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Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Special Meeting

City of Riviera Beach, Florida

Monday, September 28, 2020

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

APPEARANCES VIA COMMUNICATION MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Chair Julia A. Botel

Vice Chair Douglas A. Lawson

Commissioner Shirley D. Lanier

Commissioner Tradrick McCoy

Commissioner KaShamba Miller-Anderson

Attorney Michael Haygood

Interim Executive Director Jonathan Evans

Senior Project Assistant/CRA Clerk Tamara Seguin

Stenographically reported by Rachele Cibula

1 CHAIR BOTEL: I call to order the Special Riviera Beach CRA
2 Board Meeting. It is September 28th. And the time is 6:00 p.m.

3 Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

5 Commissioner McCoy.

6 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Here.

7 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Can you hear me?

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Now we do. Thank you.

9 She read your lips.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

11 (Absent.)

12 THE CLERK: Vice-Chair Lawson.

13 (Absent.)

14 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: Here.

16 THE CLERK: Also present, Jonathan Evans, Interim Executive
17 Director; Michael Haygood, General Counsel; and Tamara Seguin,
18 CRA Clerk.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. We'll have a moment of silence,
20 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner McCoy.
21 (Moment of silence. Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

23 Any member of the public wishing to comment publicly on any
24 matter, including items on the agenda, shall submit their
25 comments by e-mail to RBCRA Clerk, Tamara Seguin, at

1 publiccomments@rbcra.com. The e-mail shall contain the
2 applicable agenda item numbers, along with the precise wording
3 to be read into the record. Explicit language will not be read.
4 E-mails without applicable agenda item numbers will be read
5 under the general public comments section. Be advised, public
6 comments will be accepted for each applicable item in the
7 general public comments section until closure is announced by
8 the chairperson or the RBCRA clerk. All e-mail addresses and
9 submitted comment cards will be public record. The RBCRA clerk
10 or designee shall read public comments into the record at the
11 appropriate time for no more than three minutes.

12 If you have any questions, please contact the RBCRA office
13 at 561-844-3408 or e-mail tseguin@rbcra.com.

14 Do we have any disclosures by commission or staff? I see
15 none.

16 Do we have any -- do we have any additions or deletions?

17 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: None by staff, Madam
18 Chair.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

20 Would someone care to make a motion to adopt the agenda?

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Move to adopt.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Madam Clerk.

24 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

25 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

2 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

3 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

5 THE CLERK: That motion carries, with Vice Chair Lawson and
6 Commissioner Lanier absent.

7 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I'm here. I'm here.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: We don't see you. I'm sorry. Let the record
9 show that Commissioner -- Oh. I see you now. Thank you.
10 Sorry.

11 Let the record show that Commissioner Lanier is here.

12 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Can we do roll call again?

13 CHAIR BOTEL: We can. Do we have to?

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I think she might want to vote since
15 she was here.

16 CHAIR BOTEL: No, no. Well, she might want to vote. Okay.
17 Go ahead. We can do it again. It doesn't hurt.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

23 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

24 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: That motion carries, with Vice Chair Lawson
2 absent for the vote.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

4 We have no consent agenda, so would you please read the
5 item on the agenda.

6 THE CLERK: Item number 1, discuss and deliberate to
7 consider the applicants for executive director, and to schedule
8 candidate interviews.

9 The acceptance of public comment cards is now closed.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

11 Since this is a discussion and deliberation, I think we'll
12 wait until there's actually a motion on the floor before we
13 ask -- we don't need it to vote on this discussion.

14 So, Mr. Haygood, do you have a presentation?

15 MR. HAYGOOD: Yes, ma'am. I'm going to make brief comments
16 and then turn it over to Mr. Dinneen.

17 Our goal tonight is to get down to a certain number of
18 perspective applicants or applicants and schedule virtual
19 meetings for those individuals.

20 We -- I'll let Mr. Dinneen go into more detail.

21 We did receive some additional names, other than the
22 original eight, from three of the commissioners. And we are
23 trying to work through this procedurally. Hopefully, we can
24 vote on the initial eight; and meet with the additional people
25 that have been requested by different councilpeople, to review

1 and then vote on those people also.

2 Mr. Dinneen, I'll hand it over to you.

3 MR. DINNEEN: All right. Good evening, everybody. Can you
4 hear me all right?

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

6 MR. DINNEEN: Oh. Okay. Well, it's nice seeing you. Good
7 evening, everyone.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Good evening.

9 MR. DINNEEN: After talking to Mr. Haygood, we talked about
10 what's the best way to proceed. So I'm just going to make
11 recommendations based on all my years of experience, especially
12 all these many years in Florida with the Sunshine Law.

13 Because you want to get to a group that's manageable in a
14 transparent way, probably the first thing to do was to make a
15 decision on whether you want to interview some or all of the
16 eight candidates recommended in the report. Once you get that
17 core group established, then I would suggest what you do is each
18 councilperson would decide if they want to recommend somebody,
19 and then really you can discuss that and add them to the group.
20 You can add as many people as you want.

21 But really what you're doing is just trying to get a group
22 that my understanding is you're going to want to do a virtual
23 interview. So tonight is to really get that group. We want to
24 do something that's respectful to the commission, together with
25 the candidates, so that they know whether they're moving forward

1 or not.

2 So my recommendation is that you look at the eight, decide
3 whether you can agree at least by majority on any of the eight
4 that you want to interview. Then we'll go into a process where
5 you can add whoever you want.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Sounds good.

7 Mr. Evans.

8 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Madam Chair and Members
9 of the Board, this probably is a good question more suited for
10 Mr. Haygood.

11 Assuming that the governor doesn't extend the executive
12 order that allows for the Board to convene digital, and they are
13 to move forward with the interview process, I would assume that
14 the Board would have to convene in a physical manner and then
15 the candidates can be digital or remote. Is that your
16 understanding of how that would be handled?

