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CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH	1	MS. DAVIDSON: Moeti Ncube.
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD	2	MR. NCUBE: Present.
	3	MS. DAVIDSON: Jon Gustafson.
	4	VICE CHAIR GUSTAFSON: Here.
	5	MS. DAVIDSON: Rena Burgess.
	6	CHAIR BURGESS: Here.
	7	MS. DAVIDSON: You have a quorum.
Thursday, May 28, 2020	8	CHAIR BURGESS: Thank you. Item number III,
Via videoconference	9	acknowledgement of Board member absence notification.
	10	MR. GAGNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.
7:21 p.m 9:37 p.m.	11 12	Jeff Gagnon, Acting Director of Development Services. We have one Board member absent tonight, so
	13	I'd like to ask that the Board provide voting rights to
	14	the first alternate, Ms. Evelyn Harris Clark. Thank
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IN ATTENDANCE:	16	you. CHAIR BURGESS: You're welcome. Item V
Rena Burgess, Chair	17	
Jon Gustafson, Vice Chair		I'm sorry, item IV, additions and deletions to the
Anthony Brown, Board Member	18	agenda.
James Gallon, Board Member Stephen Hunt, Board Member	19	MR. GAGNON: None tonight, Madam Chair.
William Wyly, Board Member	20	CHAIR BURGESS: Okay. Disclosure by Board
Evelyn Harris Clark, 1st Alternate Moeti Ncube, 2nd Alternate	21	members and adoption of the agenda. Are there any
Jeff Gagnon, Acting Director of	22	disclosures? Seeing none, is there a motion to adopt
Development Services	23	the agenda?
Lina F. Busby, Assistant City Attorney Simone Davidson, Planner	24	MR. HUNT: I hereby move.
Josue Leger, Senior Planner/GIS Specialist	25	MR. WYLY: Second.
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BE IT REMEMBERED that the following Planning	1	CHAIR BURGESS: Is there a second?
and Zoning Board meeting was had via videoconference on	2	MR. WYLY: Second.
Thursday, May 28, 2020, beginning at 7:21 p.m., with	3	CHAIR BURGESS: Roll call.
4 attendees as hereinabove noted, to wit:	4	MS. DAVIDSON: Anthony Brown.
5	5	MR. BROWN: Yes.
6 CHAIR BURGESS: Okay, so we'll go ahead and	6	MS. DAVIDSON: James Gallon.
begin the Thursday, May 28th meeting of the Planning	7	MR. GALLON: Yes.
8 and Zoning Board. The time is now 7:21 p.m. We'll	8	MS. DAVIDSON: Stephen Hunt.
begin with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge	9	MR. HUNT: Yes.
10 of Allegiance.	10	MS. DAVIDSON: William Wyly.
11 (Moment of silence observed. Pledge of	11	MR. WYLY: Yes.
12 Allegiance recited.)	12	MS. DAVIDSON: Evelyn Harris Clark.
13 CHAIR BURGESS: Roll call.	13	MS. CLARK: Yes.
14 MS. DAVIDSON: Anthony Brown.	14	MS. DAVIDSON: Moeti Ncube.
15 MR. BROWN: Here.	15	MR. NCUBE: Yes.
16 MS. DAVIDSON: James Gallon.	16	MS. DAVIDSON: Jon Gustafson.
17 MR. GALLON: Here.	17	VICE CHAIR GUSTAFSON: Yes.
18 MS. DAVIDSON: Stephen Hunt.	18	
10 MS. DAVIDSON. Stephen Hunt.		MS. DAVIDSON: Rena Burgess.
10 MP HINT: Hara	19	CHAIR BURGESS: Yes.
MR. HUNT: Here.	20	MS. DAVIDSON: Unanimous vote.
MS. DAVIDSON: Margaret Shepherd.	0.1	
MS. DAVIDSON: Margaret Shepherd. (No response.)	21	CHAIR BURGESS: Thank you. Item VI, approval
 MS. DAVIDSON: Margaret Shepherd. (No response.) MS. DAVIDSON: William Wyly. 	22	of minutes from the last Board meeting of February 27,
MS. DAVIDSON: Margaret Shepherd. (No response.) MS. DAVIDSON: William Wyly. MR. WYLY: Here.	22 23	of minutes from the last Board meeting of February 27, 2020. Is there a motion to approve?
 MS. DAVIDSON: Margaret Shepherd. (No response.) MS. DAVIDSON: William Wyly. 	22	of minutes from the last Board meeting of February 27,

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1	MR. BROWN: Second.	1	Generally, Section 31-96, Designation of Districts, by
2	MR. GALLON: Second.	2	adding reference to the SP Special Preservation
3	CHAIR BURGESS: Roll call.	3	District; and amending Chapter 31, Article V, Division
4	MS. DAVIDSON: Anthony Brown.	4	1, Generally, Section 31-97, Official Zoning Map and
5	MR. BROWN: Yes.	5	Zoning District Boundaries, by amending the District
6	MS. DAVIDSON: James Gallon.	6	Zoning Map by assigning a Special Preservation Zoning
7	MR. GALLON: Yes.	7	District designation to any and all land area currently
8	MS. DAVIDSON: Stephen Hunt.	8	having a Special Preservation Future Land Use
9	MR. HUNT: Yes.	9	designation according to the City's Comprehensive Plan
10	MS. DAVIDSON: William Wyly.	10	and Future Land Use Map in order to provide consistency
11	MR. WYLY: Yes.	11	between the City's Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map,
12	MS. DAVIDSON: Evelyn Harris Clark.	12	which will impact real property or portions thereof
13	MS. CLARK: Yes.	13	located north of Pine Point Road and west of North
14	MS. DAVIDSON: Jon Gustafson.	14	Ocean Drive in the City of Riviera Beach, providing for
15	VICE CHAIR GUSTAFSON: Yes.	15	severability and conflicts, providing for codification,
16	MS. DAVIDSON: Rena Burgess.	16	and providing for an effective date.
17	CHAIR BURGESS: Yes.	17	So I did want to mention that we do have a
18	MS. DAVIDSON: Unanimous vote.	18	significant amount of public comments on this item. So
19	CHAIR BURGESS: Thank you. Item VII,	19	I'll provide an overview of the staff report and kind
20	unfinished business. Seeing that there is none, on to	20	of scroll through so everyone that is viewing the
21	item number VIII, new business.	21	meeting also has access to it.
22	MR. GAGNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.	22	I just do want to make note that the agenda
23	Just for the record, I also want to call out	23	packet is available on the City's website. The meeting
24	the other individuals that are on the call tonight. We	24	should also be streaming on the City's website. Prior
25	have Ms. Lina Busby, the Assistant City Attorney. We	25	to the meeting, we sent out mail-out notices to both
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1	also have Mr. Andrew Baumann, who is a consulting	1	the property owners and the actual physical address of
2	attorney from Lewis Longman & Walker. Mr. Josue Leger	2	the property that would be impacted by the regulations
3	has joined us. He's one of our senior planners. And	3	being proposed. We also provided legal notice for
4	we also have Walter Stephens, who's running the control	4	tonight's meeting.
5	room, and we thank him very much for doing that, as	5	So this is a City initiated process, and what
6	well as our court reporter, Susan. So just wanted to	6	we're looking to do is create and implement a new
7	call that out so everyone's aware who else is on the	7	Special Preservation Zoning District. So this is both
8	call.	8	going to create the text that guides what could be
9	And at this point, Ms. Davidson, if you could	9	developed within that Special Preservation area, as
10	switch to the screen share view for me, I can switch	10	well as amending our Zoning Map to reflect the current
11	over to the presentation.	11	Special Preservation Future Land Use area. So that
12	MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gagnon, do you already	12	way, we'll be consistent with the Florida statute
13	have access? I think you're already a presenter.	13	requirement that requires the City to have a Future
14	MR. GAGNON: Great. Yes, should be coming up	14	Land Use Map that is in line with the Zoning Map and
15	right now.	15	vice versa. The Future Land Use Map is actually the
16	So it should be visible for everyone at this	16	guiding map that kind of drives the direction of the
17	point. Just to read it into the record: New business	17	Zoning Map, and this is an item that we need to
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District. These parcels would either be impacted in full or in part. There is a few parcels that are just north of Pine Point Road that have a split future land use and zoning, so portions of those parcels will be

impacted by the proposed Special Preservation Zoning

use and zoning, so portions of those parcels will be

So to reference the staff report, we've

provided 28 parcel control numbers that are being

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is an ordinance of the City Council of the City of

Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending

Chapter 31 of the City'S Code of Ordinances entitled

Zoning, Article V, District Regulations, by creating a

new Zoning District entitled, SP Special Preservation

and amending Chapter 31, Article V, Division 1,

District, coinciding with the City's Comprehensive Plan

Future Land Use Element for special preservation areas;

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included or be impacted by this text amendment and map amendment.

Overall, the land area is approximately 150 acres. It's currently undeveloped and most is submerged land area. The current zoning designation on the Future Land Use Map is RS5, single family residential, and again, we're proposing the Special Preservation Zoning District.

To reference the high points within the background, the specific Florida statute section that is requiring the City to be in compliance is Section 163.3202(1), Land Development Regulations. And again, that's really saying that the City's Zoning Map must be compatible with the Future Land Use Map. So what this ordinance is proposing to do will create that Special Preservation Zoning District and ensure that compatibility that's required by the State.

compatibility that's required by the State.

So I'd be happy to answer any questions about the specific regulations, but the way that we had written the ordinance in the Land Development Regulations, we're in line with the Comprehensive Plan and the uses that were provided within the Comprehensive Plan, so we thought that was an appropriate way of proceeding forward. So staff is recommending that the P & Z Board recommend approval of

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So at this point, if it pleases the Board, maybe we can jump into public comments. Again, we did have a voluminous amount of public comments. Then I can circle back if there's any Board questions or comments that we may have.

CHAIR BURGESS: Yes, proceed with the public. MR. GAGNON: Okay, Madam Chair. For public comments tonight, Ms. Davidson and

For public comments tonight, Ms. Davidson and I will be splitting the duty of reading them all because we have over 100 that have been submitted. So I'll pass the mic over to Ms. Davidson at this point.

MS. DAVIDSON: Thank you, Mr. Gagnon. The first e-mail is from John and Tina.

E-mail address, hutchjtg@comcast.net. Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comp Plan. Thank you. Tina Hutchinson. Address, 4773 South Lake Drive.

Mr. Stephen Neidell, and that's Stephen spelled S-t-e-p-h-e-n, last name N-e-i-d-e-l-l; e-mail address spneidell@gmail.com. Mr. Gagnon, I support the creation of the Special Preservation Zoning District to coincide with the City's Comp Plan Future Land Use Element for special preservation areas. Please enter my e-mail into public comments at tonight's meeting. Thank you.

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these regulations to the City Council.

