaking of economy changes, it seem like, I think that's where we are right now.
2810 But, in any event, a one percent tax, I just can't support. We are in need of development
2811 in the City of Riviera Beach. And let's welcome development by not adding additional
2812 tax. I just don't understand how that's gonna be enticing to any developer. I certainly
2813 support the idea of, you know, reaching out to the CRA and dollars that have already
2814 been appropriated specifically for community redevelopment, perhaps there's an avenue
2815 there but I just can't see or support any kind of initiative to add one percent tax to
2816 commercial development. Because you know what that one percent tax equates to? That
2817 one percent tax is gonna be now forwarded over to whatever that business does, it's

2818 gonna trickle down to the residents that have to patronize that business. And, I think it
2819 does a lot and it adds a lot of value to the beautification but, at this point, I don't see, as
2820 a City in this current economy, that we should even commit to something of that.

2821 And then, additionally, the idea that you suggested, Mr. Sirmons, of perhaps any
2822 kinda interior upgrades, be it mechanical or electrical in nature, that we add a one percent,
2823 I mean, we have certain businesses that have to now conform to new provisions within
2824 the Code, for whatever reason, they perhaps passed the percentage threshold and they
2825 now need to comply, now, if that's the case because we already have a requirement that
2826 they were perhaps already grandfathered in being legally nonconforming and some
2827 incident change where they now have to do some increases or improvements, on top of
2828 them doing that we're gonna also consider adding an additional one percent of that project
2829 cost back onto their bill to then divert it to Art in Public Places.

2830 You know, I, I wanna really support this but there has to be some very fine tuning
2831 when it comes to this because I want people to wanna come here and not to fear here,
2832 because there's a way that we can pull a tax up and, and be able to add it to a bill. I
2833 mean, obviously, there is a need and, let me tell you, I've seen some really great art
2834 projects and I think you guys have done a lotta work in the twelve years but I don't see
2835 that we're in a situation, given where we're going economically as a community, to support
2836 something of adding an additional one percent. Definitely not from general funds, and
2837 I'm very cautious about doing that about individuals that have existing businesses that
2838 just simply have to comply with the Code, or if someone that wants to perhaps expand.
2839 And, I mean, what we're asking for is, you know, the, the, the businesses in Riviera Beach,
2840 I'd probably would venture to say, and I., don't quote me on this, at least ninety-five
2841 percent of them are small, small businesses. So, to ask for something like this, I think it
2842 has a lotta unintended consequences.

2843 So, that are my..., those are my concerns. Some of my concerns, and I wanna at
2844 least allow the conversation to go forward but the very first absolute no for me is general
2845 funds.

2846 I yield back.

2847 **Chairperson Botel:** I think... Thank you. I think Mr. Lawson and then Ms. Lanier.
2848 Mr. Lawson's been trying to reply.

2849 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you for your response,
2850 Councilman McCoy. I want us to kind of take a look at what nationally has been beneficial
2851 for the residents in the community. If you look at the Wynnewood Art District, if you look
2852 at Northwood, if you look at the Cultural District, Arts District in New York, and even West
2853 Palm Beach, those are some of the things that have revitalized these communities and
2854 they've instilled and beautified the community by allowing for arts to actually benefit.

2855 The one percent sales tax that you did address, is actually..., the one percent
2856 investment into the community is actually going to attract businesses that see we're trying
2857 to beautify our community with the arts, with the murals, with the structures. So, I think

2858 that actually is gonna contradict what you said by deterring people 'cause it shows that
2859 we're actually going to instill a benefit of beautification to our community and they're
2860 gonna wanna work with a City that actually is trying to beautify that corridor. Right now,
2861 nobody's running to the City to actually build and develop right now. But, that's
2862 traditionally because of staffing issues, media turmoil that we've been considered, and
2863 we've done a great job to transforming that and to changing the narrative. So, with the
2864 leadership of our City Manager and the Staff that he's bringing in, the initiative that we're
2865 putting in place shows that we're actually gonna beautify this community.

2866 One thing that you talked about is also a burden on the taxpayers that are gonna
2867 actually trickle down from the businesses. The one percent sales tax on a million dollar,
2868 a five hundred thousand dollar investment is not gonna cause for a burden on these
2869 businesses that are developing, especially if we beautify the corridors, or, even giving
2870 them the option of beautification. So, I really think that's actually be beneficial to the
2871 development versus actually impacting our taxpayers in the negative fashion. So,
2872 essentially, we're pac'..., placing the burden on the businesses by letting them know we're
2873 beautifying our community, we're developing our community and we're gonna make it a
2874 destination for them. And it's also gonna be an incentive for our residents because now
2875 we're gonna have individuals wanting to visit and travel to our City, comparable to how
2876 people talk about Wynwood, comparable how to they talk about Northwood, and they
2877 travel to these locations 'cause they beautify the area and that community.

2878 You also addressed the concern right here and now with the issue of COVID, with
2879 saving the money and the issues that we're gonna have over the next six months, year
2880 or two years, but we have an initiative that we're trying to implement in the policy that's
2881 gonna essentially take affect for the next ten, twenty, thirty years and allow for us to
2882 develop our community and build and look outside the next six months to a year. We
2883 have discussions of two hundred, three hundred, \$400MM of development that we're
2884 gonna be doing as a City. So with that development and other businesses seeing this
2885 development, they're gonna want to build next to our new Fire Station, they're gonna want
2886 to build next to the new Wells development and City Hall Complexes, they're gonna
2887 wanna build next t to the Marina and continue to branch off of that, and that's an incentive
2888 that we're gonna take care of and actually build out our corridors of Broadway and Blue
2889 Heron.

2890 So I want us to start living up to the idea of Riviera Beach 2030 versus looking at
2891 the next six months to twelve months because we have to really address policy that's
2892 gonna impact our community for the next ten, twenty and thirty years so that our kids' kids
2893 can be..., well receive benefits of actually seeing development in our community.

2894 Thank you...

2895 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Lan'...

2896 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...Madam Chair.

2897 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Lanier.