17 MR. HAYGOOD: Yes. Yes. I think that would be a very good
18 idea. And then, of course, the final -- depending on what the
19 Board wants to do, the finalists out of those individuals would
20 then be invited in for personal interviews.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Sounds good.

22 Okay. So Mr. Dinneen, are you -- Mr. McCoy, you're
23 recognized.

24 Your mic.

25 COMMISSIONER MCGOY: I wanted to ask, how many additional

1 candidates did we receive? That were submitted by the members
2 of the commission.

3 MR. HAYGOOD: And if you'll correct me, Mr. Dinneen and
4 Ms. Voorhees, if this is correct, we received an additional one,
5 two, three, four, five, six. And I should say that one of the
6 individuals that was on (audio disruption) there's really five.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Are you done, Mr. McCoy?

8 Thank you. Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

9 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I didn't catch what
10 Mr. Haygood said at the end. After he counted. What did you
11 say?

12 MR. HAYGOOD: Yes, ma'am. I said there was five -- there
13 was one common person that was submitted by two councilpeople.

14 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So are you saying,
15 Mr. Dinneen, that the first order of business would be to take a
16 vote on whether or not we want to interview all of the first
17 eight?

18 MR. DINNEEN: I would say that, because looking at it from
19 a transparent thing of what you spent money for, you got a
20 recommendation from us for the eight people. Those eight
21 people, quite frankly, are interested to find out whether they
22 are going to be interviewed in any sense of the word.

23 So what I would suggest is, you decide on the eight, narrow
24 that down if you'd like, and then we have that core group. And
25 then you can add whoever you want after that, and you can have

1 the discussion about how you're going to do that, and vote on
2 each one of those.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. Thank you.

4 So would someone like to make a motion that we interview at
5 least virtually the first eight, the top eight candidates?

6 Or -- Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, you're shaking your head no.

7 Mr. McCoy, you're recognized.

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Well, it's kind of -- it's a curious
9 situation, because I am -- I was a little bit inundated with
10 those resumes. And one of the things that I noticed that the --
11 going through a few of them was, this was beyond, you know, my
12 specialty to, you know, go through those resumes.

13 And I'm not one that -- I'm not one the members that
14 submitted names, simply because I didn't want to dilute what --
15 the work that was already done by the consulting firm.

16 In particular, so what I'm suggesting is, I don't want to
17 eliminate any of the eight. I want to at least start as the
18 foundation of those, and move those forward. And I didn't want
19 to -- it was just too much for me to try to go through 70
20 resumes; and then it almost kind of got like I was -- you know,
21 it just almost seemed repetitive and redundant, and I just
22 couldn't work well through all of those resumes.

23 So I figured -- what I'm suggesting, I would like not to
24 eliminate any of the eight that have been recommended; and then
25 if the other members have suggestions, then I'm okay with

1 interviewing.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Yeah, I think that would be the nature of the
3 motion, should someone care to make it, that we at least
4 interview these top eight. If anyone doesn't want to include --
5 I would suggest that you vote no if there's someone in here in
6 this top eight that you do not want to interview. And that way
7 at least we'll have a sense from the commissioners about the
8 fact that they want to interview at least the top eight.

9 Does anyone have another suggestion?

10 Let the record show that Commissioner Lawson has joined the
11 meeting.

12 Does anyone have a different suggestion for how to proceed?

13 Okay. Then would someone please make -- would someone care
14 to make a motion that we interview all top -- all of the top
15 eight candidates, at least virtually? And if you -- go ahead.
16 We need a motion before we can vote.

17 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Move to pass along the top eight that
18 was recommended.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

20 Would someone care to make a second?

21 Okay. That failed for lack of a second.

22 Would someone like to suggest -- Commissioner
23 Miller-Anderson.

24 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I would be in favor of
25 voting on each of the eight individually; and then that way we

1 can determine whether or not we're going to be interviewing any
2 of those eight. And then as Mr. Dinneen suggested, we can talk
3 about the others. But to not do it in one whole group.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: So that indicates to me that there's somebody
5 in here you don't want to see. And that's fine. So let's do it
6 that way. Because if everybody was acceptable to -- if all
7 eight were acceptable to us, we could have gotten this out of
8 the way. But that's fine.

9 So would someone care to make a motion that we interview
10 Isaac Dozier?

11 Is this the way we're going to do it then, one by one?
12 Would someone care to make a motion that we interview Isaac
13 Dozier?

14 Okay. I guess I need more conversation about how you would
15 like to proceed. If you'd like to do one by one, we'll have to
16 call their names one by one.

17 Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

18 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: That's exactly what we're
19 doing. If you don't get us -- if you don't get anyone to make a
20 motion, that means (audio disruption) and that person is out.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: All right. Okay. Looks that way. So, Isaac
22 Dozier, you're out.

23 Would someone care to make a motion that we interview --
24 well, okay. Someone -- I was about to pass the gavel, but it
25 doesn't look like he would have any support so...

1 Someone care to make a motion that we interview David
2 Engle?

3 Nobody's going to make a motion for David Engle?

4 Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

5 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: We -- I explained what I
6 thought would be a proper way of doing it. And no one else said
7 anything, so I'm assuming everyone is okay with that. So I'm
8 trying to find out from you, what is it that you would like --
9 what are you suggesting that we do?

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Well, if --

11 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Because if we're not -- if
12 nobody is making a motion or second, it's just (audio
13 disruption) move on.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: It's -- all right. How about we do this? In
15 the absence of an affirmative vote in favor of any of these top
16 eight candidates, would someone care to make a motion that
17 eliminate a particular candidate?

18 (Both speaking at once.)