And I want to make sure that everyone's aware of the location itself. So the location map shown on the screen currently, the area that's called out in green is the area proposed to be Special Preservation. And this is a side-by-side comparison of the current Zoning Map, which is RS5, which is a Single Family Residential Zoning District, and on the right is the Special Preservation area that's proposed. So that way, you can see the overlay of what's proposed and what currently exists for that land area.

So the overall intent is to really capture some of the real policies that are called out in the City's Comprehensive Plan already as far as some of the goals that we're striving for as far as conservation of this area. And that can include anything to do with fisheries, native plant communities, air, beaches, shorelines, overall ecosystems.

And I want to provide, and this might be -just hope to get full screen, but this is an aerial
view of the area itself. So North Ocean Drive is
running north and south. Pine Point Road is on the
southern end here. And these are the parcels that
would be impacted either in full or in part by the
ordinance that's currently proposed.

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This e-mail is Thomas W. Mayers. landsendmarina@mac.com. Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comp Plan. I am an environmental consultant in Florida with 40 years of experience, specializing in marine environments. And I have discussed this issue with the Holly family. You're welcome to my .pdf of my book. If you have any questions, contact me. Tom Mayers.

This e-mail is from F & M Stein,
Steins@comcast.net. We wish to express our support for
the creation of a Special Preservation District for the
Lake Worth Lagoon off Singer Island. It is very
important to preserve the Lake Worth Lagoon in its
present state for the enjoyment of future generations.
Thank you. Franz and Monika Stein.

This e-mail is from Rita Borraccio, name spelled R-i-t-a, last name B-o-r-r-a-c-c-i-o, borraccio@hotmail.com. I wanted to voice my stance against the changes being made to the Intercoastal shoreline of Singer Island. Here are my concerns regarding the Mr. Lozman and Mr. Taylor.

My parents purchased a unit in one of the oldest buildings on the island, the Condado, in 1998, and shortly afterwards I moved to Singer Island as a full-time resident. This island is a slice a heaven,

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and we should be doing everything to protect it, not destroy it, which is what this project will do if approved.

The impact to nature has been pure eradication. They both pulled all of the native and protected vegetation, and no one from State, County or City stopped them. The results of this devastation of the shoreline is just wrong. During a storm event, the shoreline and the road are now open to total ruin. This also impacts evacuation routes for the island.

Their projects will introduce additional traffic patterns on the island, which are already overpopulated during the season, not to mention the issue of they and their guests parking their vehicles, which block both the sidewalks and bike path. This is not only a traffic violation, but an accident waiting to happen, as bikers and pedestrians have to veer into car lanes.

Please do not allow this to happen. Rita Borraccio.

This e-mail is from Bonnie Dorfman, e-mail address bonsaid1@icloud.com. Hello Board Members. Thank you for your service to the community. I've been a resident on Singer Island for ten years. I recognize how precious the Lake Worth Lagoon is to both the

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work order has been totally ignored, as workers first cleared, then filled the area with truckloads of sand. City inspectors watched, police as well, as Lozman and Taylor continued to work with complete disregard.

Sand was dumped into the lagoon, creating streams of white cloudy water to traverse the shorelines for hours. The 22 concrete floating docks that have replaced Fane Lozman's derelict houseboat that sunk last year have broken off and floated away, only to be dragged back to continue damaging the lagoon.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection conducted a complaint inspection submitted to the property owner on May 21st, 2020. This requires him to remove the docks affecting the mangroves and submerged seagrasses within 20 days and then to schedule meetings for approval prior to permitting of structures to be placed on the property.

These people have no regard for laws and ordinances. Having been emboldened by Supreme Court wins against the City, they feel they are untouchable. They are destroying the mangroves, submerged lands and Lake Worth Lagoon. Imagine the damage they are doing to our property values.

I am all for creation of a new Special

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creatures who depend on it, depend on its continued pristine ecosystem, as well as the humans who enjoy. I support the creation of a Special Preservation Zoning District. We must protect the lagoon from future development. Thank you for your consideration. Bonnie Dorfman.

This e-mail is from Tara Hegarty; first name T-a-r-a, last name H-e-g-a-r-t-y. E-mail address tah719@comcast.net. Please pass the new Special Preservation Zoning District to match the Comp Plan, an ordinance creating a new Zoning District entitled SP Special Preservation.

And she quoted the excerpt from the item. Sincere thanks for Riviera Beach P&Z Board for all that you do in our community. Tara Hegarty.

This e-mail is from Kyle Hauser; first name K-y-l-e, last name H-a-u-s-e-r. E-mail address kylehauser56@gmail.com. I am writing tonight in support of putting an end to commercialization of the Lake Worth Lagoon off Singer Island.

As a resident of Singer Island, I have a front row seat to the Lozman/Taylor debacle that is ongoing. Just these past few days I've watched workers clearing massive amounts of seagrapes, underbrush, and I have no doubt, mangroves by the truckload. A stop

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Preservation District for the Lake Worth Lagoon to preserve the wetlands. Regards, Kyle Hauser.

This e-mail is from Bill Hauser, billhauser48@gmail.com. I wish to add my support to putting an end to the -- I think this e-mail is duplicated. It's the same one that I read before.

This e-mail is from Marie Sailler. marie.sailler@trammo.com. As a full time resident of Singer Island, my husband and I are in favor of creation of the Special Preservation District for the Lake Worth Lagoon off Singer Island.

We are appalled that the wall on the west side of North Ocean Drive and various floating docks with containers have been allowed to be built on the lagoon. Isn't this a protected area? Why is Mr. Taylor, et al. able to continue work on the properties with a moratorium in effect? Why isn't he being fined every day that he defies the order? Why is he allowed to destroy the protected mangroves and lagoon area? How long will this be allowed to continue?

We are concerned taxpayers and registered voters of Singer Island, and we would like answers. Thank you. Marie and Michael C-r-o-c-i-t-t-o.

This e-mail is from Dawn D-'-A-u-r-i-a.

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dawnmdauria@gmail.com. When I purchased property on Singer Island over 30 years ago, part of the appeal was that the island was so pristine and the Singer Island Civic Association worked very hard to preserve and protect our natural resources here.

In 2010, breakwaters were proposed to help our beach erosion problem. The Surfriders lobbied to stop this project, and the County Commissioners voted to not pursue the breakwaters. They wanted to preserve our coastline and ensure natural habitat. Since then, both government, as well as property owners, have spent millions in refurbishing our beaches, keeping in mind the goal to preserve and protect.

I feel it would be consistent with our City goals to assign this area north of Pine Point Road and west of North Ocean Drive as a Special Preservation District. To do otherwise would compromise the mission of the City of Riviera Beach and all we have stood for in the past several years. Thank you for your consideration. Dawn M. D-'-A-u-r-i-a.

This e-mail is from Toby S-e-m-p-r-e-v-i-v-o. Why is it that these renegades are allowed to decimate the lagoon, tearing up mangroves and disturbing fish and turtle habitats with total abandon? No one is stopping them. Please help or we will stop them

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Ocean during rainy season.

Please stop their illegal behavior and begin whatever remediation is required to return the land to the original, legal condition before the backhoes and workers showed up. There appears no end to their destruction, despite the ruling against Taylor's green wall, which was to be demolished by April 5th, as I recall. Of course, the pandemic slowed down this date. Taylor continues improvements to his land rather than desist and start dismantling, indicating he has no intention of following your last ruling. Help. Thank you. Lee I-n-n-o-c-e-n-t-i.

Mr. Gagnon, tag, you're it.

MR. GAGNON: So you know, Ms. Davidson, we're both working from an identical list of e-mails, so I was kind of checking off the e-mails as we read them into the record. So please stop me if I start reading one that has already been called out. I think the sequence might be different in your list and mine.

MS. DAVIDSON: Okay.

MR. GAGNON: So just let me know if I'm duplicating anything that's already been read.

This public comment is from Karen Gleason, kgleason@karengleason.com. It states: To Planning and Zoning Board: Please vote to pass the proposed zoning

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through recalls of Board members who seem disinterested in our cries for help. We can also start process to break away from Riviera Beach control. Now is the moment for action.

This e-mail is from Lee I-n-n-o-c-e-n-t-i. I know there is a Council meeting today about the destruction of our Intracoastal sea area by Lozman and Taylor. I am grateful for your organized attention to this very important town matter. Only the town can stop them.

Please note that I strongly support the creation of the Special Preservation Zoning District coinciding with the City's Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element for Special Preservation areas. Please enter my e-mail into the public comments at tonight's meeting.

The beauty of our island and the protection of the sea, plants, animals are so important to the people who live on the island, as well as all Riviera Beach residents who enjoy the island activities. We all know this destruction is illegal. Taylor's horrible green wall is an affront each time we drive by on North Ocean, and now we have the culling of the trees by Lozman. This greenery destruction, besides being illegal, also will increase flooding of North

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changes to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Riviera Beach. Karen Gleason, 1211 Pine Point Road.

The next public comment is from Renee Lynch. It states: Please pass the Special Preservation
District to match the Comprehensive Plan. Renee Lynch, 1111 Pine Point Road.

The next public comment is from Matt Lynch: Please pass the Special Preservation District to match/coincide with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Thank you. Matt Lynch, 1111 Pine Point Road.

The next comment is from Steven Craig. It states: Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. Steven L. Craig, 1091 Pine Point Road.

The next comment is from Maureen Dietz. Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. Maureen Dietz, 1170 Morse Boulevard.

The next comment is from Chip Armstrong. It states: I am in support of an ordinance creating a new Zoning District entitled SP Special Preservation District, which is an agenda item for the P&Z meeting. Sincerely, Chip Armstrong.

The next comment comes from Mike Blasdell.

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B-l-a-s-d-e-l-l, blaze, b-l-a-z-e, @mindharbor.com. It states: Greetings. Please pass the new Special Preservation Zoning District to match the Comprehensive

Then he provides the title block as read into the record tonight.

He continues by saying: With sincere thanks to the Planning and Zoning Board for all that you do in our community. Mike Blasdell.

The next comment is from Jackie Delgado. It states: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Jackie Delgado, 1030 Pine Point Road.

The next comment is from Renee Delgado. It states: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Renee Delgado, 1030 Pine Point Road.

The next public comment is from Nita Dry, N-i-t-a D-r-y. E-mail address, nitadry1@aol.com. The comment is: My family and I have lived on this island for 29 years, and part of the reason why we moved here was for the beauty of the island and the wetlands and being able to walk up and down the sidewalks and see

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Jackie Delgado, 1030 Pine Point Road.

2 The next public comment comes from Beth 3 Brady. It states: To Planning and Zoning Board: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a

Special Preservation District to coincide with the

Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. This area will help protect vital manatee habitat.

7 Best, Beth Brady, 1370 Northeast 27th Way, Pompano 9 Beach, Florida.

> The next message is from Marie Sailler. Simone, did this one already get read? I think this one was read.

I'll go to the next one.