2898 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted to say that when talking about art, you know, you
2899 have to look at the fact that, you know, art significantly contributes to the quality of life.
2900 Period. That, that's just a..., that, that's just a known fact. We, we..., when we're looking
2901 at..., looking through these slides, I see that, you know, it looks like a salary, I think that
2902 this program can be phased in. I think that we can look at half cent and, and sales tax
2903 funding as a, as a method of..., of, of funding this project. I also see it as something that
2904 can be phased in where we start with local artists, we start with, you know, our libraries,
2905 our, our, our public spaces, our parks. What we have to do is that we have to move
2906 forward in terms of ensuring that not only are we bringing in new development, not only
2907 are we bringing in new buildings, but we are also beautifying our space. And I, I, I
2908 sincerely believe that art is something that contributes to a better way of life for people.
2909 People seeing nice things, they're seeing it clean, they're seeing it, you know, people...,
2910 when you look at art, you don't have this, what they consider to be a trash mentality,
2911 where you're just looking at trash on the side of the road or you're looking at some space
2912 that is not, you know, occupied by some type of beautification. And I think that we can
2913 move forward with it being, especially with the..., it being a salary, it could be a contract
2914 position, but I also think that other alternates that we can use as funding for this, and it
2915 also can move in phases.

2916 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Anything else? Ms. Miller-Anderson.

2917 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you. I can certainly look at supporting
2918 this. I know this, you know, we've done it over in the CRA, or at least trying to start it
2919 [inaudible] CRA. And so, I'm looking forward to possibly doing it on this side, but I, I
2920 wanna see how we're gonna be working out some things during the budget time. So, I, I
2921 would like to see how that plays out.

2922 Thank you.

2923 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. McCoy. And then I have something
2924 [inaudible].

2925 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I, I have two things, Madam Chair.
2926 Indulge me, please. Councilwoman Lanier, and also Mr. Sirmons, are, are you
2927 suggesting there's a salary that's supposed to come or be derived from the one percent?
2928 Because I didn't think that that's what I understood, unless I'm wrong. I mean...

2929 **Councilperson Lanier:** I saw that it said salary and benefits, so I 'm assuming that it's
2930 a salary position.

2931 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2932 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Yes. The primary cost of the program in
2933 our calculations and, and the slide that we did was from the salary of the program
2934 administrator, and various duties would be required to make sure this program operates
2935 well. And, especially, if we have funding sources such as grants and private donations,
2936 and we're putting out requests for proposals, requests for qualifications for artists and
2937 things like that, it, it quickly becomes a full-time job to administer this type of a program.

2938 [Stammer] I'm sure it would be possible to potentially scale up but I, you know, we, we
2939 looked at the most successful programs in our area that do this and they pretty much all
2940 use a full-time staff member for them.

2941 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up.

2942 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2943 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. I'm sorry. I'm.., I, I overlooked that point but we have
2944 current staffing within Development Services. It would just seem to me, and obviously
2945 you and the Manager have this decision to determine to make, but that should not create
2946 a new position within the City. Something we're starting should not create a new position.
2947 Obviously, I mean, we still have.., I mean, we're not even in the stages of training wheels,
2948 right? And that's, albeit, if we even get to this point, I don't see that we need to have, you
2949 know, a whole lot of debate and discussion on creating a position because we don't even
2950 know that there is a demand that exists for it. That's the very first thing. So, I would hope
2951 that that's not something that is gonna be a deciding factor on whether we move forward
2952 or a deal breaker, especially when we're asking to rollback currently.., the current tax rate.
2953 Obviously, we're going into a fiscal year, so we're in the budget discussions, that's the
2954 first thing. But, Members, I certainly support it, I just don't think that it's a good idea to do
2955 it from dollars that we're gonna do it.., ad valorem dollars based on construction costs.

2956 Do you remember, Mr. Evans, we had this workshop when we had Waste
2957 Management here early part of the year, and then we did have those dollars that we said
2958 we were gonna do back.., we were gonna get those dollars that we were able to receive
2959 from penalties, and that sorta thing, from commercial businesses that violated or.., Mr.
2960 Evans probably could add more to it, but that actually overloaded and there was penalties
2961 and dollar values assessed by Waste Management and those additional dollars that were
2962 set forth by Resolution, can come back to the City. I certainly don't have a problem with
2963 putting all of those dollars back into it, to support this initiative but I think we're, we're,
2964 we're doing a lot. We're doing a lot to demand that one percent of any kind of new
2965 commercial development, or even improvements, or significant improvements, are gonna
2966 go back into an Art in Public Places project or program, that's gonna also generate
2967 enough money to support a salary and also to support any kinda art. But there are some
2968 other avenues. I just would like to see if we can be open enough to not exactly tie this to
2969 ad valorem of construction costs or the value of construction.

2970 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2971 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm done, Madam Chair.

2972 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Evans.

2973 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, and, and one of the things I've seen other
2974 municipalities do is to establish the program that the City complies with. So, as it relates
2975 to our construction projects and our initiatives, a portion of those dollars that are set aside
2976 for the project, are saying okay, we're gonna do half a percent of the total capital costs
2977 for public art, and so we're gonna make improvements on those public spaces and the

2978 exterior of the building and we end up leading by example, as it relates to the design
2979 elements that we look to, to bring forward.

2980 So, there is variations of the plan and, and we can have those conversations as to
2981 what the, the Board wishes to facilitate. But, to Councilman McCoy's point, and if we're
2982 looking to effectively decrease that mileage rate, we need to find a revenue stream that
2983 is outside of the general fund revenue stream to be able to accommodate any
2984 expenditures associated with it. And plus, you don't wanna have a program that you're
2985 only putting in forty or \$50,000 a year because are you really effectuating the, the, the
2986 real impact that you wanna see occur. And so, there's some things that..., and, and I think
2987 Mr. Sirmons communicated in his presentation, that the fee is in lieu of the developer
2988 saying that I'm not gonna do anything to improve the aesthetics or the elements
2989 associated, so I'm gonna pay in this account for you to go ahead and, and do those type
2990 of investment.

2991 But, one of the things we can certainly look at is, you know, your impact fees. And
2992 as you look for impact fees, there is..., it's a good amount..., it's good timing for us to take
2993 a look at our impact fees but there is, you know, impact fees that can be levied that you
2994 say you can save up and then do community projects. Every park that we have, every
2995 gree'..., every piece of property we have, there's nothing that precludes us from the City
2996 to..., and create..., to create those spaces that, that we speak of and lead by example from
2997 the City standpoint. And a lot of other governmental entities have started and said, okay,
2998 let us start with it and then rolling it out to the community.