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Let's just stick with what
20 we're doing. I think it's --

21 CHAIR BOTEL: So far the two top candidates haven't gotten
22 a single --

23 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, that's fine. That
24 just means that no one is voting for it. So we just move on. I
25 mean, it's not a big deal, really. Just yes or no and we just

1 move on.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Then I -- no. I'll pass -- I want to back up
3 a second, because I thought that these candidates were really
4 quite fine. I will pass the gavel, Mr. Lawson, until we -- and
5 make a motion that we interview Isaac Dozier.

6 Would someone care to second?

7 VICE-CHAIRPERSON LAWSON: Ms. Miller-Anderson. Question.

8 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: We have already voted -- I
9 mean, we already -- it died for lack of a second. So how are we
10 going to go back and now redo it again?

11 I don't think that's proper, Mr. Haygood. Mr. Haygood.

12 MR. HAYGOOD: Yeah, I don't think the motion could be -- I
13 think I agree with you, Ms. Miller-Anderson, you -- those two
14 people have been voted on and --

15 CHAIR BOTEL: All right. I'll take the gavel back.

16 Would someone care to make a motion that we interview
17 Adriana Jordan?

18 Commissioner Lanier.

19 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I wasn't making a motion. I just
20 want to make a statement.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Go ahead.

22 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I just wanted to say that all of
23 these candidates that we have before us, none of them have the
24 educational or city manager CRA credentials that our CRA interim
25 director has. I just want to put that on the record, in that,

1 you know, I don't think that we have anybody on this list that
2 is comparable to what we have now. I just want to put that on
3 the record.

4 We can still move forward, but I want to just -- based on
5 our current interim director, I don't see any reason to go
6 through these calisthenics.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

8 So we don't have anyone to make a motion that we interview
9 Adriana Jordan?

10 Does anyone care to make a motion that we interview Sarah
11 Marz Maxfield?

12 Would anyone care to make a motion that we interview
13 Richard Noguera?

14 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: Would anyone like to second that?

16 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Second.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Madam Clerk.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

21 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

23 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No.

24 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

25 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

3 THE CLERK: That motion carries, with Commissioner Lanier
4 dissenting.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

6 Would anyone care to make a motion that we interview Heidi
7 Siegel?

8 Commissioner McCoy.

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I move we include Ms. Heidi Siegel.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

11 Do we have a second? I will pass the --
12 Commissioner McCoy.

13 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Did we skip (audio disruption)?
14 Because I'm going down the list.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: Oh. I'm sorry. I must have gotten a little
16 out of order. He's next on my pile here.

17 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay.

18 CHAIR BOTEL: I will pass the gavel and second the motion
19 to interview Heidi Siegel.

20 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you, Commissioner Botel.
21 There's a second.

22 Madam Clerk.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

3 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No.

4 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

5 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: That motion carries, with Commissioner

9 Miller-Anderson and Commissioner Lanier dissenting.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

11 I'll take the gavel back.

12 Would anyone care to make a motion that we interview

13 Kirkwood Russell?

14 Commissioner McCoy.

15 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So moved.

16 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

18 Madam Clerk.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

20 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

24 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No.

25 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

1 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: That motion carries, with Commissioner Lanier
5 dissenting.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Would anyone care to make a motion that we
7 interview Roderick Wallace?

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So moved.

9 CHAIR BOTEL: Anyone care to second?

10 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Second.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Madam Clerk.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

13 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

15 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

17 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No.

18 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

19 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: That motion carries, with Commissioner Lanier
23 dissenting.

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

25 Did I miss any of the top eight? Heidi or Jim.

1 MS. VOORHEES: No.

2 MR. DINNEEN: No, I don't believe so.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: We have so far these candidates. Let me
4 recap. Richard Noguera, Heidi Siegel, Kirkwood Russell and
5 Roderick Wallace. Correct?

6 MR. DINNEEN: Correct.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Now, Mr. Haygood, do you want to give us the
8 first name and I'll ask for someone to make a motion? First
9 name of somebody that would have been (audio disruption).

10 MR. HAYGOOD: Artie Jones.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Does anyone care to make a motion that we
12 interview Artie Jones?

13 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Does anyone want to second?

15 I'll pass the gavel and second.

16 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Madam Clerk.

17 Madam Clerk, you are muted.

18 THE CLERK: Sorry about that.

19 Commissioner McCoy.

20 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

24 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No.

25 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

1 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: Motion carries, with Commissioner Lanier

5 dissenting.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

7 I'll take the gavel back.

8 Mr. Haygood, do we have another one?

9 MR. HAYGOOD: K. Michael Chen.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: He was, I think, on the second set of seven,

11 if I'm not mistaken.

12 Would someone care to make a motion?

13 Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

14 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: What was his name, again?

15 CHAIR BOTEL: K. Michael Chen. He was second on the list

16 of seven that were the second list that we got.

17 Did someone make a motion to interview Mr. Chen?

18 I'll pass the gavel and make a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Second.

20 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Madam Clerk.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

22 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

24 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

1 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No.

2 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

3 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: No.

4 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: That motion fails.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: I'll take the gavel back.

8 Mr. Haygood, anyone else?

9 MR. HAYGOOD: Yes, ma'am. Glenn Spiritis.

10 S-P-I-R-I-T-I-S.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

12 Would someone care to make a motion that --

13 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So moved.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

15 Do we have a second?

16 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Second.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

18 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

20 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

22 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No.

23 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

24 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

25 THE CLERK: That motion carries, with Commissioner

1 Miller-Anderson and Commissioner Lanier dissenting.

2 MR. HAYGOOD: The next person is a Laura Fritz.

3 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Can you say it again? I
4 can't hear you, Mr. Haygood.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Laura L. Fritz.

6 MR. HAYGOOD: Fritz.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Would anyone care to make a motion to
8 interview Laura Fritz?