The next is from -- pardon my pronunciation -- Marcus, I'm going to spell it from Marcus. I guess he goes by Marcus Rubio. The e-mail address is Marcus@wasteadvantagemag.com. Good afternoon. I'm writing to express my concern about the construction on the lagoon side of Singer Island. Any construction will be destroying wildlife and the seagrapes that is necessary for wildlife. Plus all the trash and other problems will bring all property values down in Riviera Beach, which means less tax dollars and less tourist dollars.

Also, destroying the seagrapes and any

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the beautiful water.

Allowing people to take down seagrapes and foliage and trees north of Palm Point -- I think it's Pine Point -- into the west of Ocean Boulevard is criminal to me. We have enough homes and buildings on Singer Island, which is one of the main attractions, and we don't want it to look like Miami Beach or Fort Lauderdale. The wetlands in that area need to be preserved and not built on and not destroyed because of people's greed.

I couldn't believe I saw a crew with a Bobcat clearing the land on the side of the road next to the water. It's a small strip of land, but that foliage, trees and seagrapes protect our Ocean Boulevard from flooding at high tide or during the season. Our City needs to not afraid -- or not to be afraid of doing the right thing for our environment and for its residents. We do not need more houses, buildings or houseboats on that body of water. We must stop this from happening at all costs. Signed, Nita

The next message is from Jackie Delgado. It states: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Page 24

construction will probably lead to widespread flooding on the island. A good way to lose residents and tourists is to destroy the lagoon side with construction. Thank you for taking the time to read my e-mail. Regards, Marcus Rubio, 5400 North Ocean Drive, Number 4A.

I'm going to do one more, Simone, and then pass the mic back to you.

I have an e-mail from Chris McKee. E-mail address, lamncam@aol.com. It states: To Planning and Zoning Board: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. The preservation of this land is so important. I have lived here since 1971 and understand the importance of the ecological system that will be destroyed if any development or docks are allowed on this property. Thank you. Chris McKee, 1101 Pine Point Road.

MS. DAVIDSON: Okay, the next e-mail is from Charles Lewis, chucklewis39@hotmail.com. Pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan.

Did you read one from Norm Adams? MR. GAGNON: (Shakes head.)

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Page 25 Page 27 1 MS. DAVIDSON: Okay, Norm Adams. 1 permits. We must listen to our science and 2 MR. GAGNON: I don't believe so. 2 environmental experts and consider the future of our 3 MS. DAVIDSON: nbasox.com. I support the 3 precious lagoon ecosystem. Thank you for your support. 4 4 creation of a Special Preservation Zoning District to Arlene Ludwig. 5 5 This e-mail is from barshk@gtlaw.com. On be included with the comprehensive property use zone, 6 6 behalf of my clients, I am attaching a letter in and I suspect probably 95 percent of Singer Island 7 7 residents, as well as many mainland residents do. opposition to the Special Preservation Zoning District 8 Thanks. Norm Adams. that is scheduled for consideration tonight by the 9 9 Planning and Zoning Board. Because the meeting is This e-mail is from Judy Holly, 10 10 virtual, please read the letter into the record at the judyrobsonholly@yahoo.com. Please pass the Special 11 Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan 11 appropriate time of the agenda of tonight's Planning 12 12 to save the estuary adjacent north of Pine Point Road, and Zoning Board meeting. 13 13 Jeff, did you want me to read the entire Singer Island. 14 14 Linda Link, Linda -- I'm sorry. E-mail letter? 15 MR. GAGNON: Yes. I can read this, if you 15 address linklk@aol.com. Please pass the Special 16 16 Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. want. 17 MS. DAVIDSON: Yes, please. 17 From John F. Devol, 1090 Morse Boulevard. 18 MR. GAGNON: So this correspondence is from 18 Duplication. 19 Kerri L. Barsh of Greenberg and Traurig. It was 19 Randy Bradley, rhbradley@comcast.net. Hi. 20 addressed to Ms. Dawn Wynn and Ms. Lina Busby of the 20 My name is Ralph Bradley. I reside at 5080 North Ocean 21 Drive, Apartment 9C, Riviera Beach. I am for keeping City Attorney's Department for the City. It's 21 22 regarding opposition to proposed Special Preservation 22 historic Munyon's Cove -- the north was WMS of our Lake Zoning Districts. 23 23 Worth Lagoon in the ware north is Pine Point Road and 24 Dear Ms. Wynn and Busby and Members of the 24 east of Big and Little Munyon Islands -- forever a 25 Planning and Zoning Board: I am writing on behalf of 25 protected development, and for CRB Planning and Zoning Page 26 Page 28 and Council to vote for and pass this ordinance. 1 HALO Development LLC, Fane Lozman, and Renegade 1 2 Thank you for all you do. Ralph Bradley. 2 Trust II, the owners of real property located within 3 3 the geographic area of the proposed Special This e-mail is from Arlene Ludwig, 4 caawmlud@gmail.com. Ladies and gentlemen, please 4 Preservation Zoning District, Ordinance 4133, and more 5 5 accept this request to preserve the Lake Worth Lagoon particularly described in Exhibit A to this letter. from the ongoing destruction caused by Lozman and 6 6 Together, HALO Development LLC, Fane Lozman 7 7 Taylor owned realty investments. These two developers and Renegade Trust II own approximately 51 acres of 8 continue to flaunt the law in view of thousands of land, which accounts for 20 percent or more of the area 9 9 residents by cutting down mangroves, littering the of the lots included in such proposed change to the 10 10 mangrove area with garbage, building a cement wall Special Preservation Zoning District. 11 without permit, bringing in large and unsightly 11 It references City of Riviera Beach Code, 12 12 floating docks and devices that are improperly secured, Section 31-5, 2019. 13 13 which then break away in storms and kill essential HALO Development LLC, Fane Lozman and 14 seagrasses, et cetera. 14 Renegade Trust II object to the new Special 15 This lagoon has been studied by FAU 15 Preservation Zoning District that the City is 16 professors and students because it hosts rare and 16 considering to impose on their properties for reasons 17 endangered flora and fauna. This area is home to 17 including, without limitation, that their respective 18 critically threatened manatees and is a nursery for 18 vested and/or judicially determined property rights

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will be abrogated by the adoption of the new Zoning

District, resulting in a regulatory taking. Very truly

And Exhibit A follows that correspondence.

The exhibit states: HALO Development LLC owns the

following seven properties. It provides the parcel

control number and address of each one. I'll read the

yours, Kerri L. Barsh.

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federally listed endangered green turtles.

Development of the submerged land under these

wetlands is an environmental disaster that must be

stopped. There are too many mitigating factors, with

under wetlands purchased in the 1920s does not meet

current standards and should not receive any building

serious detrimental environmental repercussions. Land

Page 29 Page 31 1 addresses into the record. 1 Merle Neidell, harbordell@yahoo.com. Ladies 2 4601 North Ocean Drive: 4701 North Ocean 2 and gentlemen: Please accept this request to preserve 3 Drive; 4801 North Ocean Drive; 4901 North Ocean Drive; 3 the Lake Worth Lagoon from ongoing destruction caused 4 5001 North Ocean Drive; 5011 North Ocean Drive; and by Lozman and Taylor owned realty investments. 5 5 Please -- I think I read this one before. It's a 5021 North Ocean Drive. 6 6 It continues, stating that Fane Lozman owns duplicate. 7 7 the following property: 5101 North Ocean Drive. And These two developers continue to flaunt the 8 it continues by stating: Renegade II Trust owns the 8 law in view of thousands of residents by cutting down 9 9 following three properties: 5241 North Ocean Drive; mangroves, littering the mangrove area with garbage, 10 5251 North Ocean Drive; 5301 North Ocean Drive. 10 building a cement wall without permit, using the -- I'm sorry -- decrepit floating devices that break away in 11 And that concludes the correspondence. 11 12 MS. DAVIDSON: Thank you. 12 storm and kill essential seagrasses, et cetera. 13 13 MS. BUSBY: Sorry, Ms. Davidson. A few of The next e-mail is from Judy Miller, 14 those have been read twice, so I just want to make sure 14 jjniko@aol.com. I am a resident of Singer Island, 15 living on Bimini Lane, and I'm writing in favor of the 15 we don't repeat them. Thank you. 16 Special Preservation District. Judy Miller 16 MS. DAVIDSON: Thank you for letting me know. 17 This e-mail is from pegsue@aol.com. My 17 I do have a couple that were duplicated, I think, but 18 husband and I are owners on Singer Island and Florida 18 different senders. So we'll continue. 19 residents. We support this ordinance to create this 19 Jeff -- I'm sorry, Mr. Gagnon. 20 20 preservation area. This area is important to many MR. WYLY: He's -- Jeff. 21 21 endangered species and provides a place to enjoy many MR. GAGNON: Yes. different types of wildlife and nature. Please feel 22 22 MS. DAVIDSON: Is it possible to work from 23 free to contact us. Donald and Peggy Lindenborn. 23 the bottom up? 24 Nita Dry, nitadry1@aol.com. I want the 24 MR. GAGNON: Yes, so what I've been doing is 25 Council to pass their legislation that will preserve 25 I've been marking the e-mails that have been read, the Page 30 Page 32 1 our waterways, wetlands and keep builders away from it. 1 public comments that have been read, so I may have a 2 2

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They will destroy it.

Renee Delgado, reneel1007@gmail.com. Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Renee Delgado.

Jackie Delgado. Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Jackie Delgado.

Chip Armstrong, chip@repelmbeaches.com. I am in support of an ordinance creating a new Zoning District entitled SP Special Preservation District which is an agenda item for the P&Z meeting. Sincerely, Chip Armstrong.

Patricia Post, patriciapost@outlook.com. Our vote is affirmative for the preservation of the lagoon, its environment, fisheries, mangroves, et cetera. The waterways west of Singer Island are a beauty onto which the residents depend, a home for manatee, all variety of fish and birds. Preservation should be the goal. There's plenty of available existing land for homes adjacent to waterways without the need to fill in existing beautiful water resources. Bart and Pat Post.

few that are duplicative still. That's partially due to having similar or identical comments sent in and different comments can be received. Over 100 comments, so it was difficult to kind of discern if they were from the same sender or different senders. So we'll -anyone has heard the identical comment, then please just interrupt the speaker and we'll go on to the next one.

10 MS. DAVIDSON: Thank you. 11

MR. GAGNON: The next comment I have is from Nellie Lewis. It states: To whom it may concern: Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. Thank you. Armella Lewis, 1241 Pine Point Road.

The next comment is from Paul Spezza, S-p-e-z-z-a. Dear all: I am against the creation of this Special Preservation District for the Lake Worth Lagoon off Singer Island. We need to ensure that this unique cross-section of coastal Florida lagoon and ecosystem have the utmost protection from development and economic use.

A Special Preservation District does not accomplish this. This area should not be considered for future use or development, located north of Pine

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Point Road and west of North Ocean Drive in the City of Riviera Beach. Thank you for taking the time to add my comments to the public record. Sincerely, Paul A. Spezza.