2999 So, just...

3000 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. Evans.

3001 **City Manager Evans:** ...something to consider.

3002 **Chairperson Botel:** Why, why don't we ask Mr. Sirmons to come back to us at
3003 some future meeting, with the outlines of a plan that would address the issues that Mr.
3004 McCoy has raised. You know, we don't want to discourage developers from coming by
3005 adding anything additional, however, if we could ask that any new development
3006 incorporate art, it would certainly behoove a new developer to take a look at their project
3007 and say, okay, rather than paying some money to the City, I'm going to incorporate public
3008 art into my project. I think if Mr. Sirmons takes a look at that, we would, we would have
3009 a better sense of how we could do this. And [stammer] I support Art in Public Places. As
3010 Ms. Lanier said, it's a quality of life issue but, along with Mr. McCoy, I certainly don't
3011 wanna add anything to our budget that we can avoid adding. So, I think if Mr. Sirmons
3012 comes back to us, maybe with some recommendations about how we could accomplish
3013 this without adding too much overhead, I, I agree with Mr. McCoy, this is something that
3014 could probably, at least initially, as we phase it in, be dealt with by an existing employee
3015 in the Development Services Department. And then, if it grows, and we would hope that
3016 it does grow, we could consider adding additional Staff, or a Staff member when the time
3017 is right. But, certainly not in the beginning when we are..., when we're just starting.

3018 Mr. McCoy.

3019 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Whisper: Thank you.]. Did you hear me?

3020 **Chairperson Botel:** I heard you, yeah. [Chuckle].

3021 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I don't wanna give you too much credit. I don't wanna say...

3022 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle]. You just [stammer]...

3023 **Councilperson McCoy:** I don't like for you to try to restate my position so I said it very
3024 softly, [whisper: thank you].

3025 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

3026 **Councilperson McCoy:** You got it right this time. Thank you.

3027 **Chairperson Botel:** Very good. Thank you. I try. You know I try. Ms. Miller-
3028 Anderson.

3029 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** No. I was just putting up three. I thought maybe
3030 that was his third time speaking. You know?

3031 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, oh. Well, we're, we're, we're good I think. Anything else?
3032 We don't need any motion or anything. So..., Ms. Lanier.

3033 **Councilperson Lanier:** And I just wanna also say that, you know, in other cities'
3034 developers do pay for these projects. So, you know, we do have some leeway in terms
3035 of how we can phase this in for our City.

3036 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. What I..., I, I didn't see Palm Beach Gardens. Maybe I
3037 missed it. Did you, did you take a look at Palm Beach Gardens?

3038 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Yes. They were on the table...

3039 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, I do see it. I see it.

3040 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...as well. That's on your...

3041 **Chairperson Botel:** I see it.

3042 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...attachment.

3043 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. I'm sorry. I see it, yeah. I see it. I'm reminded of the...,
3044 those big white tents that are..., as you come across you can see those, those things that
3045 were a little bit controversial but I wonder, was that..., what's the name of that developer?
3046 [Pause]. Oh, those two [stammer]... No. What are those two..., those two buildings with
3047 the white kind of a..., what are they, like, teepees on the top or something. I don't know.

3048 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Was it [inaudible]?

3049 **Chairperson Botel:** I wonder... Yeah. I guess that's it. I wonder, is that something
3050 that the developer decided to do or did the City..., you know, there are a lot of different
3051 ways to look at this. I think that while you've given us some really good information of
3052 what other places do, I think it would be interesting to find out what the majority of..., do
3053 the majority of Art in Public Places projects get done because the developer incorporates
3054 them or because the developer says, 'Here, I don't wanna be bothered, I'm paying you
3055 some money.' It'd be interesting to know that.

3056 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Okay. I can add that to the list of things
3057 that we follow up on.

3058 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Anything else? Okay. Thank you.

3059 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** [Inaudible].

3060 **Chairperson Botel:** Discussion..., and we've got this listed last...

3061 **Councilperson McCoy:** Sorry.

3062 **Chairperson Botel:** I believe we...

3063 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

3064 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes, yes, Mr. McCoy.

3065 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, I, I, I didn't have my mic on and I couldn't get
3066 your attention fast enough. Mr. Evans, can we circle back, have we started collecting
3067 money from that Waste Management? And, if so, I wanna see if that report comes back
3068 as far as the dollar amount, when Mr. Sirmons comes back for those fees and penalties
3069 that Waste Management is levying.

3070 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Councilman. We can look at that and, and get that
3071 revenue number in and bring that back with the...

3072 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

3073 **City Manager Evans:** ...subsequent presentation. Yes, sir.

3074 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

3075 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Okay. My Agenda has one more Item, but I think
3076 it's been removed from the Regular Agenda.

3077 **DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

3078 **Chairperson Botel:** So, we're up to discussion by City Manager.

3079 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, I just want to again
3080 thank you for allowing for me to make a year in the City of Riviera Beach.

3081 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

3082 **City Manager Evans:** That was July 12th, so that's equivalent to, like, five years in
3083 other agencies but it...

3084 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

3085 **City Manager Evans:** ...it's been fun. Certainly looking forward to the, the next
3086 phase and the next chapter. There's a lot of great things that are on the horizon and Staff
3087 is working really hard to accomplish the collective goals of the Board and, and to move
3088 things forward. And so, I think when we get that Fire Station up and operational and, and
3089 we move forward with some of the other capital projects and... You're, you're gonna see
3090 a significant improvement on the way in which we provide services and, and I will give
3091 you a little bit of information that's been provided to me via the Community Values Survey.
3092 We had over six hundred and eighty-two respondents and sixty-four percent of the
3093 respondents said that in the next three to five years they see the City of Riviera Beach
3094 better than it is today. And so, there is a sentiment that people truly believe in the work
3095 that we are all doing and that we've got a job to do and I'm committed to making sure we
3096 move forward in that direction and have the facilities and the community that we all
3097 imagine for future generations by doing so now. So we're excited about the future and
3098 thank you so much for the opportunity to be with you all for a year.

3099 There is, you know, obviously, this is certain times of the seasons that I didn't get
3100 to experience the last time so it's been refreshing to, to go through that, that process. So,
3101 thank you again and I just wanted to say Staff is excited, and energetic and we're looking
3102 forward to going through the budget process, but also moving forward, some of the
3103 Agenda Items that you all have communicated to us, that what are some of your priorities.