9 Okay. That dies for lack of a motion.

10 Mr. Haygood.

11 MR. HAYGOOD: Phillip Harris.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Would anyone care to make a motion to
13 interview Phillip Harris?

14 No one's made a motion -- Mr. --

15 Oh. Sorry. Commissioner McCoy.

16 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: I was muted. I apologize. Move to --

17 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So moved.

18 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Second.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Madam Clerk.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

24 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

25 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No.

1 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

2 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

3 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm sorry. I'm just trying to find his
5 resume. Give me one second. Bear with me.

6 Naturally, it will be at the bottom of this pile.

7 Phillip Christopher Harris.

8 Yes.

9 THE CLERK: That motion carries, with Commissioner
10 Miller-Anderson and Commissioner Lanier dissenting.

11 MR. HAYGOOD: The last name that was submitted to me is a
12 Gerald K-O-N-O-H-I-A.

13 CHAIR BOTEL: Would anyone care to make a motion to
14 interview Gerald Konohia?

15 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Motion to interview.

16 CHAIR BOTEL: No one made a second?

17 No second.

18 Okay. I think we have our candidates.

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair. Madam Chair.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm sorry.

21 MR. HAYGOOD: Mr. McCoy was second.

22 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I couldn't get off of mute fast
23 enough.

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Oh. I'm so sorry.

25 Let me find him then. Wait.

1 You can go ahead and start if you want. I just need to
2 find him.

3 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

4 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

6 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

8 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No.

9 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

10 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm sorry. I can't vote until I have a peek
13 at who he is.

14 Unless somebody who put his name forward would like to
15 convince me that this is -- who -- does anyone mind saying
16 who -- would anyone like to share with me his qualifications?
17 Or would you like me to go through this whole pile? Because I
18 don't see him. He was on the -- he was on the original -- was
19 he in the original group, Heidi?

20 MR. DINNEEN: He was not in the top 15.

21 MS. VOORHEES: We can -- we can tell you his job titles, if
22 it would be helpful.

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Would you, please?

24 MS. VOORHEES: He's currently the chief of staff for the
25 Honorable Calvin Hawkins, II, with Prince Georges County. He's

1 been doing that since 2018.

2 From 2014 to 2018, he was a part of Longstreet Ventures,
3 LLC, a community development revitalization entrepreneur federal
4 government service and fund raising.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Heidi, has he -- does he have a -- sorry for
6 interrupting. Does he have any experience as a CRA director or
7 a city manager?

8 MS. VOORHEES: Not at those. But he was president and CEO
9 of the Open Door Housing Fund and with the Chattanooga and
10 Neighborhood Enterprise.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Then my vote is no.

12 THE CLERK: Okay. That motion failed.

13 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. Can I make sure that I've got
14 Commissioner Lanier. Go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No. I was going to say that you guys
16 have gone through these names and none of these people have CRA
17 experience.

18 CHAIR BOTEL: Heidi, would you like to respond?

19 COMMISSIONER LANIER: As a CRA director.

20 MS. VOORHEES: We were then --

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner McCoy and then Ms. Voorhees.
22 Commissioner McCoy.

23 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I beg to differ, Commissioner Lanier,
24 because that's not true. And I want to kind of caution you,
25 because actually --

1 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Tell me -- tell me which one
2 has (audio disruption).

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I'm not going to do that. But let me
4 tell you -- let me tell you --

5 COMMISSIONER LANIER: You don't have proof that somebody
6 was a CRA director.

7 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Well, actually, I think it's not often
8 referred to as CRA director. Some other municipalities refer to
9 it as something different, but it's essentially the same thing
10 exact thing.

11 But I don't even want to go down that line because I'm not
12 about to put anybody's resume on trial here. And I'm not trying
13 to put anybody's (audio disruption) you know (audio disruption).
14 But in fact there are individuals that are on this list that
15 have --

16 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I beg to differ.

17 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I beg your pardon? Did you go
18 through -- you know, it got to the point that I --

19 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I beg to differ. I went through each
20 of those resumes. None of them have the extensive CRA
21 experience as our current interim director. So that is what I'm
22 saying.

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Lanier.

24 Thank you, Commissioner McCoy.

25 I think there might be some definition of terms that need

1 to be clarified.

2 Ms. Voorhees, could you please clarify whether, for
3 example, executive director of a development authority would be
4 comparable to a CRA director?

5 MS. VOORHEES: It could be. Absolutely.

6 But what I wanted to also mention is that we -- in the
7 requirements, the things that we said the candidates must have,
8 we did not say that they must be a CRA executive director.

9 What we outlined instead was the competencies and the
10 skills that would be a part of that type of position. And they
11 are called different things across the country. And we talked
12 about progressively responsible experience in urban
13 redevelopment and economic development, extensive knowledge of
14 economic development and redevelopment best practices. And then
15 we -- you know, we had bachelor's degree required in urban
16 planning, AICP designation preferred, experience in strategic
17 planning. And those were the kinds of things that were in the
18 position announcement and the recruitment brochure. We did not
19 specifically ask for someone to have been a CRA executive
20 director.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: That was all I wanted to
23 point out, was what we advertised as the ideal candidate, and in
24 there we did not decide on just asking for that CRA manager
25 experience, and so I just went off of what was listed in the

1 brochure about the ideal candidate. Thank you.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Commissioner Miller-Anderson --
3 Commissioner Lanier.

4 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I just wanted to say that, would you
5 want someone who knows how to do open heart surgery, who has the
6 qualifications, but a person who has actually been doing open
7 heart surgery? That's all I have to say.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

9 Can I -- I would like to just review the names that I have,
10 so that I'm sure that I've gotten everybody? I have Richard
11 Noguera. I have Heidi Siegel. I have Kirkwood Russell. I have
12 Roderick Wallace. I have Artie Jones. I have Glenn Spiritis.
13 And I have Phillip Christopher Harris. Is that correct?