The next, it's an e-mail and also correspondence from Theresa Valdiva, V-a-l-d-i-v-a, stating: Attached is a letter urging the passing of the Special Preservation District to match the City Comprehensive Plan. And the correspondence simply states: Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. And it's signed by Theresa Valdiva, 1121 Pine Point Road.

The next is from Alissa Lynch, L-y-n-c-h, 1111 Pine Point Road, stating: Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan.

The next is from José Valdiva, 1121 Pine Point Road. Attached is a letter urging the passing of the Special Preservation District to match the City Comprehensive Plan. And it is correspondence that states: Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. Signed, José Valdiva, 1121, Pine Point Road.

The next public comment is from Connor McKee, M-c-K-e-e. It states: To the Planning and Zoning Board: Please pass the proposed zoning change to

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area an invaluable part of our city. Signed, thank 2 you, Michael Sloser, S-l-o-s-e-r.

The next comment is from Christine Dilts, D-i-l-t-s. To the Planning And Zoning Board: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Thank you. Christine and Brent Dilts, 505 -- excuse me -- 5150 North Ocean Drive, 1703.

The next public comment is from Jim Kane, K-a-n-e, 50 North Ocean Drive. It states: I'm writing to express my full support for the creation of a Special Preservation District for the Lake Worth Lagoon west of North Ocean Drive on Singer Island. As you know, the City's Comprehensive Plan provided for this area to be maintained in its natural state for posterity. Unfortunately, the legal -- excuse me -unfortunately, the illegal development activities that are currently underway are already destroying the

As you may also know, the lagoon is a unique ecosystem. It's the only place in South Florida where several varieties of plants and animals exist. If we allow them to be lost, they will be lost for the ages. I strongly urge the Riviera Beach Zoning Commission to

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create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Signed, Connor McKee, Pine Point Road.

The next comment is from Susan Troubetzkoy, spelled T-r-o-u-b-e-t-z-k-o-y. It states: Dear Mr. Gagnon, Riviera Beach Planning and Zoning Board, please pass the proposed zoning change to create the Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach.

The next comment was from Ashley Lynch, 1111 Pine Point Road. Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan.

The next public comment is from Michael Sloser. It states: I just became aware of the Riviera Beach Planning and Zoning Board meeting tonight to discuss the creation of a new Special Preservation District for the Lake Worth Lagoon north of Pine Point Road and west of North Ocean Drive.

Like so many of my friends and neighbors, protecting this unique area for current and future generations from development and loss of natural land and sea life is extremely important for all of us.

I urge the Board to give this favorable consideration and approve the creation of this special district to protect the natural wonders that make this

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correct the zoning to match the City's Comprehensive Plan. Signed, Jim Kane.

I'll do one more, Simone, and then pass the mic back to you.

This comment is from Blake McKee, B-l-a-k-e, M-c-K-e-e. To the Planning and Zoning Board: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Signed, Alexander Blake McKee, 1101 Pine Point Road.

MS. DAVIDSON: This e-mail is from Merle Neidell; M-e-r-l-e, last name N-e-i-d-e-l-l. Please know I am in strong support for creating a Special Zoning District in alignment with the City's plan to preserve environmentally significant places. It's long overdue to stop ongoing destruction of this special lagoon.

Rita Hill. I would like to express my support for a new Special Preservation District for the Lake Worth Lagoon off Singer Island. I feel this is necessary to provide consistency between the Riviera Future Land Use Map and the Zoning Map. Rita Hill.

This e-mail is from Nita Dry. My family and I have lived on this island for 29 years, and part of the reason why we moved here was for the beautiful

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Page 37 Page 39 1 island and the wetlands and being able to walk up and 1 area. Please vote to preserve this area. Lynn and Len 2 down the sidewalks. 2 Routenberg. 3 I think this one was read before. 3 Lynn Tabernacki. Members of the Board: 4 4 This e-mail is from Bill Doniger. The Thank you for considering implementation of a Special 5 5 Reaches Condo Association, with 94 members, strongly Preservation District on Singer Island. I would like 6 6 supports the creation of the Special Preservation to express support for this important preservation 7 7 initiative and the required zoning changes. District Zoning District which coincides with Riviera 8 8 Beach's Comprehensive Plan for future land use. Best Mangroves are critical to preservation of the 9 9 regards, Bill Doniger, Board President. island's shoreline. They benefit the environment and 10 MS. BUSBY: Ms. Davidson, the one that you 10 biodiversity, but also protect the island from 11 read before, are you sure that you had read that one 11 overflows coming from the Intercoastal Waterway due to flooding or hurricanes. Without this buffer, there is 12 12 already, the one that you passed and said you had 13 13 already read? significant and costly risk to the public roads and 14 MS. DAVIDSON: I think I did, yes. 14 utilities, residential and commercial property, and the 15 MS. BUSBY: Okay, who was it? I just want to 15 lives of residents. make sure, because I hadn't heard that one. I'm sorry. 16 16 I respectfully request that the zoning rules 17 MR. HUNT: The text is very common at times, 17 relating to such preservation should be approved 18 but we've got to be careful about not -- or ignoring 18 immediately and enforced vigorously to ensure long-term 19 individual senders of the same message. 19 environmental and economic stability of the island. 20 20 MR. GAGNON: Agreed. Thank you. Lynn Tabernacki. 21 21 MS. DAVIDSON: Okay, let me go back and try Arnow@panix.com. We totally support the 22 22 to pull that one back up. creation of a Special Preservation District and 23 23 MR. GAGNON: We did read a public comment anything that preserves the critical wetlands in the 24 24 from Ms. Nita Dry, which had a similar --Singer Island/MacArthur State Park region, as well 25 MS. BUSBY: We did? 25 as the ecological health of Lake Worth. Aren't we Page 38 Page 40 1 MR. GAGNON: -- context. already reaping the fruits of reckless development and 1 2 MS. BUSBY: Okay, and it was the same exact 2 destruction of wetlands? David Arnow and Barbara 3 public comment? Okay, thank you. 3 Weiserbs, 12D, 5550 North Ocean Drive. 4 MS. DAVIDSON: May I move on? It's resolved? Bill Doniger. Please enter the e-mail that I 5 MS. BUSBY: Yes, it's resolved. Thank you, 5 sent on behalf of the Reaches Condo Association 6 Ms. Davidson, sorry. 6 supporting the creation of the Special Preservation 7 MS. DAVIDSON: You're welcome. No problem. 7 Zoning District into the public comments at tonight's 8 8 MS. BUSBY: I just wanted to make sure. meeting. Thanks. Bill Doniger. 9 9 Thank you. Marianne Wiegand, W-i-e-g-a-n-d. I am in 10 10 MS. DAVIDSON: I understand. Thank you. full support of whatever can be done to prevent any 11 Okay. Cindy S. O-z-o-g. Hello. I'm for 11 development in the above area of wetland noted in the 12 keeping historic Munyon's Cove, the northeast end of 12 subject line, homes built on fill, floating homes, 13 13 our Lake Worth Lagoon in the water north of Pine Point docks, piers, et cetera. Respectfully, Marianne 14 Road and east of Big and Little Munyon Islands forever 14 Wiegand. 15 protected from development, and for CRB Planning and 15 Jeff, if you would take over after the next 16 Zoning and Council to vote for and pass this ordinance. 16 one. 17 17 Thank you. CSO. Merle Neidell, M-e-r-l-e, N-e-i-d-e-l-l. 18 18 Lynn R-o-u-t-e-n-b-e-r-g. We are writing to Please know I am in strong support for creating a 19 support the efforts of Rivera Beach to designate the 19 Special Zoning District in the City's plan to preserve 20 lagoon area north of Pine Point Road and west of North 20 environmentally significant places. It's long overdue 21 Ocean Drive as a Special Preservation District. These 21 to stop the ongoing destruction of this special lagoon. 22 are valuable wetlands and critically important to 22 Respectfully, Merle Neidell. 23 23 preserve for the future of Singer Island and Riviera Jeff. 24 Beach. We own a condominium at Seawinds and have 24 MR. GAGNON: The next comment is from Jane

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Wilner, W-i-l-n-e-r. To Planning and Zoning Board:

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watched events unfold that threaten this beautiful

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Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Signed, Jane and Tom Wilner, 5550 North Ocean Drive,

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The next comment is from Ilona Fotek, I-l-o-n-a F-o-t-e-k. To the Planning and Zoning Board: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Thank you for your help in that matter. Dr. Ilona Fotek, 1181 Pine Point Road.

The next public comment is from Lori McKee, M-c-K-e-e. Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. Signed, Lori McKee, 1101 Pine Point Road.

This public comment is from Lori Abel, L-o-r-i A-b-e-l. Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special -- it's supposed to say Preservation, but it states Presentation District to so coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Thank you. Lori Abel, 1020 Pine Point

The next comment is from Matthew Kwiatkowski, K-w-i-a-t-k-o-w-s-k-i, 1071 Pine Point Page 43

pass the Special Preservation District to match the
 Comprehensive Plan. James Green, 1251 Pine Point Road.
 The next comment is from Tara Hegarty.

The next comment is from Tara Hegarty,
H-e-g-a-r-t-y. It states: Please pass the new Special
Preservation Zoning District to match the Comprehensive
Plan.

Then the title block is stated within the e-mail itself.

Then it states: With sincere thanks to the Riviera Beach P&Z Board for all that you do in our community. Tara Hegarty, 5550 North Ocean Drive, Unit 2C.

The next comment is from Margaret Crosbie-Burnett, C-r-o-s-b-i-e-B-u-r-n-e-t-t. The comment is: I live on Singer Island and am very concerned about the environmental issues related to the lagoon. The ecological balance is delicate. I am for keeping historic Munyon Cove forever protected from development, and for CRB Planning and Zoning and Council to vote and pass the ordinance to do so. Thank you. Margaret Crosbie-Burnett of Sugar Sands.

The next comment is from Charles Lewis. Charles G. Lewis, 1241 Pine Point Road. Pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan.

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Road. To the Planning and Zoning Board: Please pass the proposed zoning changes to create a Special

Preservation District to coincide with the

Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach.

The next comment is from Charles Lewis, stating: Pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. Signed, Charles G. Lewis, Ph.D., 1241 Pine Point Road.

The next comment is from Mattias Eriksson, M-a-t-t-i-a-s E-r-i-k-s-s-o-n. It states: Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. Best regards, Mattias Eriksson and Yulia Puskar, Y-u-l-i-a P-u-s-h-k-a-r, 1151 Pine Point Road.

The next comment is from Danusia Chowaniec, D-a-n-u-s-i-a C-h-o-w-a-n-i-e-c. To the Planning and Zoning Board: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Signed, Danusia Chowaniec, 1070 Morse Boulevard.

The next comment is from Anne Craig, 1091 Pine Point Road. Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. Thank you.

The next comment is from Mike Green. Please

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The next comment is from James Gleason. To Planning and Zoning Board: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Sincerely, James Gleason, 1211 Pine Point Road.