3104 That concludes my comments, Madam Chair.

3105 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. Evans.

3106 **DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY**

3107 **Chairperson Botel:** Discussion by City Attorney.

3108 **City Attorney Wynn:** No comments. Thank you.

3109 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

3110 **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

3111 **Chairperson Botel:** City Council committee reports.

3112 **Councilperson Lanier:** Briefly.

3113 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes, Ms. Lanier.

3114 **Councilperson Lanier:** Briefly. I just wanted to say that we are having a food
3115 distribution tomorrow..., I'm sorry, Friday at Wells from 9:00 to 11:00. We also will be
3116 having a, a testing for City of Riviera Beach residents on July 25th at Wells, from 9:00 to
3117 12:00. That is what the Committee is working on. We're also working hard with getting
3118 the, the residents involved with the gardening program. We're also working with the CRA,
3119 with the Reentry Program and with the program called Urban Farmers Grow. We're
3120 working to have men, who are returning citizens, and women, to work with rehabbing
3121 houses in the City. In addition to that, with the Hope Dealers Program and all of those
3122 initiatives are coming under the Health and Human Services Committee.

3123 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. McCoy, committee reports?

3124 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Members, and also to
3125 the Manager. This is the report on Small and Medium Business Committee. I wanna
3126 start and also end with the people that make it happen. Obviously, thank you, Mr. Evans
3127 for finding those dollars to appropriate. I wanted to remind you..., that you, Mr. Sherman.
3128 Is he still her? He, he said it last week that the City of Riviera Beach COVID-19 business
3129 forgivable loan program is still going on and we're still accepting applications and I just
3130 got a report back today that there have been at least thirty applications that have been
3131 reviewed. Obviously, reviewed don't necessarily equate to being issued. So, this is
3132 definitely a work in progress and I gotta commend the Assistant City Manager, who I don't
3133 see on here, Ms. Deirdre Jacobs for all her hard work. And also, a really good supporter
3134 of this program, Ms. Lia Gaines and her organization for all they're doing. But I wanna
3135 also remind members, and also..., I mean, members of the public that this program is still
3136 going on and they're still accepting applications. There's a link on the City's homepage
3137 and we're gonna be looking to start disbursements, if not this week, then probably next
3138 week. So, the program is there.

3139 So, thank you so much, Members for making these dollars available for small and
3140 medium businesses, and also the Manager, and also the Small Medium Business
3141 Committee.

3142 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Anyone else on committee reports?
3143 Councilwoman Miller-Anderson and I attended the Government Affairs Committee of the
3144 Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce on Friday. The guest speaker was Carol
3145 Jones Gilbert, who's the Palm Beach County Housing Authority Director and she spoke
3146 about the number of tenant vouchers, public housing units, et. cetera. I was most
3147 interested in something she called Section 3, which is where people can get training
3148 through the Housing Authority and, and they are not necessarily [stammer]..., do not
3149 necessarily have to be Housing Authority residents. So, we're gonna be looking into that.
3150 She..., the Chamber asked us to publicize the I Love Local Project that they have going
3151 on. There will be a July 24th breakfast, that'll be a virtual breakfast for the Chamber.

3152 And, the only other thing I have about my Tourism Committee is that we're gonna
3153 be working with Discover..., I hope we're gonna be working with Discover the Palm

3154 Beaches. We've had a presentation to the core group, Ms. Noel, Dr. Wihbey and myself
3155 and Mr. Brown. And we'll be presenting the Discover the Palm Beaches research arm to
3156 the larger committee and that's..., that's a project where they will take a look at what people
3157 are coming to the City and where, and what..., where they're spending dollars in terms of
3158 tourism.

3159 And that's all I have for the committee reports.

3160 Anyone... Mr. Lawson.

3161 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Just wanna kinda give an update
3162 on the two reports, is the Port. I've had conversations with the Port in reference to their
3163 involvement with beautification of the entry to the Port. And, they are looking at their
3164 budget currently because a major contributor to their budget is the cruise line, and
3165 depending on if the cruise line is actually able to continue their business or to keep going
3166 and moving forward, they're going to start to address that location on 13th Street and
3167 Barack, which I want us to really make as a staple because I look at Miami Port and I just
3168 see how beautiful that, that, that passthrough is with Miami and the Port, and the
3169 relationship they have. So, I want us to continue to address the, the, the relationship with
3170 our current Board so that we can really beautify our City, 'cause that's a main entry there.

3171 In regards to my Expedited Permitting Committee, that's going very well. We'll
3172 have a full presentation at the next meeting. We're currently addressing the, the virtual
3173 or online process of [stammer] processing permits. We'd love to make it a hundred
3174 percent online but just the education of, of the process of registering the permits online,
3175 we..., it's gonna take a little bit of time. So, we're gonna implement that program, and
3176 we're also addressing comprehensive plan, which is gonna really take a look at the
3177 development that's coming to the community. Because the Comp Plan is normally
3178 recommended to be updated every three to five years and it's been just about ten years
3179 since we've addressed our Comp Plan.

3180 So, those are two of the things that we're gonna address in detail for our
3181 presentation at the next Council meeting.

3182 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any other committee reports? Ms. Miller-
3183 Anderson.

3184 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** The Public Safety Committee has a meeting this
3185 week, and so, out of that meeting we should definitely be bringing an Item towards the
3186 next meeting, regarding the [stammer] Civilian Oversight Committee.

3187 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any comments from..., unless there are no other
3188 committee reports.

3189 **STATEMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

3190 **Chairperson Botel:** Statements from the Mayor and City Council, starting with the
3191 Mayor.

3192 **Mayor Felder:** Yeah. Just a couple things. Tomorrow, all of our seniors, can pick
3193 up your yard signs from in front of City Hall. We're gonna be there between 4:00 and
3194 6:00. Come and get them. Thank you guys for not coming early to get them, or take a
3195 picture with the Mayor. Tomorrow from 4:00 to 6:00.

3196 We'll be putting on my Page and the City's Page, the CDC Community
3197 Collaboration Council. Thank you, Mr. Evans and your Staff for just drawing that out for
3198 me. We'll be putting it up online. You can fill out an application. We have a number on
3199 there that you can call if you have any information. Hopefully, we can get that started
3200 next month.