14 MR. DINNEEN: Correct.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: One, two, three, four, five. So we have
16 seven finalists.

17 And now I think that what you wanted us to do was to decide
18 on some dates and whether or not we wanted to do these in one
19 round or two rounds. Maybe give us some advice about that,
20 Ms. Voorhees.

21 MS. VOORHEES: Yeah, we would recommend that you not try to
22 do them all in one sitting. You know, as you all know, from
23 being on Zoom it can be exhausting. I would do no more than
24 three in a row. I would schedule them for about fifty minutes,
25 five zero, give yourselves a ten-minute break. And then -- you

1 know, if you want to do them in one day, I would just take a
2 significant break in the middle of day. But I think it's a lot,
3 so maybe you could do, you know, it over a couple of days, or
4 two or three days time, depending on your calendars.

5 And we will draft questions and send them to Mr. Haygood.
6 And he can share them with you. And you can let us know if you
7 have any changes that you'd like to make to the questions. And
8 then you can -- you'll have an agreed upon list of questions to
9 ask each of the candidates. Because it's important in the first
10 round that you ask your candidates the same questions, so you're
11 evaluating them based on the same set of credentials.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Did I hear you correctly to
14 say that it would be 15 minutes for each interview?

15 CHAIR BOTEL: 50. Five oh.

16 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Okay.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Boom, boom, boom, get out.

18 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: All right. Thank you.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. So shall we -- do we need to set some
20 dates?

21 Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm just thinking. In the
23 past when we've done these we've always concerned ourselves with
24 the people doing it -- doing the interviews ahead, and hearing
25 what the others say. Is that an issue? Or you-all don't think

1 that's an issue? Because I recall there being -- like we've
2 done it on a Saturday, so that we can do them all, but have
3 everyone -- I mean, it's a little different with the Zoom. But
4 when we did it in person -- I don't know. Maybe you want to do
5 it, when we do the in-person, we have everyone come in, and not
6 view those interviews before the time to come in. You know what
7 I mean? Because the second group will get questions before --
8 ahead of time, because they'll see the first one. Do -- I know
9 we have to be Sunshine and all. But I just want to avoid having
10 the first -- the second group get the questions before the first
11 group. They don't have the same opportunity.

12 MS. VOORHEES: I mean, we would -- we've done this in other
13 situations, where we've asked the candidates to respectfully
14 refrain from being on -- you know, from doing that. Just out of
15 professional courtesy. And we've had success with that.

16 But I don't know if there's a way to monitor somebody
17 watching the meeting afterwards. I'm not sure.

18 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier.

19 COMMISSIONER LANIER: You know, they have these -- I mean,
20 well, when Tamara sets these meetings up, they're a code that
21 you put in, that you can't get in unless you have that code for
22 the -- for the meeting.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: But it's on 18 though.

24 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I'm sorry.

25 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: It's on TV 18.

1 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Oh, oh, oh, yeah. Okay.

2 Is it a broadcast -- it doesn't have to be broadcasted
3 live, does it?

4 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. Evans.

5 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Madam Chair and Members
6 of the Board, one of the things you can consider -- because we
7 do broadcast it on TV 18 and then on YouTube and then on other
8 platforms, so anyone throughout the world can watch the
9 interview.

10 One of the things you can do is you don't have to broadcast
11 it live. You can record it and you can have your private
12 session but meeting minutes are taken, et cetera. But you
13 can -- you can operate as such. And then what we can do is
14 after the interviews have been completed, we can then release
15 the video of that particular meeting.

16 MR. DINNEEN: That's a very good idea.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: That's sounds like a good solution.

18 Okay. So, does anyone want to offer a date -- dates to do
19 this?

20 Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

21 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Now, we will be in the
22 building and they will be virtual when we do this, right?

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

24 Commissioner Lawson.

25 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

1 The -- how much time do we need, Ms. Voorhees, to give
2 these candidates proposed interviews?

3 MS. VOORHEES: 50 minutes --

4 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: If we said we wanted to do interviews
5 this week, would they be available?

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Oh. I see what you mean. Advance notice.

7 MS. VOORHEES: Ideally, it would be great to give them a
8 week's notice if possible because -- you know, if it's spread
9 out over a couple of days we could work with people on their
10 calendars.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

12 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So we're looking at next
13 week, right, the week of the 5th?

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Right.

15 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. I mean, I can do that
16 Monday, Tuesday.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: What time are we looking at starting?

18 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I -- I mean I would
19 have to work so it can't be before 6:00. I mean, but we're only
20 doing three or four people, right?

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Yeah. Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, that will be a
23 regular --

24 CHAIR BOTEL: It would be good if we could do three and
25 then four and get it over with in two sessions. One, two,

1 three.

2 COMMISSIONER LANIER: It would still have to be after 6:00
3 though.

4 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

5 CHAIR BOTTEL: Yeah. Unless we do a Saturday.

6 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm -- I mean, I'm open to
7 Saturday.

8 CHAIR BOTTEL: Do the 3rd?

9 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I can't do the 3rd. I can
10 do the 10th.

11 CHAIR BOTTEL: I'm fine with that.

12 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: I'm fine with it.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, if that's the case
14 we can knock them all out. We can just have -- we're going to
15 be in the marina anyway, right?

16 CHAIR BOTTEL: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: We could do them -- we could
18 start that morning at 9:00 and just knock them all out. I mean,
19 that's what we've done in the past.

20 CHAIR BOTTEL: I'm good with that. Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, granted, it was in
22 person. Maybe five at the most. But, I mean, it's only two
23 more. That way we can go ahead and get them out the way. We'll
24 still be interviewing -- we'll narrow it down and then still do
25 the in-person interview with whatever number we decide to go

1 with. So I'm open -- I'm fine on the 10th.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Me too.