The next is from Maureen Avarista,
A-v-a-r-i-s-t-a. It states: Please pass the
Comprehensive Plan to match the submerged land
Comprehensive Plan. Protect our wetlands and submerged
lands on Singer Island in Riviera Beach.

The next may have been read, from Stephen Neidell, but it is in support of the Special Preservation District to coincide with the City's Comprehensive Plan, and they request that the e-mail is entered into public records.

The next comment is from Carol Bruce, stating: We are ready to let you know that we support with the creation of a Special Preservation District to coincide with the City's plan. We feel it will have a positive impact on the environmental and financial health of Riviera Beach. Please enter this e-mail into public comments in tonight's meeting as an affirmative vote of this action. Thank you. Respectfully yours, Carol and Thomas Bruce, Singer Island property owners.

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important environmental decision the Planning Board is

making on behalf of our community for today and for

I'll do one more, Simone, and then I'll send

This comment is from Cindy Green, 1250 Pine

future generations to come. Sincerely, Glen L.

Spiritis, Ph.D., President of the Water Glades

Point Road. It states: Please pass the Special

Page 45 Page 47 1 The next comment is from Nicole Prokopetz, 1 Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. 2 P-r-o-k-o-p-e-t-z, 1231 Pine Point Road. It states: 2 MS. DAVIDSON: Okay. Glen Spiritis, 3 Please pass the Special Preservation District to match 3 S-p-i-r-i-t-i-s. Please read --4 4 the Comprehensive Plan. MR. GAGNON: I'm sorry, I just did that one, 5 The next comment is from Michael Prokopetz, 5 Simone. That's duplicative. 6 6 MS. DAVIDSON: You did? Okay. P-r-o-k-o-p-e-t-z, 1231 Pine Point Road. It states: 7 7 Please pass the Special Preservation District to match MR. GAGNON: Yes, yes. 8 8 the Comprehensive Plan. MS. DAVIDSON: Let me delete that one. My 9 9 The next comment is from Bonnie Dorfman, apologies. My computer is freezing up on me. 10 D-o-r-f-m-a-n. It states: Hello Board members. Thank 10 MR. GAGNON: I can keep going, Simone. 11 you for your service to the community. I've been a 11 So the next one I have is from Gene Page. 12 resident of Singer Island for ten years, and I 12 Actually, it's signed by William Page. It states: 13 recognize how precious the Lake Worth Lagoon is to both 13 Please pass the Special Preservation District to match 14 the creatures who depend on its continued pristine 14 the Comprehensive Plan. 2199 Northwest 87th Ave., 15 ecosystem, as well as to the humans who enjoy it. I 15 Micanopy, Florida, M-i-c-a-n-o-p-y. 16 support the creation of a Special Preservation Zoning 16 Next comment I have is from Bette Anne 17 District. We must protect the lagoon from future 17 Starkey. Was this one that you already read, Simone? 18 development. Thanks for your consideration. Bonnie 18 MS. DAVIDSON: The name? What is the name? 19 Dorfman, 5550 North Ocean Drive. 19 MR. GAGNON: Bette Anne Starkey. It's very 20 20 The next comment is from Quentin Prokopetz, short. I'll read it. 21 P-r-o-k-o-p-e-t-z. It states: Please pass the Special 21 As a native of Palm Beach County, I want to 22 Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. 22 join with others to request that you pass the Special 23 1231 Pine Point Road. 23 Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan. 24 24 The next comment is from Lexa Prokopetz, Signed, Bette Anne Starkey, 213 29th Street, West Palm 25 P-r-o-k-o-p-e-t-z, 1231 Pine Point Road. Please pass 25 Beach, Florida. Page 46 Page 48 1 1 The next comment is from Brandon Orlando. the Special Preservation District to match the 2 Comprehensive Plan. 2 Address is 411 29th Street, West Palm Beach. Please 3 3 The next comment is from Glen Spiritis, pass the Special Preservation District to match the 4 S-p-i-r-i-t-i-s. It states: Please read into the 4 Comprehensive Plan. 5 record at tonight's Planning and Zoning Board Meeting. 5 The next comment is from Carol Getman, 6 6 Honorable Planning and Zoning Board Members: G-e-t-m-a-n. It states: Please pass the Special 7 7 I'm writing on behalf of the 256 unit owners and Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan 8 8 taxpayers of the Water Glades Condominium on North to save the estuary adjacent north of Pine Point Road, 9 9 Singer Island. Signed, Carol Getman, 7712 27th Ocean Drive. We are in favor of the proposed change in 10 10 zoning for the property located on the north side of Street -- excuse me 27th Ave. West, Bradenton, Florida. 11 Pine Point, running north to MacArthur Park and west of 11 The next is from Franz and Monika Stein. It 12 Ocean Drive, including the property lots under the 12 states: We wish to express our support for the 13 lagoon. We believe it's in the best interest of the 13 creation of a Special Preservation District for the 14 environment and community to zone this environmental 14 Lake Worth Lagoon off Singer Island. It is very 15 treasure as an environmental preserve. 15 important to preserve the Lake Worth Lagoon in its 16 Thank you for your consideration of this most 16 present state for the enjoyment of future generations. 17

Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan and save Pine Point estuary. Thank you. Rick

The next comment is from Rick Hutchinson,

Hutchinson, fchutch@icloud.com. Please save the Pine

The next comment is from Frederick

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same e-mail address. Please pass the Special

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Page 49 Page 51 1 Hutchinson, 301 Clematis Street, Suite 3000. 1 last name is H-a-s-e-n-h-u-t-t-l. Address is 24 2 The next comment is from Robert Halkett, 2 Governors Court, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Comment 3 H-a-l-k-e-t-t, 330 Linda Lane, Palm Beach Shores. 3 is: Please pass the Special Preservation District to 4 Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a 4 match the Comprehensive Plan for the estuary adjacent 5 5 Special Preservation District to coincide with the to North Pine Road on Singer Island. 6 6 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. The next comment from Anna Goldstein. It 7 7 The next comment is from Anne Ray, 6608 South states: I support the creation of a Special 8 Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida. Please pass the Preservation District coinciding with the City's 9 Special Preservation District to match the 9 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element for Special 10 Comprehensive Plan. 10 Preservation areas. Please enter my e-mail into the 11 The next comment is from Linda Link. Please 11 public comments at tonight's meeting. Thank you and 12 pass the Special Preservation District to match the 12 wishing you the best of luck. Floyd A. Schlossberg, 13 Comprehensive Plan. Linda K. Link, 1090 Morse 13 it's signed. E-mail address is 14 Boulevard, Riviera Beach, Florida. 14 Anna.Goldstein@thealdennetwork.com. 15 The next comment is from Teofilo Lama. 15 Next comment is from Eva Hasenhuttl, 16 T-e-o-f-i-l-o L-a-m-a. Please pass the Special 16 H-a-s-e-n-h-u-t-t-l. Please pass the Special 17 Preservation District to match -- and then it just 17 Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan 18 continues -- it's an incomplete sentence. Signed, 18 for the estuary adjacent to North Pine Road on Singer 19 Teofilo Lama, M.D. 19 Island. Signed, Eva Hasenhuttl, 24 Governors Court, 20 The next comment is from Nicolas Lama, 20 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. 21 L-a-m-a. Dear Planning and Zoning Board, please pass 21 The next comment is from JB Dixson. It 22 the proposed zoning change to create a Special 22 states: Please read this aloud and into the public 23 Preservation District to coincide with the 23 24 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. 24 No one on this current Planning and Zoning 25 As a citizen of Riviera Beach, this is very important 25 Board is responsible for the incredible delay in Page 50 Page 52 1 to me. Nicolas Lama, 1081 Pine Point Road, Riviera 1 bringing this action to a vote, but you are now 2 Beach, Florida. 2 responsible to vote yes on creating a Special 3 3 The next comment is from Maria Molano, M.D. Preservation District in order to align our zoning with 4 Please pass the Special Preservation District to match 4 the City's Comprehensive Plan. It is late, and damage 5 5 has already been done to the fragile ecosystem in the the Comprehensive Plan. Thank you so much. Maria 6 6 Molano, M.D., 1081 Pine Point Road. Lake Worth Lagoon. Please act swiftly and decisively 7 7 The next e-mail is from The Grove Project. to bring our zoning up to date and prevent any further 8 8 damage from being done. Vote yes on this motion. It states: To the Planning and Zoning Board: It is of 9 9 Signed, JB Dixson. the utmost importance that the Board pass the proposed 10 10 zoning change to create a Special Preservation District The next comment is from Lisa Interlandi, 11 to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of 11 I-n-t-e-r-l-a-n-d-i. It states: Hello all. Please 12 Riviera Beach. Please pass this zoning change. 12 accept these comments in support of the creation of a 13 Signed, The Grove Project, local environmental 13 Special Preservation Zoning District and the proposed 14 awareness organization based out of Riviera Beach, 14 zoning amendment. I would appreciate it if you would 15 Florida. E-mail address is 15 please include and read these comments into the record 16 thegroveproject2019@gmail.com. 16 at tonight's Planning and Zoning Board meeting. Please 17 17 feel free to call me if you have any questions. The next is from Tina Hutchinson. It states: 18 18 It further states: These comments are from Please pass the Special Preservation District to match 19 the Comprehensive Plan. Signed, Tina Hutchinson, 4773 19 Lisa Interlandi, Senior Attorney and Executive Director 20 20 South Lake Drive, Boynton Beach, Florida. of the Everglades Law Center and for the Lake Worth 21 The next comment is from Teofilo Lama, 21 Waterkeeper. Both of these groups are not-for-profit 22 T-e-o-f-i-l-o L-a-m-a, M.D. Please pass the Special 22 organizations whose mission includes protecting and

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preserving the Lake Worth Lagoon. We thank you for and

We support the creation of the Special

appreciate the opportunity to comment.

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Preservation Zoning District and the zoning amendment and offer the following in support.

Number one: This is a critically important area from an environmental perspective. A recent report from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection found Johnson's seagrass and other types of seagrass in this area. This is very significant because Johnson's seagrass is considered imperiled and critical to the lagoon because it is a food source for green sea turtles, an endangered species. Juvenile green sea turtles congregate at some of the highest densities in Florida in this part of the lagoon.

Number two: This rezoning is far past due. The Comprehensive Plan references completion of this effort by 2010.

Number three: This effort is mandated by law. The Growth Management Act and the Comprehensive Plan require all codes and regulations to be consistent with the plan.

Number four: This action does not change the allowable land uses for the affected properties, as the Comprehensive Plan has always applied to this area and contains the identical language and restrictions as

25 Comprehensive Plan has controlled over any inconsistent

this zoning district. Since its adoption, the

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M-a-y-e-r-s. Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan.

This may have already been read.

But it states: I am an environmental consultant in Florida with 40 years of experience, specializing in marine environments, and I have discussed this issue with the Holly family.