3201 Mr. Evans, just a question for you, Monroe Heights streets, is that gonna be in our
3202 next budget, upcoming budget?

3203 **City Manager Evans:** Our capital projects. Yes, sir. We're gonna be talking about
3204 that with the Board, as to how we move forward.

3205 **Mayor Felder:** Okay. So that's something we'll be talking about.

3206 And, where are we with..., with some of our City projects, are we looking to involve
3207 minority participation? With just some of the, the projects that the City has.

3208 **City Manager Evans:** That is why we..., yes, sir, that is why we've secured the
3209 services of Mr. Lee to help us facilitate how we can establish a program and then roll that
3210 in to some of the capital projects that we look to move forward that facilitate minority
3211 participation and building a program that effectively can stand up in the event it is
3212 challenged.

3213 So, that is a priority for us. Yes, sir.

3214 **Mayor Felder:** Okay. And that... Oh, I'd like to give thanks to Jacoby Brissett and
3215 Abe Elam Foundation. What a wonderful event they had last weekend Friday and
3216 Saturday. Councilman McCoy, I think I heard you say you wasn't invited, but I did invite
3217 you to ride next me...

3218 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

3219 **Mayor Felder:** ...last week. So, I don't think [audio skipped]. But, it was a wonderful
3220 day. [Inaudible] the police to come out and ride with us. Great kudos out to those guys
3221 for putting that on.

3222 That's it for me.

3223 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mayor. It was a great event. Let's have, I'm
3224 starting at the top... oh, Mr. McCoy, did you wanna go next.

3225 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes, Madam...

3226 **Chairperson Botel:** Or did you...

3227 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Chair.

3228 **Chairperson Botel:** ...wanna respond? Yes. Go ahead.

3229 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I'm gonna respond and I also want to say my comments.
3230 And Madam Chair, let me tell you something, when you say starting at the top, that only
3231 appears on your screen.

3232 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, I know. But that...

3233 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, everybody [inaudible] different screen.

3234 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle]. But it's my only...

3235 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm, I'm cool with...

3236 **Chairperson Botel:** ...way to remember..., it's my way to remember who's already
3237 spoken, otherwise by the time the last person goes...

3238 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well...

3239 **Chairperson Botel:** ...I may have forgotten. You know?

3240 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Well, I still ride... Thank you, Madam Chair. I still ride,
3241 Mayor. I just didn't know the logistics of the event and I'm glad it worked out.

3242 I, I wanna take this opportunity, you said seniors can pick up yard signs. I don't
3243 know if I heard you say what those yard signs are. What does that mean, Mr. Mayor?

3244 **Chairperson Botel:** Graduates. I'm sorry.

3245 **Mayor Felder:** Senior..., I'm sorry...

3246 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh.

3247 **Mayor Felder:** ...senior graduates.

3248 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh my goodness. I thought you was... Oh, God.

3249 **Mayor Felder:** No. Not senior citizens.

3250 **Chairperson Botel:** He, he's run'... He's running for Mayor and he wants them to
3251 put their..., his signs in his..., in their yards, yeah.

3252 **Councilperson McCoy:** No, I... When you said seniors, I assumed that we were doing
3253 something with our seniors that part'...

3254 **Chairperson Botel:** Older people.

3255 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...participated in some of our other programs. Okay. Those
3256 signs. Okay. I'm sorry.

3257 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

3258 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Chuckle]. That's all I have. I just wanted to comment on that.
3259 And there was one last thing, Mr., Mr. Mayor, thank you for bringing that up. You know,
3260 I actually was going to talk to Mr. Evans today but, you know, he abruptly hung up on me
3261 and cited that his phone was going dead.

3262 [Chuckles]

3263 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm just kidding. I'm sorry. I had an electrical emergency at
3264 my house and I had some repair people so I couldn't finish the conversation but one of
3265 those questions that I was gonna ask the Manager... I'm sorry, did I say the Ma'.., I was
3266 gonna ask the Manager, was about Monroe Heights. And, quite honestly, you know, I'm
3267 at this point where I, I would love to have this conversation offline to figure out what needs
3268 to happen but, we're, we're talking about some very serious concerns and I had someone
3269 just as recent as yesterday tell me about how difficult it is for them to traverse through
3270 West 26th Court. And, you know, Members, and, and I'm just not speaking to my
3271 colleagues, but members of the public, it's not easy being an elected because every day
3272 it seems like we're dealing with new issues and I really appreciate it and I gotta commend
3273 Mr. Evans on his one year mark. And, now that you're the Manager, you've got.., kinda
3274 gotten in here and got set, I'm still looking for those records from September of 2017. So,
3275 between you and Ms. Gamble over in the Legal office, somebody should be able to come
3276 up with those. But, it is really a lot that we have to deal with issues day in and day out.
3277 And, I wanna see also that we can address that concern of Monroe Heights because that
3278 was what I wanted to talk to you about and it didn't happen, and we can take it offline.

3279 But in any event, thank you, Mr. Manager for your one year and we'll be revisiting
3280 that soon as a Member of the Board, but also, I would hope that we can also revisit Ms.
3281 Wynn and her term because, obviously, the ever, ever occurring emergencies with the
3282 City, we've kinda, kinda moved away from it but, obviously, I would hope that we can
3283 revisit both at, at the same time.

3284 So, that's all I have, Members, and thank you for indulging me.

3285 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. McCoy. I, I have to agree with you about 26th
3286 Court. It looks like something out of, I don't know, it's like a moonscape over there. It's,
3287 it's...

3288 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Stammer], Madam Chair, just say your comments. Don't,
3289 don't beat up my District.

3290 **Chairperson Botel:** Alright, alright. [Chuckle]. No, but it does. I was over there
3291 the other day. It was.., it's just... I'm just agreeing with you. I'm agreeing with you. Okay.

3292 Oh, what is she telling me here. Ten minutes. Okay. We'll be quick. I'm starting at my
3293 view of the top, which is Ms. Miller-Anderson.

3294 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Sure, try to cut my time off.

3295 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

3296 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** It happened last time. I don't have a whole lot.
3297 I just wanna say congratulations to Mr. Evans on his one year mark. You went further
3298 than you did the first time. Congratulations.