3 Anyone not fine on the 10th?

4 Okay. We'll -- Mr. Evans, will you make the arrangements
5 for us to have the Event Center on the 10th, starting at 9:00?

6 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Absolutely. We can work
7 with (audio disruption).

8 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: The first interview -- will
9 the first interview be at 9:00? If so, then we need to get
10 there a little early.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: No, let's make the first interview like 9:30,
12 so we have a chance to make sure we're all settled.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: And are you all going to go
14 over the process -- give us the process before we get to the
15 meeting, so everybody knows what we're going to be doing, and
16 not figuring it out while we're in the meeting?

17 MS. VOORHEES: There's one thing you could think about.
18 I'm sorry. I should have waited to be recognized. I'm sorry.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Go ahead. You're recognized.

20 MS. VOORHEES: Whether we -- I've seen it done two ways
21 with these Zoom interviews. In one case what we've done is once
22 you've all approved the questions, each of you takes turns
23 asking them. The other option is to have either Jim or myself
24 read the questions off and then the candidates answer them. It
25 really does not matter to us, whichever way you want to do it.

1 But we would just decide in advance who was going to ask what
2 question, because -- or, if you're in the room and you want to
3 just go around the table, since you guys will be together, that
4 would work, if you wanted to do it that way. But it's really up
5 to you. If you're in the room together and you just want to
6 take turns asking questions, that helps to keep everyone
7 engaged. But we can ask them as well.

8 CHAIR BOTTEL: Thank you.

9 Mr. Evans.

10 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Madam Chair, obviously
11 you-all are acutely aware of Florida Sunshine laws and the
12 correspondence back and forth with respect to the nature of the
13 questions.

14 One of the things, if the Board would consider, is that if
15 your first interview started at 10:00, and you-all convened at
16 9:30 to have a list of questions and then solidify which
17 questions you're going to ask at that particular moment, that
18 will allow to ensure that nobody gets those questions in
19 advance. And so that may be something that you want to consider
20 as part of the process, that the consultants can provide you a
21 list of 25 or 30 questions and you can narrow it down to what
22 you think is appropriate, and then solidify those questions as
23 part of your discussion prior to the first interview. Just
24 something to consider.

25 CHAIR BOTTEL: Mr. Dinneen.

1 MR. DINNEEN: From my experience, your manager just gave
2 you a really good piece of advice. I think that that could be
3 something that people would question if somebody got them ahead
4 of time. Yeah, if you decide, I think that that's really good
5 under Florida law. Right before the meeting.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. Does anybody have an objection to
7 doing it that way?

8 Commissioner McCoy.

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you, Madam Chair.

10 I don't have an objection but I would hope that, you know,
11 the whole itinerary for the day at least should be given to us
12 ahead of time so we know what to expect. But I think any
13 pertinent information and any scripted information should
14 definitely be kind of held to the last moment. Because if it's
15 not going to be broadcast, I just want to kind of also
16 emphasize, we won't be making a decision in this meeting, right?

17 MR. DINNEEN: Right.

18 MR. HAYGOOD: I was going to bring that up. You have a
19 meeting scheduled for the 14th, that next Wednesday, at which
20 time you could vote on the people, rather than doing at the end
21 of a long day on Saturday.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy, you're recognized.

23 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So what I wanted to suggest was that,
24 to that point of what was stated by Mr. Haygood, I would hope
25 that we could kind of keep everything more or less on script.

1 Because, you know, even when we -- I think when we did our
2 interim city manager interviews, you know, even the notes and
3 all that stuff becomes public record. So I don't want to get
4 too far off with asking questions and then something just goes,
5 you know, amiss, and then we find ourselves with a technical
6 problem that we're trying to resolve. So I would hope that we
7 can kind of, you know, at least have an itinerary of what we can
8 expect the breakdown -- you know, obviously, the break periods,
9 but everything aside from that, as far as the content, to be
10 kind of contained within that first half hour, you know, before
11 we get started with the meeting. And I'm okay with that.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Anyone not okay with that?

13 Okay. We're all okay with that.

14 Commissioner Lanier.

15 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No, I just wanted to say that I
16 didn't want to have a long day of interviews, then go and make a
17 decision about a candidate that day. I want to be able to -- if
18 I were going to make a decision, I want to be able to go back
19 over information that we've been given that day and then make a
20 decision at our next CRA meeting.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. I think Mr. Haygood suggested we
22 do that on the 14th.

23 Commissioner Lawson and then Mr. Dinneen.

24 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

25 Actually, let Mr. Dinneen go first.

1 MR. DINNEEN: What I was going to suggest, because I've
2 done this before, is after a whole long day -- and it will be a
3 long day, even if you take a good lunch -- based on the
4 commissioner's comment, is that I think if you had time to think
5 it over, two things would happen on the 14th; you could narrow
6 the list on the 14th and vote on that.

7 But the crucial question you have to ask yourself, after
8 you talk to all these people is, what is the number that we want
9 to get to to interview in person. Because that will have a lot
10 to do with after you listen to all the people, how many people
11 are you willing to bring in? Is that three people, four people?
12 So if you thought that through until the next -- the 14th, then
13 I think you'll be in better shape to, one, decide, you know, who
14 you're going to pick; but, two, figure out how many people.

15 And in some ways after you listen to all the people, that
16 may make it easier to decide, is it three people, four people,
17 whatever. Because you won't know if you interview them
18 virtually. But that way on the 14th you'll be ready to vote.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lawson.

20 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. That was going
21 to be my recommendation, to actually bring our top three and to
22 interview the three number one candidates for the -- on the
23 14th. We bring that list, and whoever our top three are, that
24 work out, like getting the most points ranking-wise out of all
25 the council, and we interview those three in person. We bring

1 them in for a tour, we have them tour the City, and we do an
2 in-person interview.