The next is from Nick Lawler, L-a-w-l-e-r. I guess it would be Lawler, L-a-w-l-e-r. Please vote yes in order to create a Special Preservation District for the Lake Worth Lagoon. This will align our zoning with the City's Comprehensive Plan. This is crucial to bring our zoning up to date and protect the fragile ecosystem along our waterways, so I urge you to vote yes. Thank you. Signed, Nick Lawler, 3000 North Ocean Drive, Apartment 28G.

The next comment is from Fred Goldberg, and he just states: Yes in support of the ordinance.

The next is from Rita Borraccio, B-o-r-r-a-c-c-i-o. It states: Hi. I wanted to voice my stance against the changes being made to the Intracoastal shoreline off Singer Island. Here are my concerns regarding the Mr. Lozman and Mr. Taylor.

Simone, did you read this already?

Borraccio, B-o-r-r-a-c-c-i-o?

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zoning or Land Development Regulations, and this area has already been subject to these exact same restrictions since the plan was adopted years ago.

Number five: This action is not impacting anyone's property rights because no right to develop has ever existed on this land because the Comprehensive Plan has prohibited virtually all development in this area since its adoption and it is the legally governing document for all development decisions in the city.

One specific comment about the language. Both the plan and the proposed code use the phrase non-motorized boats. While we recognize that the code is merely repeating the existing language from the Comprehensive Plan, the City should establish a clear record in staff reports and public hearings on this item as to exactly what that phrase means: Canoes, kayaks and the like versus floating structures, barges, live-aboards, et cetera. We urge the City to clearly establish what that term means during this process and perhaps consider coming back at a later time to adopt some clarifying language to both the plan and the code on that point.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Signed, Lisa Interlandi, Everglades Law Center.

The next comment is from Tom S. Mayers,

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MS. DAVIDSON: Yes, I did. MR. GAGNON: Okay, thank you. MS. DAVIDSON: Definitely.

MR. GAGNON: The next public comment I have is from Tom Twyford, T-w-y-f-o-r-d, President of West Palm Beach Fishing Club, 201 Fifth Street, West Palm Beach, Florida. He states: The West Palm Beach Fishing Club supports the creation of the proposed Special Preservation Zoning District and the zoning amendment. This type of protection for the critical estuarine habitat that is found in this area and the varieties of marine life that utilize and depend upon that habitat is long overdue in our view. Signed, Tom

The next public comment is from Claire Granowitz, G-r-a-n-o-w-i-t-z. It just has a subject line stating Special Preservation District, however, there's nothing else in the body of the e-mail itself.

The next comment is from Judie Gibson, 1031 Pine Point Road. Good afternoon, Mr Gagnon. Please pass the Special Preservation District zoning to make it comply with the Comprehensive Plan for the land north of Pine Point Road and west of North Ocean Drive on Singer Island, Riviera Beach, Florida. Thank you.

The next comment is from Ed Page, 2626

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Northview Drive, Roanoke, Virginia. Please pass the Special Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan.

Okay, this might be a continuation of the previous comment from Claire Granowitz. This states: As a citizen of Riviera Beach and a resident of Singer Island, I respectfully ask you to vote yes to make our lagoon a Special Preservation District. I believe we need to do all we can to preserve the lagoon as the important natural habitat that it is for ourselves as well as future generations to enjoy. Thank you. Claire Granowitz, G-r-a-n-o-w-i-t-z.

The next is from Fran Russo of Sugar Sands, stating: Please pass the Special Preservation District zoning to comply with the Comprehensive Plan for the area north of Pine Point Road, west of North Ocean Drive on Singer Island. Thank you. Fran Russo.

The next comment is from Ray Lowe, L-o-w-e. It says: For the Preservation District, please vote yes. Ray Lowe.

This comment is from Gabriel Lama of 1081 Pine Point Road. Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach.

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1 Board, Chairman and Members: The Zoning Board should 2 reject the zoning change to the Singer Island Lagoon 3 properties that City staff recommends for approval. 4 The Board needs to consider that by changing the zoning 5 for the lagoon properties, the City will be put at risk 6 for financial ruin when these property owners sue the 7 City for taking away the development rights.

I've researched the matter, and all of the houses and condos on the north side of Singer Island were built on property that was sold by the State of Florida 100 years ago. Almost all the property sold by the State has already been developed, and the remaining portion are owned by some very wealthy individuals.

These individuals, led by Mr. Lozman, will fight this out in court for years to come and can easily bankrupt the City with a huge judgment when they win. The properties in the lagoon, if they are developed, would be worth in the hundreds of millions of dollars, and a court judgment for hundreds of millions of dollars will be horrible for the west side residents, plus the attorney fees that the City will have to pay will be in the millions or tens of millions of dollars.

Why should the west side residents have to waste their tax dollars fighting this in court just

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The next comment is from Roberto Lama: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Roberto Lama, 1081 Pine Point Road.

Be aware we've received multiple e-mails from the same individual with the same exact content.

The next comment is from Deborah Kane, K-a-n-e. I would like for this to be read at tonight's meeting.

The Lake Worth Lagoon should not allow any development of homes, houseboats or any type of home. It's a sanctuary for manatees, cranes, herons, mangroves and sea turtles. Allowing development will destroy this beautiful preserve. Please, please urge the committee to update the zoning to the Comprehensive Plan to protect this vital natural resource. Thank vou. Debbie Kane, resident, Singer Island.

And I believe we've received a few additional public comments at this point in time. We'll probably close the ability to receive new public comments, but I want to make sure that we read these other public comments that have come through since right before the meeting.

This comment is from Rex Cox, C-o-x. Dear

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because the home and condo owners around the Singer Island Lagoon don't want anyone to build in front of them? This country was built on private property rights, and to take away anyone's private property rights is a dumb decision to make.

The City will be facing tougher times with the coronavirus and need all property tax dollars we can get. The lagoon properties need to be developed, and by keeping the zoning residential instead of changing it to preservation, there will be hundreds of millions of dollars in new development. To throw that new property tax money away just because the spoiled Singer Island property owners want you to is wrong and

Please do not let us get into another legal battle with Lozman and his friends. The guy won two Supreme Court cases against us. We cannot afford to fight another legal fight that the City will surely lose. Signed, Chris Richardson.

The next comment is from Joseph Johnson. It states: The Alliance for Owners of Via Delfino Condominium strongly support the proposal to create a preservation area north of Pine Point Road. Signed, Joseph S. Johnson, President, Via Delfino, 5150 North Ocean Drive.

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The next comment is from Judy Dynia, D-y-n-i-a. It states: I hope you will read the following into the public record during tonight's Riviera Beach Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

I am writing in support of the creation of the new SP Special Preservation District for the Lake Worth Lagoon off Singer Island. It is appalling that certain land areas that are now privately owned are being treated as beach trash sites with the protected mangrove and seagrape landscaping mowed down in defiance of State regulations and local stop work orders. Clearly this land, now designated for the private development of floating homes, has already been defiled and an ecosystem ruined by the destruction and disregard of this important coastal vegetation. By the way, what happens during storms and high tides when the former mangroves, which helped to prevent flooding, are no longer there? Does North Ocean Drive simply flood? Does the debris left on the property just roll into the roadway? Once the water recedes, does the sand return to the lagoon and further destroy seagrass?

I no longer care about the unfortunate shortsightedness that led to this terrible situation, but I do care about the creation of the proposed new ordinance. Please correct this wrong, create the

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lagoon is next to MacArthur State Park, and it, as such, should protect rare plant and fish habitats and be unhindered for fishing, kayaking and small craft sailing. Signed, Leon Granowitz.

The next comment is from John and Mary Beth Lidington, L-i-d-i-n-g-t-o-n. It states: Singer Island condo owners. This is a letter to support a creation of a Preservation Zoning District in accordance with the City's plans. We think that the economic environmental impact would be causative. Please enter in the affirmative for us in tonight's meeting. Thank you for this consideration. John and Mary Beth Lidington, Singer Island condo owners.

The next comment is from Libby and Tony Ryan of 3000 North Ocean Drive, Unit 41B. It states: Vote yes. Please do not allow this ecological disaster on our island.

The next comment is from Barry Schepp, S-c-h-e-p-p. It states: I fully support the preservation zone before the lake area is destroyed by unneeded development.

And I think what may be the final public comment, from Susan Roy of Singer Island. It states: Please save the estuary north of Pine Point Road. I am writing to request that you please pass the Special

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ordinance and begin the restoration of the Lake Worth Lagoon off Singer Island. It's well worth it. Thank you. Signed, Judy Dynia, resident, Singer Island.

The next comment is from Stephen Popovich P-o-p-o-v-i-c-h. To the Planning and Zoning Board: Please pass the proposed zoning change to create a Special Preservation District to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Riviera Beach. Signed, Stephen Popovich, 1040 Powell Drive.

The next public comment is from Marcie Burkhead, B-u-r-k-h-e-a-d. It states: I'm a resident in Eastpointe II on Singer Island. For numerous reasons, I strongly support the Riviera Beach efforts to create a Special Preservation District. I believe this is not just in the best interests of those of us on Singer Island, but is definitely in the long-term best interests of everyone in Riviera Beach because it will help preserve the current large tax base. Please include this in the public comment section at the next meeting. Thanks for your efforts. Best regards, Marcie Burkhead.

The next comment is from Leon Granowitz, G-r-a-n-o-w-i-t-z. As a citizen of Rivera Beach living on Singer Island, I respectfully ask you to vote yes to make our lagoon a Special Preservation District. Our Page 64

Preservation District to match the Comprehensive Plan.
So that concludes all the public comments I

So that concludes all the public comments I have available to me.

Simone, could you verify that you don't have any on your list either?

MS. DAVIDSON: No, that's it.
MR. GAGNON: Okay, thank you.

So at that point, I'll turn it over to the Chair.

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CHAIR BURGESS: Okay, so we're ready to go into Board comments. We'll start off with Mr. Wyly.

MR. WYLY: Yes, ma'am.

Yes, I did have a couple concerns. Today while I was doing my second job, I went by Singer Island, and I went and looked at the location that was there. And I talked to a few people that were over in that area and pretty much asked them, you know, how did they feel about it.

I introduced myself, of who I represent, and they immediately came out of the water, because I think they was going canoeing. And they kind of cornered me off and was like explaining why they wanted that area to stay the way it was, because of the animals that was there, the seagrapes, the trees, the natural seagrapes and everything like that.

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And a few people that walked by, I stopped and talked to them, and they pretty much said the same thing, that they were really overwhelmingly, like you say when you read the e-mails, you know, 95 percent of them, 98 percent of them were in favor for, you know, keeping it the way it is and just having it zoned correctly. But -- and I think that that's what the neighbors want. I think that's possibly, you know, that's something that we should strongly consider.

But since it was zoned incorrectly, Brian -- excuse me -- Jeff, since it was zoned incorrectly and when that property was purchased, would this lead us to a lawsuit, a massive lawsuit later on at some point?