3299 Ms., I have a question for Ms. Anthony regarding the Order of calling people for
3300 the vote. You know, we've had this conversation before. And so, I wou'..., I would like to
3301 know, I know you do it at random but, from our discussions for many years now, it..., then,
3302 you know, it kinda sets some people up to see who's gonna vote and a whole number of
3303 issues. So, are we able to rotate that? Like, some kinda way so that we know that it's
3304 not certain people always being called first and second? I.e., me, second.

3305 **Councilperson McCoy:** No, no. I'm always first.

3306 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** McCoy, first, yeah. I said me second. So, I
3307 know you changed it up before. You said there was no specific way that you do it, and
3308 so, I'm just asking that we can... And have a...

3309 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair...

3310 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...certain way of mixing it up? Not just willy nilly.

3311 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, I'll make this quick. I
3312 believe I provided a Resolution to you all previously where it outlines the order in which I
3313 am to call the vote. And it states that it's gonna be called in the order of the Districts, with
3314 the Chair and the Pro Tem being called last. So, as a result, when you hear me call Mr.
3315 McCoy first, that is because he's in District 1 and then you're 2 and he..., and Ms. Lanier
3316 is District 3. I will provide the Resolution to you all, so you all can review it, as well as the
3317 Resolution that you were speaking of earlier, [audio skipped] that deals with the amount
3318 of time that you all are to speak on an Item.

3319 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Right. And so, we started using that Resolution
3320 when? Because it hasn't...

3321 **City Clerk Anthony:** When I reviewed the Resolution and saw what it outlined,
3322 that's when I started going by what it stated.

3323 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. So, can you send that to me 'cause I
3324 wanna change...

3325 **City Clerk Anthony:** I will send it to everyone.

3326 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Thank you.

3327 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay? You're welcome.

3328 **Chairperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

3329 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** And I wanted to say... Huh?

3330 **Chairperson Botel:** I was just... No. Go ahead. I'm sorry. I was gonna suggest
3331 that we might need to take a vote to extend but go ahead, let's see how far we can get.

3332 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I wanted to thank Ms. Deirdre Jacobs for a job
3333 well done over in the Utility District. I didn't get a chance to do it earlier, so thank you so
3334 much Ms. Jacobs.

3335 And, just the last two things, I think I've spoken to a couple of Commissioners
3336 regarding a graduate video that we could possibly do. Some of..., I think I did speak to a
3337 few of you. So, I'm gonna send you something tomorrow. This has nothing to do with
3338 Agenda people so we're not Sunshine...

3339 **Chairperson Botel:** Right. Right.

3340 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...violating here. So, I'll send that to you. I didn't
3341 really wanna put it out there what it is because I want it to be a surprise. So we'll..., I'll
3342 send that information to you and see if we can get that done.

3343 And then the second thing is, I know Mr. Lawson and Dr. Botel are in a challenge
3344 for the Census for..., with other cities, but I was thinking about maybe we can challenge
3345 each other. I spoke to Ms. Noel about this briefly the other day, we could possibly
3346 challenge each other within our districts. And, so, I'm just throwing it out there and, you
3347 know, maybe we could boast for people participating in the Census by our Commissioners
3348 being in a challenge with each other.

3349 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. I would only agree to that if we structured it the same
3350 way, or in a similar fashion that the..., that the..., that Mr. Lawson and I are involved with...,
3351 which is to say that considering that Singer Island is the worst responsive [chuckle]
3352 respondent. I [inaudible] put that out there Singer Island people. I wouldn't want it to be,
3353 you know, who has the most. I would want it to be the most improved. Then I would...

3354 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Well yeah, percentage. No, no, no. It'll, it'll
3355 based on percentage, yeah. Because...

3356 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

3357 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. No. It'll, it'll be by percentage...

3358 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

3359 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible]...

3360 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm not... Okay.

3361 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Because, I think my District is actually the
3362 smallest district, so... And then, far as Mr. Lawson and Mayor, you all can split up the
3363 City. You can do half and half and we can figure out which half you each would want.

3364 **Chairperson Botel:** Well, maybe we can rely on Mr. Evans to construct that
3365 challenge. 'Cause then it'll be fair, right?

3366 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** He, he... Yeah.

3367 **Chairperson Botel:** Who else can... Yeah. We'll ask him. Okay.

3368 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So, I just wanted to throw that out and, hopefully,
3369 Ms. Noel and Mr. Evans can help us with that. And whatever the prize will be, bragging
3370 rights, who knows, I don't know.

3371 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

3372 [Inaudible exchange]

3373 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright. That's it for me. [Inaudible] before 10:00
3374 o'clock. Thank you.

3375 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Do we need.., Madam Clerk, do we need a motion
3376 to extend for ten minutes?

3377 **Councilperson McCoy:** Move to extend indefinitely.

3378 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

3379 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

3380 **Chairperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

3381 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Second.

3382 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk.

3383 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

3384 **Councilperson McCoy:** No.

3385 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

3386 **Councilperson McCoy:** I only wanna cut off Councilman Lawson, that's it.

3387 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** [Chuckle]. I got a page of notes. We gonna hear this.
3388 [Chuckle].

3389 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

3390 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

3391 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

3392 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

3393 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

3394 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

3395 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

3396 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

3397 **City Clerk Anthony:** That motion is approved with Councilperson McCoy
3398 dissenting.

3399 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Councilman Lawson, please. Your list.

3400 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate you voting yes to
3401 extend the time. I truly appreciate that.

3402 Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, it's very ironic you brought that up, and I
3403 appreciate you because I was actually gonna present a challenge to my colleagues to
3404 request that we have a competition between Districts 1 through 4, to offer the incentive
3405 of whoever has the highest percentage increase, I myself will donate to a nonprofit of your
3406 choice, from our community benefits, of \$1,000. If we can have the highest increase. So
3407 because I don't have my own District or my own sector funds, I'm going to just support
3408 you guys to make sure that I'm not wearing another cities' paraphernalia. And I...

3409 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

3410 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...really would love for you guys to participate in this. So, Mr.
3411 Evans, if you could ask Ms. Noel or someone on Staff wise, just to give the current
3412 numbers and send that out to all of the Council Members, so that we can see where we're
3413 starting at now. And I would say let's run this initiative to, we have to utilize our community
3414 benefits by, I believe, October, is the deadline for community benefits so let's run it to the
3415 last Council meeting in September. Or, at least two weeks out, before that September
3416 Council meetings so that we can get it on the Agenda. And that will be coming from my
3417 community benefits to whichever nonprofit the winner chooses. So...