3 And then if we have the ability to possibly do a
4 meet-and-greet -- I know that we want to keep it limited, but do
5 an RSVP meet-and-greet for city residents to come, so we can
6 kind of give them the full works for this interview process.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

8 Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

9 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: That's what I was going to
10 suggest, that we do it very similar to how we've done it before,
11 with the meet-and-greet, the tour.

12 But I do -- I think keeping it at three would be good
13 because we are responsible for paying for the (audio disruption)
14 correct? Yeah. So the three I think would be -- we could
15 probably keep it to.

16 CHAIR BOTEL: Does anyone have a different opinion about
17 the number?

18 Okay. Sounds like we'll try to narrow it to three then.

19 Okay. Is there anything else, Mr. Evans?

20 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: And Madam Chair, at the
21 14th we'll be prepared to have a tentative mock schedule as to
22 what the interviews will consist of; the public meet-and-greet,
23 the public interview or what have you, and then recommended
24 dates, so you-all can solidify that and be done. And then we
25 can provide adequate notice for the individuals that would be

1 brought in, and make the appropriate travel arrangements for
2 them. So we'll have the shell worked out so the 14th is a
3 smooth meeting.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

5 Anything else?

6 Okay. Do we have any public comments, Madam Clerk?

7 THE CLERK: We do. Sherley Desir is going to read it off.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Oh, wait.

9 Please be reminded that the Riviera Beach CRA has adopted
10 "Rules of Decorum Governing Public Comment during Official
11 Meetings."

12 Public comment shall begin at 7:30 unless there is no
13 further business of the Riviera Beach CRA, which in that event
14 it shall begin sooner. In addition, if an item is being
15 considered at 7:30 p.m., then comments from the public shall
16 begin immediately after the item has been concluded.

17 Any member of public wishing to comment publicly on any
18 matter, including items on the agenda, shall submit their
19 comments by e-mail to RBCRA clerk, Tamara Seguin, at
20 publiccomments@rbcracra.com. Explicit language will not be read.

21 The advised public comments to be accepted to the general
22 public comment section until closure is announced by the
23 chairperson or the RBCRA clerk.

24 All e-mails addressed and submitted comments are and will
25 be public record. The Riviera Beach CRA clerk or designee will

1 read any public comments into the record at the appropriate
2 time, for no more than three minutes, unless the time limit is
3 reduced by a vote of the Riviera Beach CRA on the -- because of
4 the voluminous nature of the public comments received. If you
5 have any questions, please contact the Riviera Beach CRA office
6 at 561-844-34 or Riviera Beach clerk, tseguin@rbkra.com.

7 Public comments are closed, Madam Clerk?

8 MS. DESIR: Okay. This public comment is from Erica Davis.

9 "We have a problem with you-all using taxpayer dollars to
10 hire consultants to do certain tasks, only to question their
11 professionalism if it doesn't suit your personal agendas. It
12 only complicates the matter and wastes people's time. Very
13 embarrassing and senseless. They meet all of your criterias to
14 make this transaction easy. Just choose a candidate from the
15 top eight."

16 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Any other public comments?

17 MS. DESIR: There are no public comments.

18 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

19 Do we have a report from the Interim Executive Director?

20 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Very briefly, Madam
21 Chair and Members of the Commission. You should have received a
22 correspondence from me with regards to two entities that are
23 looking to receive local support with regards to a Florida
24 Housing Corporation funding request. And so we have slated that
25 meeting to be on Thursday, October 8th.

1 The way in which that meeting will be conducted is from
2 5:30 until about 7:00, will be the time where we handle the
3 special preservation ordinance. At 7:00 and 8:00, will be when
4 the two entities will make their presentations to the Board. At
5 the conclusion of that we will -- we'll obviously be convening
6 as the CRA, immediately after the Council. We will have a
7 resolution, if the Board chooses to accept one of those
8 particular projects, and then we would have to convene as the
9 City Council to accept that resolution.

10 So that particular meeting, we're going to make sure it's
11 not as confusing as it already is, so the first item you'll be
12 convening as the City Council for the special preservation; you
13 will recess and convene as the CRA. You will then make a
14 determination on the project you'd like to move forward, move
15 forward with that resolution as the CRA; and then you will
16 recess and convene as the City Council and deal with the
17 resolution; and then ultimately recess and will then provide
18 that resolution to whichever entity is the entity that you wish
19 to support.

20 So that is outlined in the memorandum, as well as the list
21 of questions that were provided to the two entities in advance.
22 And they are to provide that information to us by Friday,
23 October 2nd. And then we'll be able to put out a public packet
24 with their information for you-all to review prior to their
25 presentation.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Lawson.

3 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

4 Mr. Evans, I understand that you placed an hour and a half
5 on the special preservation discussion. But what is going to be
6 the steps with the public comment?

7 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: We're going to
8 pre-record the public comments section. Based on the
9 conversation that I've had with the City attorney, there is --
10 the names will be read into the official record; the petition
11 will be read, and then the names will be read; and public
12 comments, we'll already have that prerecorded, so that will be
13 handled in advance. And then if there is anyone that does show
14 up that wants to provide additional comments, they still would
15 be afforded the opportunity.

16 But based on what we have as of right now, we think that we
17 can handle that particular issue in the hour and a half that's
18 allotted as it relates to the special preservation ordinance.
19 If not, then we would have to push the subsequent meetings back
20 a little bit.

21 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Okay. I just wanted to prepare my
22 colleagues in the event that we run a little longer that night;
23 because it looks like we're going to have three meetings that
24 night. So, thank you, Mr. Evans.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner McCoy.

1 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you.

2 Mr. Evans, so why -- why is the award of the local match a
3 CRA matter and not a City matter?

4 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: The contribution
5 ultimately will come from the CRA once it's -- once it's
6 approved, if it's approved.