MR. GAGNON: So even based off the public comments provided tonight, there is an attorney representing the property owner that provided correspondence that has stated something along those lines, as far as it's a possibility.

But I think the reality of the situation is the City's Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map has had a Special Preservation designation on it for at least a decade, if not two decades. So according to Florida statutes, our Zoning Map needs to be consistent with our Future Land Use Map. So unfortunately, it's a discussion that might happen. It's a real possibility. Page 67

the Chair, be able to speak.

CHAIR BURGESS: Yes, of course. MS. BUSBY: Thank you, Chair.

MR. BAUMANN: Andrew Baumann from Lewis Longman & Walker. We serve as outside special counsel for City of Riviera Beach.

These are all obviously very valid concerns. The property owners at issue here are very litigious, and it's likely that whether, frankly, whether the Planning and Zoning Board acts today on this or it proceeds forward based on the Comprehensive Plan alone, litigation is likely inevitable at some point regarding the Lozman property and the Taylor property. The Taylor property has already been in litigation, a couple of cases.

The fact of the matter is that the City's Comprehensive Plan has, for just about 30 years, contained this designation, since about 1990, or maybe it's the late nineties, but it's 25 years -- let's call it 25 years. And that requirement in the Comprehensive Plan has been in place and has been the law controlling these properties since the nineties.

The Zoning Code predated the Comprehensive Plan. And the Zoning Code goes back -- Jeff, you could maybe correct me, but I thought it went back to the,

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But, you know, I think we're trying to move forward in the best manner possible.

MR. WYLY: No, and I agree with that. I was just a little concerned, because if I was in a situation to where I purchased a car, and I purchased the car up under these circumstances, and then later on those circumstances changed and then I couldn't sell the car or something like that for the price of the value of the car, then I know I would be a little upset also

So when that was explained to me also, I was a little, you know, apprehensive about what should we do in this situation. Of course, what's best for the City, that takes precedence; I understand that. But I just want to make sure that our job, especially on the Planning and Zoning Board, is to make sure the City is protected also, are we doing the right thing in this process to do this without facing any kind of financial responsibility, and hopefully not, you know, comes back to bite us later on.

MS. BUSBY: Mr. Wyly, you raise very valid concerns. And we have Mr. Andrew Baumann, who's an attorney in this area of law that's very specialized, and he can actually offer an opinion as well this evening. So I'd ask if Mr. Baumann, with permission of

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frankly, to the seventies that laid out the current zoning designation.

What has happened in this case is that people have maybe been a little confused or have attempted to mislead by pointing at the Zoning Code, when the Comprehensive Plan has always had this requirement since the nineties. The law requires the Zoning Code to conform to the Comprehensive Plan. So the Zoning Code in this case has been drafted very carefully to make sure that no new restrictions are being added to these properties that weren't already in place with the Comprehensive Plan.

Now, in the case of Mr. Lozman, Mr. Lozman purchased most of these properties, what, in the last ten years? He purchased them with the Comprehensive Plan already in place, with these controls already in place. So the City's position has been that pertaining to Mr. Lozman, for example, nothing new has been added. We're correcting an error, an oversight, if you will, that the Zoning Code wasn't brought up to date at the time of that particular round of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

This is not unusual for cities. Cities all over the state, many cities in this county encounter occasions where, since the Comprehensive Plan can be

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1 amended multiple times a year, can be amended in -- you 2 know, by initiation of a developer or whatnot, that the 3 City comes back at some point later on and discovers, 4 oh, we need to bring the Zoning Code up to meet the --5 to match the Comprehensive Plan. So our goal here is 6 to provide clarity, to make sure that the two 7 regulations mesh, as required by Florida statute, and 8 really speak with one voice. 9

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But to be clear, certainly with the Lozman property and the comment letter that was in there, the ordinance has been crafted in a way to make sure that nothing new has been added that isn't already controlling what happens on that property. So if Mr. Lozman wants to sue the City over restrictions in the Comprehensive Plan, for example, that's, frankly, going to happen whether the Zoning Code is fixed or not.

MR. WYLY: Another question. When he purchased that, you said about ten years ago he purchased that land, when he purchased it, do we know that he purchased it up under that understanding, that it was zoned that way and he may not be able to do anything with it? Do we know that?

MR. BAUMANN: Well, again, we have to be careful to separate zoned and Comprehensive Plan. But Page 71

utilized. I was looking at that property, and I'm 2 saying there's nowhere possible, without taking away 3 the sidewalk or the public sidewalk, where you would

have any parking at. Is that something that we take into consideration to where this will be an

6 impossibility for Mr. Lozman to be able to do that? 7

MR. GAGNON: Well, Mr. Wyly, I like to speak in really general terms and really talk about the entire area that this ordinance would impact. So there's definitely multiple property owners that this ordinance would impact. You had stated you, you know, visited that area, you're aware that there's a very small amount of upland area.

MR. WYLY: Exactly.

MR. GAGNON: The majority is submerged land. So the City regulations, as Mr. Baumann spoke about, that's just one of the regulating entities that would be associated with any sort of potential development of those submerged land sites. There would also be regulations from the Department of Environmental Protection and also the Army Corps of Engineers associated with any sort of fill, or really, modifications to those areas.

MR. WYLY: Right.

MR. GAGNON: The areas themselves do contain

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obviously, two different things. But Mr. Lozman in particular purchased these properties, you know, in sequence, one here, maybe two there over a period of time. But when he purchased the property, certainly the zoning was in place in the condition that it is now, but the Comprehensive Plan, the Special Preservation Future Land Use which restricted this property was also in place.

When you buy a property, you're supposed to look at all the regulations, not just the zoning, everything in the public record. Everything is on the City website. You're presumed to have knowledge of the law. This would be the same as you buying your car and looking only at County ordinances, let's say, regarding the car, but you didn't look at the State statute. Well, both of them control, but I can't help it that you only looked at one.

MR. WYLY: Okav.

MR. BAUMANN: So in this case, we're also trying to add clarity here to make sure that somebody isn't looking at one and not the other, that everything speaks with a single voice and is consistent.

MR. WYLY: Now, Mr. Gagnon, one other question also. Let's say, for example, that this property got to the to point where it could be

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threatened and endangered species, seagrasses, things of that nature, mangroves, different varieties of mangroves. So again, the City regulations are just really one regulating entity amongst multiple regulations.

Another item that's come up and is much more prevalent now has to do with flood management and water management. So you can imagine if you were to add, you know, fill on one property and displace water in that area --

MR. WYLY: Right.

MR. GAGNON: -- if everyone were to do that, the water table would continue to rise, or the available area for water to run off of the land would potentially be impacted. So it's definitely a domino effect, and there's multiple regulations would have to be considered in order to really do anything with that property.

MR. WYLY: Yes. Thank you both; thank you. CHAIR BURGESS: Okay, Mr. Gallon. MR. GALLON: I really don't have any questions. The attorney explained the situation perfectly for me. And as far as I'm concerned, the people of Singer Island has spoken. CHAIR BURGESS: Thank you, Mr. Gallon.

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MR. HUNT: So Mr. Baumann, has there been litigation to test the strength of the State statute and that whole process so that we have a pretty good basis for at least not making ourselves vulnerable to an unfavorable judgment, recognizing that almost anything can happen? How would you measure the strength of the defense?

MR. BAUMANN: Well, the Comprehensive Plan was actually, when it was written, this concern was raised at that time. And the Comprehensive Plan actually has a savings clause written into it that states that if, you know, it is judicially determined that any property owner in the area designated Special Preservation, if it's determined by a court that they have a preexisting vested right to do something, then the Comprehensive Plan would not restrict that. All they would need to do is to get permits from the various local -- or, I'm sorry -- Federal and State entities to, let's say, fill the property or whatever it was.

The idea was that if somebody had some preexisting constitutionally protected right to fill the property and do something that a court determined to be in place, the plan had an out so that it didn't

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whatever reason, they become aware that one of these properties in here is for sale and they purchase it sort of on a speculation, if you will, that they can do something with it, there is -- there are a couple of cases that talk about the fact that you have to show what is called a reasonable investment backed expectation to do something with your property in order to have it taken.

You can't buy something that flat-out will not accommodate some kind of use and go, oh, I bought it for this, they're not going to let me do it, it's a taking. There's a case called Palazzolo -- for the court reporter, P-a-l-a-z-z-o-l-o, I believe it is -where an individual bought land up in the northeast that was virtually all wetland property and then discovered that he was not going to be able to get approvals from a local government and from the state to build on it and declared that he had a taking, a taking of his property.

And the Supreme Court said, well, wait a second, how can you have this reasonable investment backed expectation? You're expected to do your homework. You know what the rules are that apply to it. You chose to buy it anyway. You can't buy your way into a nuisance. You can't buy your way into a

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create a taking.

So what has been tested in the past is how that savings clause, if you will, you know, applies. And there is at least one ruling out there from, gosh, 15, 17 years ago that states that in at least one instance, a property that had a court determine that they had a right from the State of Florida that included filling the property, the court found that that savings clause was in place and there was no taking the property. So there's already sort of an escape hatch built into the Comprehensive Plan.

MR. HUNT: If I understand you correctly, if the property was transferred to a new seller, there's no carryover of that vested right. But what if that property was owned by a family member and it was inherited down the line? Does that become a --

MR. BAUMANN: That could be -- frankly, that could be different. That is an example that was actually tested in that old case. So if the property is just transferred in what we're calling a non-arm's length transaction, you don't have a third party coming in, you know, in the open market where they're expected to do their due diligence and that kind of thing, you could have that kind of scenario.

But where you have somebody come in, and for

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taking, (inaudible) buy your way into a lawsuit. MR. HUNT: Okay, one last question. If we vote in favor of this action, are we complicating in any way the defense of the City to be able to successfully defend against any suits?

> MR. BAUMANN: I --MR. HUNT: Does our --

MR. BAUMANN: I don't believe so. Does your vote do anything? No. I mean obviously, ultimately it goes to the City Council and whatnot. But in terms of the City, if the City adopts this, I don't believe that it creates a complication, because again, the position is that you're not adding any new restriction to the property that hasn't already been there for more than two decades.

MR. HUNT: Okay, thank you. MR. BAUMANN: You're welcome. CHAIR BURGESS: Thank you, Mr. Hunt. Mr. Brown. MR. BROWN: Madam Chair, my questions have

basically been answered already. But it's great to use this kind of participation process. I appreciate it.

CHAIR BURGESS: Thank you, Mr. Brown. Mr. Ncube.

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MR. NCUBE: Yes, I guess I do have a couple comments. I am a little bit concerned about this, just given the history of this issue. I remember hearing about this a while back, and I think there's a chance, I don't know what it is, but I think there's a chance that this could actually end up in the Supreme Court again. And that's my big concern, is that you already had two Supreme Court cases against this one person. I don't think that's ever happened in the history of this country, okay?