3418 **City Manager Evans:** And, and if Councilman McCoy wins, will you wear a bowtie?

3419 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** [Chuckle].

3420 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle]. That's gotta be thrown in the mix somehow.

3421 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I'll, I'll babysit Mason for a whole weekend. So that's, that's
3422 my...

3423 [Chuckles]

3424 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** He can come hang out with me and the new puppy.

3425 **Chairperson Botel:** Councilwoman...

3426 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. Lawson, question. So, you're...

3427 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, ma'am.

3428 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...backing out of the challenge? You don't
3429 wanna be... You don't wanna have to do anything other than give? It's easy to give.

3430 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** [Stammer]... Well, I mean, I, I'd rather just kinda, you know,
3431 lean on you guys and kinda see you guys work a little harder and say, hey, I'm gonna win
3432 this competition. And I can just watch from afar. [Chuckle]. So.

3433 **Chairperson Botel:** [Stammer], he's in it because he's the..., he and I wanna be
3434 sure we win the, the county..., the ten...

3435 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I really don't wanna wear West Palm Beach paraphernalia.

3436 **Chairperson Botel:** No, no, no.

3437 **City Manager Evans:** But, but there is six of you, so you can assemble two people
3438 teams.

3439 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** That's a good idea as well. I like that.

3440 **Councilperson McCoy:** I don't wanna be on a team...

3441 **Chairperson Botel:** Well...

3442 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...with Lawson.

3443 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** [Chuckle].

3444 **Chairperson Botel:** No., I, I., but then how would we., I mean, [stammer] we
3445 wouldn't be in...

3446 **City Manager Evans:** You pick straws.

3447 **Chairperson Botel:** ...working in our own District?

3448 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, the way that I was thinking about, we
3449 would have our own District and...

3450 **Chairperson Botel:** That's what I'm, that's what I'm saying.

3451 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Mr. Lawson and, and Felder would have..., one
3452 would have half of the City and the other would have the other half of the City. So, it, it
3453 will essentially be two people on each of the dis'..., each of the teams. But Mr. Lawson...

3454 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So, could it be three...

3455 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Huh?

3456 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** A three person team then? So, myself, Councilman McCoy
3457 and Councilwoman Miller-Anderson against the Mayor, Botel and Councilwoman Lanier?

3458 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** No. Each District..., Tra'... Ohh. I did not say
3459 that.

3460 [Chuckles]

3461 **Councilperson Lanier:** I heard it, I heard it, I heard it, I heard it, I heard it. I heard it.
3462 [Chuckle]. I heard it.

3463 **Chairperson Botel:** Why don't we let Mr. Evans...

3464 **Mayor Felder:** [Inaudible].
3465 **Chairperson Botel:** ...figure out the logistics?

3466 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. I'll send it..., I'll send..., I'll send it in...

3467 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. Mayor Felder wants..., Mayor Felder wants to weigh in.

3468 **Mayor Felder:** Put respect on that name, Councilwoman.

3469 [Laughter]

3470 **Chairperson Botel:** Alright. Let's see. Are we done with this topic, Mr. Lawson?

3471 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

3472 **Chairperson Botel:** You must have more. I know you have more.

3473 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, yes, Madam Chair. Just two more, two more statements.
3474 We actually are hosting a Grad Bash Giveaway on July 25th. That's in lieu of the Grad
3475 Night that we were attempting host but, because of the spike in numbers and us trying to
3476 continue to honor social distancing, we're gonna do a drive thru for these young
3477 graduates. Mayor, we'll probably..., I'm gonna look to see if we can have some flyers to
3478 promote to the graduates coming tomorrow so I'm gonna try to participate as well so we

3479 can make sure that they come. It's gonna be a bookbag giveaway. We wanted to do
3480 trunks but just to keep the budget effective, we're doing gift bags..., bookbags filled with
3481 trinkets from the City, filled with COVID response kits, filled with things that they can utilize
3482 going off to college and we're gonna stuff those bags next week. I wanna ask my Council
3483 to come out and support giving these bags out. We're gonna participate in social
3484 distancing. It's gonna be from 4:00 to 6:00, and the kids are gonna drive thru with their
3485 parents, we're gonna have a DJ there and we'll give the bags out. So, if my coll'...,
3486 colleagues can come out to just help give the bags out, that'd be great just to show the
3487 unity within our community.

3488 **Chairperson Botel:** It's July...

3489 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And the last...

3490 **Chairperson Botel:** Is that...

3491 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** What's that...

3492 **Chairperson Botel:** ...tomorrow?

3493 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...Madam Chair?

3494 **Chairperson Botel:** What day is that?

3495 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** July 25th. It's a Saturday. It's two Saturdays. Yeah. The
3496 same day...

3497 **Chairperson Botel:** Got it.

3498 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...as Councilwoman's testing..., Lanier..., Councilwoman
3499 Lanier's testing's that morning, the, the bookbag...

3500 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

3501 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...giveaway is that afternoon.

3502 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

3503 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And, the Grad Bash. I wanted to salute again Jacoby Brissett
3504 with the Indianapolis Colts and Abe Elam with the Elman Foundation, the bike ride was
3505 phenomenal. They truly showed an impact with these kids by giving away free bikes,
3506 riding through the community and working with the officers. And it actually correlated well
3507 with the officer's new bike route, so I wanna commend and congratulate them for a job
3508 well done.

3509 Last, I wanted to ask Mr. Evans if you can take a look at the Ashville City Council.
3510 They just recently passed a Resolution man'..., not mandating direct payments but instead
3511 making investments into areas where black residents face disparities. They're pretty

3512 much offering reparations to their residents in their community. But that's having the
3513 opportunity of home rule and investing into the community. I wanted to see if we could
3514 possibly address that and take a look at what that Council did. They say that we, we need
3515 to just kind of follow trends and not have to make up own in all times, things that are
3516 actually beneficial and impactful to the community. So, I'd love for you to take a look at
3517 that. I'll send you the link and the information to see what we could possibly do with
3518 reparation incentives for the residents in our community that have faced disparities over
3519 the years.