7 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Why? That is my question.

8 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: Because the ad valorem
9 revenue that would be collected associated with the project
10 would not be received by the City, it would be received by the
11 CRA. So if you had the City ultimately pay for it, it would be
12 a benefit that the CRA would experience. So in most cases when
13 they are in a CRA district, the CRA is the entity that
14 effectively provides the contribution, because they are the
15 entity that would receive the ad valorem benefit associated with
16 the economic development if the project moves forward.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy.

18 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Mr. Evans, I understand your
19 rationale. But that's not always true that they're going to get
20 all of the ad valorem revenue, so you're suggesting that the
21 City won't benefit any from the revenue standpoint, from the ad
22 valorem taxes?

23 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: The City would benefit
24 from the permit fees associated with the development project and
25 the development review process. But the ad valorem revenue

1 that's associated with the development will be experienced in
2 the CRA because it is in the CRA district.

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: But only the tax increment amount,
4 correct?

5 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: That's correct.

6 COMMISSIONER McCOY: But the City will still benefit some
7 ad valorem revenues from this, correct?

8 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: It would be. But not at
9 the -- not at the same level in which the CRA would experience.

10 In addition to, it's customary even I think with other
11 projects that we've looked to move forward, that -- and other
12 research I've done, is that if it is in the CRA it's supported
13 by both entities because ultimately the state is going to look
14 at the support from the City. So that's why we have to have it
15 in two separate meetings.

16 But if the Board chooses to say that they want it funded
17 from the City, it's something that can be done. But my
18 recommendation would be able to be funded from the CRA, when
19 that happens in two years.

20 CHAIR BOTTEL: Mr. McCoy.

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you, Mr. Evans.

22 I think you answered my next question. But I think more or
23 less when I first met with you about it, I never knew that the
24 CRA was going to be a part of the conversation. But more or
25 less it's a policy decision.

1 I mean that just seems very unusual to go back and forth to
2 a meeting and, you know, ultimately this is something that could
3 have been handled by the City altogether. Especially being that
4 we know why this is important, because we had this incident come
5 up where both the CRA and the City in the past had recommended
6 two separate firms and then it essentially almost cancelled one
7 another out when it came to the local match.

8 So I guess it's more or less a policy decision. But if
9 it's your recommendation -- you know, I -- you know, I was
10 curious as to why, you know, that came up at this point and I
11 never heard it before, so, thank you.

12 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: No problem, Councilman.
13 And certainly as part of the budget appropriation process, or
14 after the board selects the project we can certainly circle back
15 and handle this and dispose of this any way the Board chooses,
16 whether it's on the City's side or CRA's side.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

18 Anything else, Mr. Evans?

19 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVANS: No, Madam Chair, that's
20 all.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

22 A report from General Counsel? Mr. Haygood.

23 MR. HAYGOOD: Yes. I only have one question. Are we going
24 to circulate the finalists, or the seven or eight people who
25 will be coming for virtual, we'll make that a public record, at

1 least at this point.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

3 Any comments from the Board? Starting with
4 Commissioner McCoy.

5 COMMISSIONER McCOY: No, ma'am.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

8 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: No, thank you.

9 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

10 Commissioner Lanier.

11 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yeah, I just wanted to say briefly, I
12 just wanted to go on the record to say that we have an interim
13 city manager -- CRA director, that has more qualifications than
14 the individuals that we're going to interview next Saturday.
15 And I just wanted to say for the record that if it's not broke,
16 we shouldn't be trying to fix it.

17 I know that we started this process out because we did not
18 have a CRA director, and that we started this process out
19 because we wanted to make sure that we had someone in place to
20 be able to take our vision to the next level. And I think we
21 have that person. And I just wanted to make sure that everybody
22 understands that the right person for the job is already in the
23 job.

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you, Commissioner Lanier. Perhaps this
25 is something that can be discussed at a subsequent CRA meeting.

1 Commissioner Lawson.

2 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

3 I just wanted to give a special salute to Ms. Marsha Noel.
4 She did an amazing job this past weekend with her Census Parade.
5 I thought that was an excellent idea. The residents were
6 engaged. It really just brought some excitement to the Census
7 and hopefully we can kind of get those numbers sparked up.
8 We've got a few more days to not lose to these other
9 municipalities, because I believe me and Madam Chair Botel will
10 be (audio disruption) letters (audio disruption) municipality if
11 we lose.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Yeah, it won't be pretty.

13 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: We need residents to fill out the
14 Census.

15 We have until October 5th to resister to vote, residents,
16 so please, everybody make sure they stay engaged.

17 The Census dollars, the federal funding we receive from
18 filling out the Census is essential for this community, and we
19 truly need this help and support.

20 So, Ms. Noel, thank you. Mr. Evans, she did a great job.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I read in the newspaper
23 where Palm Beach Shores, their percentage was high. And I
24 believe Mr. Lawson may be part of the reason why. Right?

25 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: I've been putting my work in,

1 Ms. Miller-Anderson. And I see that it's benefiting Palm Beach
2 Shores. So they better give me a plaque or something. Thank
3 you.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: All right. And I have nothing to add.
5 So if someone would care to make a motion to adjourn.

6 COMMISSIONER LANIER: So moved.

7 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Madam Clerk.

9 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

10 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

12 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

15 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

16 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

17 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

18 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: That motion carries.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. The meeting is adjourned. Have a
21 good evening.

22 (Proceedings ended at 7:00 p.m.)

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I, Rachele Cibula, Stenographer, certify that I was authorized to and did report the foregoing proceedings at the time and place herein stated, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcription of my stenotype notes taken during said proceedings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of November, 2020.

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ADJOURNMENT

The CRA Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. The minutes were approved by the Board of Commissioners on _____.

Julia Botel, Chairperson

Interim Executive Director Jonathan Evans

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