And then, you know, so we already know the guy is motivated, he's heavily motivated, he has nothing else to do but to just like, I don't know, come up with issues to fight the City. And we're going to end up -- I feel like Singer Island is outsourcing this dispute to the City, where we're going to end up spending millions of dollars fighting, going to the Circuit Court, Supreme Court, and then you end up losing. So that's going to end up invalidating everything that we're voting for. You lose millions of dollars, thousands of hours, and we're already zero and two when it goes to the Supreme Court.

So my concern is, look, I don't understand all the legal stuff that's going on here, but I think that, you know, we just have to look at the history of Page 79

rezoning that could wind up in court and be overturned.

I will say that it is very unusual for a case to go to the United States Supreme Court. In terms of the number of cases that are, you know, filed in the world -- or in the country, and how many wind up there? It's a miniscule amount. You know, in terms of a property rights takings type case, I mean it's a possibility, but it's a fairly slim one, I would say, that it winds up all the way in the Supreme Court.

I think that I would agree that all of this is going to wind up in court somewhere, in some court. Whether it goes to the Florida, the United States Supreme Court, that's anyone's guess. I mean in most cases, they have to decide to take the case, you know, something about an interest -- or interests, enough of them, that they've decided to take it.

In the instance of the houseboat, for example, well, that was a case that was directly following upon Federal maritime law, so it had a very strong Federal flavor to it, if you will. Most of, you know, most takings cases, if you will, are done in State court, and then maybe they try to go to Federal court later on. But that's the minority of them that go that far.

CHAIR BURGESS: Thank you, Mr. Baumann.

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what's been going on here, and you know, and realize there's a real possibility that if we do this, it's going to become a legal battle. We're going to end up in court for two years, you're going to go to the Supreme Court, and we have not won a case yet.

And I think that's just a -- you know, I just want to be as broad as possible, and I mean am I wrong about that? That's the one question. Is there anything in what I said is not correct?

MR. BAUMANN: In terms of Mr. Lozman in particular having taken two cases to the United States Supreme Court?

MR. NCUBE: I'm saying like is there a chance that everything that we vote for could get overturned after years of litigation, going to the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court rules against the City and then everything that we do today is just invalidated?

MR. BAUMANN: I think that's true of probably any action that this Board takes. You know, I think the difference in this instance is that you rightly recognize that there's one or more interested parties that seem to, you know, relish going to court. But other than that, I don't see how it's any different from any other action. The Planning and Zoning Board can take an action on virtually any application or any

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I think Jeff wants to get in. Go ahead, Jeff.

MR. GAGNON: Thank you, Madam Chair. I think the other side of the coin that we

also need to consider is the City's Comprehensive Plan actually provides guidance for the City to proceed with the creation of these regulations. As far back as ten years ago was supposedly the due date.

So the same way that property owners or other parties that are interested in a situation could compel some sort of legal action, there could potentially be another group that comes forward and compels the City to move forward with their own Comprehensive Plan, which is also backed by the State statute that specifically says that the City cannot proceed with a zoning map that's not in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map. So it's kind of a rock and a hard place to consider, but both of those are potential options.

MR. NCUBE: Okay, Jeff, and let me interrupt you there. Let's say somebody else comes and takes the counter side of that. Why don't they have that fight with Lozman? To me, the only concern I have is I feel like that we're kind of just like outsourcing a legal battle, and we're using the City's tax dollars to fight

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a battle that could be fought between -- because you have two special interests. One doesn't want to develop this land, another one does. Okay, go fight your battle in court. You know, do that, use your own money to do that. Why do we have to get the City's money involved to fight your battle? That's where I'm coming from.

I mean, you know, I like the -- you know, I understand the sentiment of preserving the, you know, the land and everything like that. I'm not -- you know, I'm not for this development per se. I'm kind of agnostic to it. I'm just looking at it like if there's -- let's say there's some billionaire out there that really wants to preserve this, you know, this land and they don't want any development there, well, they can get in a legal battle with their own money and stop the project.

But it's almost like, well, instead of them using their money, it's like let's just get the City to come up with something and be passive aggressive, and then we get into a fight with the person who wants to develop, and now it's our money that's being used and we're doing it as opposed to, you know, let two people with money fight each other over it. That's the only thing that I -- that's the only concern I have.

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want a precedent that we set here come back and get us.

And I also want to find out if all of our t's have been crossed and i's dotted in the sense that the Special Preservation coding for this is really tight and there isn't an ability for some sort of overlay that would be able to -- I want to say this right -- some sort of overlay to create -- where is it at? I'm sorry, I just got to find it, what I'm saying. An overlay that can be applied to the Special Preservation that would accommodate any universal applied changes made in the new code, I want to make sure there aren't

CHAIR BURGESS: Okay, I guess that's for staff.

loopholes. That's my question.

MR. GAGNON: Yes, thank you, Chair.

The new code is structured almost identically to the language that's within the Comprehensive Plan. And that's done so intentionally, because what the City wants to be able to really say, if there's any challenge in the future, is that we're not modifying any sort of development rights that are either there or not there when the Comprehensive Plan was adopted and that Future Land Use Map was adopted and the Special Preservation Future Land Use Map and text associated with the Future Land Use Map was adopted.

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MS. BUSBY: Chair Burgess, may I speak? CHAIR BURGESS: (Inaudible.) MS. BUSBY: Thank you. Well, in response to that, I also want to

Well, in response to that, I also want to remind the Board, respectfully, that the Florida statute does require that the City's zoning map be compatible with the Future Land Use Map. And I don't think that by doing that, the City is doing anything that it shouldn't be doing. Thank you.

MS. CLARK: May I jump in? CHAIR BURGESS: Thank you, Ms. Busby. Go ahead, Ms. Harris Clark. We'll hear from you now, and then Mr. Gustafson next.

MS. CLARK: Okay. We've always known that this was going to be a Pandora's box for the last five, six years, and maybe even longer. And we've heard from the residents, and it could be just a vote of confidence.

And getting back to what my colleagues have said, that we have many developers that come here with bad projects for misconfigured land and ask us to make these concessions to work for their misconfigured land. And it's a bad project, and some of us say yes. And this is -- may not be a good project, and we're going to vote maybe no. My concern is precedent. I don't

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So it's really not intending to create any additional overlay or any sort of gotch you type of moment. It's really supposed to clarify the fact that the Special Preservation Future Land Use really takes the lead as far as what can be developed within that area, and this will make sure that the Zoning Code stresses that further.

MS. CLARK: And would we take that same sort of application for other situations that are very similar? It may not be SP, but it may be something different, but it's still kind of the same when a developer comes in and asks us to make changes in our coding to accommodate their weird configuration of property that they purchased and they didn't do their proper research. I yield.

MR. GAGNON: Yes, if I may, Madam Chair.

I think that, jumping off that comment as a reference point, you know, the Planning and Zoning Board and City Council have considered other developer initiated applications to both modify the Future Land Use Map designation of some parcels as well as the Zoning District in order to proceed with some future development.

In this case, it's a City initiated process, and we already have the Future Land Use in place. So

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1	this is just really clarifying the Zoning Code and	1	MS. DAVIDSON: Stephen Hunt.
2	making sure it's consistent so there's no uncertainty	2	MR. HUNT: Yes.
3	moving forward.	3	MS. DAVIDSON: William Wyly.
4	CHAIR BURGESS: Okay, thank you, Jeff.	4	MR. WYLY: Yes.
5	I'm sorry, I'm going to go back to Mr. Ncube	5	MS. DAVIDSON: Evelyn Harris Clark.
6	really quick. Were you finished with all of your	6	MS. CLARK: Yes.
7	questions?	7	MS. DAVIDSON: Jon Gustafson.
8	MR. NCUBE: Yes.	8	VICE CHAIR GUSTAFSON: Yes.
9	CHAIR BURGESS: Okay. Mr. Gustafson.	9	MS. DAVIDSON: Rena Burgess.
10	VICE CHAIR GUSTAFSON: Hello and good	10	CHAIR BURGESS: Yes.
11	evening, everyone.	11	MS. DAVIDSON: Unanimous vote.
12	CHAIR BURGESS: Good evening.	12	CHAIR BURGESS: All right, we're going to
13	VICE CHAIR GUSTAFSON: Good evening. It's	13	skip down to the next item, general discussion and
14	been a long night.	14	public comments.
15	First of all, I'd like to thank everyone and	15	I'm sorry, go ahead, Ms. Busby.
16	all the residents for taking the time to put their	16	MS. BUSBY: Chair Burgess, I just want to be
17	opinions in on this matter. I know it's pretty strong	17	clear, because the motion was generalized, and it was a
18	on Singer Island, as well as all residents. And I want	18	good motion, however, do you think we can do a motion
19	to thank Ms. Davidson and Mr. Gagnon for taking the	19	to approve the ordinance so that we include everything
20	time to read them all.	20	that's in the ordinance in that motion?
21	Mr. Baumann, thank you for your expertise in	21	VICE CHAIR GUSTAFSON: Yes.
22	this.	22	MS. BUSBY: Thank you.
23	I don't have too many more questions, but I	23	CHAIR BURGESS: So at this point, would that
24	do want to say that I am in favor of having the Zoning	24	previous one that we just voted on and passed, would it
25	Code match the Comprehensive Plan, and I am in favor of	25	have to be amended or
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2	CHAIR BURGESS: Yes.	2	to adjourn. Everybody in agreement?
3	MS. DAVIDSON: Unanimous vote.	3	MR. WYLY: Yes, everybody (inaudible).
4	CHAIR BURGESS: Thank you, Ms. Busby, for	4	MS. CLARK: (Inaudible.)
5	that clarification.	5	CHAIR BURGESS: All right, have a good
6	MS. BUSBY: Thank you, Chair.	6	evening, everyone. Thank you.
7	CHAIR BURGESS: No problem.	7	MR. GAGNON: Thank you all.
8	I see you, Jeff. Public comments for item A	8	CHAIR BURGESS: Good night.
9	under general discussion.	9	(Whereupon, at 9:37 p.m., the proceedings
10	MR. GAGNON: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. We	10	were concluded.)
11	didn't have any other public comments. Also, if it	11	
12	pleases the Board, I'd like to see if we can dismiss	12	
13	Mr. Baumann so he can go practice his guitar solos.	13	
14	CHAIR BURGESS: Thank you, Mr. Baumann, for	14	
15	joining us tonight.	15	
16	MS. BUSBY: Thank you.	16	
17	MR. BAUMANN: Thank you all very	17	
18	CHAIR BURGESS: Bye.	18	
19	MR. BROWN: Thank you.	19	
20	MR. GAGNON: Thank you, sir.	20	
21	(Whereupon, Mr. Baumann left the	21	
22	videoconference.)	22	
23	MR. GAGNON: So other than the correspondence	23	
24	that was read into the record for our agenda item, we	24	
25	had no other additional public comments or	25	
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