3520 **City Manager Evans:** Okay.

3521 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr...

3522 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And I believe...

3523 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Lawson.

3524 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...that's all my topics. Thank you, Madam Chair.

3525 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Lanier.

3526 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted to too say congratulations to Mr. Evans for
3527 sticking around with us for a year. We really appreciate you.

3528 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm sorry. Congratulations? That's...

3529 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. [Chuckle].

3530 **Councilperson Lanier:** Hey...

3531 **Councilperson McCoy:** I mean, you said that almost like that wasn't expected or
3532 something.

3533 [Chuckles]

3534 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible]. I'm done. I, I can't say [inaudible].

3535 **Councilperson Lanier:** Oh, I could tell you that I was down that road the last time, so
3536 I'm saying congratulations because this is great feat to accomplish. I knew that we were
3537 going to do it but, you know, eh', you know how things happened from before, we're just
3538 glad to have him still here and we appreciate the fact that you're gonna hang in there with
3539 us for the next phase of this rebuilding our City.

3540 I wanted to also tell the residents that I will be having a virtual town hall, Thursday,
3541 July 30th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It is considered to be a town hall where we'll talk
3542 about the issues that you guys want to talk about, not that I wanna talk about. You will
3543 be seeing flyers and social media to alert you to that town hall meeting.

3544 I wanted to also.., I really wanted to thank Mr. Walter Sharif. Walter is the one who
3545 makes sure that this thing goes off every week, for every meeting. And Walter, I know
3546 you're listening. Thank you so much, Walter. We really appreciate it. We really
3547 appreciate the fact that you make this happen every week for us and I've had some
3548 technical diff'.., difficulties many, many nights and you have helped me out to be able to
3549 come back online and, and do what I need to do. So, I really appreciate your, your help
3550 and your commitment, Walter Sharif.

3551 I also wanted to say that, do not forget the testing on July 25th from 9:00 to 12:00
3552 at Wells. And also, I wanted to give a shout out to Hope Dealers again for bringing their
3553 program to the City of Riviera Beach. And also to the Urban Farmer's Program who is
3554 helping us to do rehab housing here in the City.

3555 And that is it.

3556 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Did I get the Mayor? See? This is why I do it
3557 top... I shoulda... I started with you. Thank you.

3558 So, I want to let people know on the Island.., especially.., well, we're having a very
3559 large meeting on July 20th regarding the derelict boats and, I think at this point we've got
3560 about twenty-five people coming from all over, including Commissioner Valeche, the
3561 derelict boats and the live aboards.

3562 I would urge people to sign up for the Palm Beach State College courses because,
3563 as I think I mentioned last time, we're graduating fourteen people in August and we are
3564 going to be starting a new cohort and you can sign up by contacting
3565 stbrown@rivierabeach.org. If you are interested in apprenticeships in the marine
3566 industry, also please contact Mr. Brown at stbrown@rivireabeach.org. Those are the
3567 ones that are in collaboration with CareerSource and it's a wonderful opportunity to get
3568 your foot in the door in the marine industry.

3569 I wanted to thank Lou Cohen for applying to be on the Library Board. She's the
3570 newest member that we appointed this evening and I'm very happy that she was able to
3571 offer her services.

3572 I wanted to congratulate Mr. Evans on making it through the year. And I will say
3573 congratulations 'cause, you know, hey, with our fee'... And also, I thank you for being the
3574 greatest City Manager we've all worked for. Well, that doesn't say too much though really,
3575 does it [chuckle]? Since we've all worked for only one. In any case.., permanent City
3576 Manager, let me clarify that, not interim. I wanted to thank Ms. Deirdre for being in charge
3577 of the Utility District for such a long time.

3578 I also did go to the bike event and it was fabulous. I didn't ride because, you know,
3579 they didn't have tricycles for old ladies and so I, I, I took pictures and I took some video,
3580 that I posted but it really was. And I wanted to thank Abe Elam and Jacoby Brissett for
3581 putting that on. It was, it was, it was great. The kids loved it.

3582 And last but not least, I think last, I have also my, my virtual town hall meeting
3583 which will be on August..., excuse me, on July 27th at 6:00 o'clock. July 27th at 6:00. When
3584 is yours, Shirley?

3585 **Councilperson Lanier:** Mine is on July 30th at 7:00 o'clock.

3586 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. So, we're not in conflict.

3587 **Councilperson Lanier:** We're good. I can watch yours as well.

3588 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. You can, and I can watch yours. Okay.

3589 **ADJOURNMENT**

3590 **Chairperson Botel:** Anything..., anything else for the good of the order? Would
3591 someone like to make a motion to adjourn?

3592 **Councilperson Lanier:** So moved.

3593 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any objections? We call this meeting to a close.
3594 Thank you. Thank you all. Have a...

3595 [End Of video]

3596 **City Employees, Public Comment Speakers and Others**

3597 Deborah Hall Ms. D. Hall

3598 Marybeth Coffey

3599 Interim Human Resources Director Eureka Young
3600 Interim Human Resources Director Young

3601 Inner-City Innovators Ricky Aiken Mr. R. Aiken

3602 Interim Library Director Amy Dickerson Interim Library Director Dickerson

3603 Finance and Administrative Services Director Randy Sherman
3604 Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman

3605 Interim Public Works Director Terrence Bailey
3606 Interim Public Works Director Bailey

3607 Interim Fire Chief John Curd Interim Fire Chief Curd

3608 Assistant City Attorney Lina Busby Assistant City Attorney Busby

3609 Youth Empowerment Program Director Valerie Grimsley
3610 Youth Empowerment Program Director Grimsley

3611 Development Services Director Clarence Sirmons
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3620 **MAYOR**

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3619 **JULIA A. BOTEL, Ed.D**
3620 **CHAIRPERSON**

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3626 **CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY**
3627 **CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK**
3628 **CITY CLERK**

3625 _____
3626 **DOUGLAS A. LAWSON**
3627 **CHAIR PRO TEM**

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3630 **TRADRICK MCCOY**
3631 **COUNCILPERSON**

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3635 **KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON**
3636 **COUNCILPERSON**

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3639 **SHIRLEY D. LANIER**
3640 **COUNCILPERSON**

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3646 **K. MILLER-ANDERSON** _____

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