

Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency
Regular Meeting
Marina Village Event Center
190 East 13th Street
Riviera Beach, Florida
Thursday, November 12, 2020
6:08 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair Julia Botel
Vice Chair Douglas Lawson
Commissioner Shirley D. Lanier
Commissioner Tradrick McCoy
Commissioner KaShamba Miller-Anderson
Executive Director Jonathan Evans
General Counsel Michael Haygood
Senior Project Assistant/CRA Clerk Tamara Seguin

1 BE IT REMEMBERED that the following Riviera
2 Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting
3 was had at the Marina Village Event Center, on
4 Thursday, November 12, 2020, beginning at 6:08 p.m.,
5 with attendees as hereinabove noted, to wit:

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7 CHAIR BOTEL: I call to order the Riviera
8 Beach Community Redevelopment Agency meeting for
9 November 12th. The time is 6:08 p.m.

10 Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

11 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

12 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

14 (No response.)

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier.

18 (No response.)

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

20 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes, I'm here
21 two times.

22 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

23 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Present.

24 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Here.

1 Let the record show that Commissioner McCoy
2 has joined the meeting.

3 We'll have a moment of silence, followed by
4 the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Commissioner
5 Miller-Anderson.

6 (Moment of silence observed. Pledge of
7 Allegiance recited.)

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Any person who would like to
9 speak on any agenda item, please complete a blue
10 plastic public comment card located at the front desk
11 and give it to the staff prior to the item being taken
12 up by CRA Commission for discussion.

13 Members of the public will be given a total
14 of three minutes to speak on all items listed on the
15 consent agenda and three minutes to speak on each
16 regular agenda item. The time limit for public comment
17 may be reduced by a vote of the CRA Board of
18 Commissioners based on the voluminous nature of public
19 comment cards. In no event will anyone be allowed to
20 submit a comment card to speak on an agenda item after
21 the resolution is read or item considered.

22 Do we have any additions, deletions or
23 substitutions?

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Yes,
25 Madam Chair. We would like to remove item 13 for the

1 acquisition of property and bring that back at a
2 subsequent meeting.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Madam Chair.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

6 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Can we add discussion and
7 deliberation for Executive Director contract and
8 salary?

9 CHAIR BOTEL: We can. Make that item number
10 13?

11 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Roll call on that.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay, Madam Clerk.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: No.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

16 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Are we having
17 a discussion first?

18 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Discussion.

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I want to ask
20 something before I vote.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay, go ahead. That's
22 (inaudible), I'm sorry.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So I don't
24 have an issue with it per se, but if we're taking any
25 action on it, I don't want to take any action because

1 we haven't posted it on the agenda. But I mean if we
2 just want to have a talk about it, not necessarily
3 making any decisions, I'm fine with that, and that
4 could probably just be under Council comments or
5 Commissioner comments. But if it's something we're
6 going to take action on, I agree. But not being that
7 we haven't advertised it, that's the only thing I would
8 have a problem with us making a decision tonight.

9 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Madam Chair.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, go ahead.

11 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: And just to follow up
12 with that, it was just discussion and deliberation.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Can you put it
14 up a little bit? I can't really hear anybody, really.
15 Go ahead.

16 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you. It was to
17 have discussion and deliberation in reference to the
18 Executive Director that we hired in our last meeting,
19 so just to get an idea of what direction we were going,
20 how we're going to negotiate and the timeframe in
21 regards to salary, outline of scheduling, and just to
22 have a discussion on it, because we haven't had those
23 financial impacts on what it's going to look like.

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

25 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you.

1 Welcome to the body, Commissioner Lawson. Is
2 this not something that you knew of before that you
3 could have properly placed on the agenda as an item to
4 be discussed? But clearly, while I understand this may
5 be important, I would have loved to have the
6 opportunity to prepare for the discussion before being
7 able to be surprised by it.

8 This is something that when it comes up in
9 any event, you know, I've said this time and time again
10 both on the CRA and also on the City side, even if it's
11 merely a discussion, the talking points and the notes
12 that I have, I'm not prepared to give that. In fact, I
13 got caught by the train and left half of my regular
14 meeting equipment in the vehicle.

15 So I'm not so inclined to do that. I mean so
16 long as we're not taking action is good, but my other
17 concern is I don't want to allow whatever discussion
18 takes place to embody or represent some sort of
19 embodiment of my position, because I'm not prepared to
20 discuss it. And I think any discussion at this point
21 would put me at a disadvantage and disenfranchise me
22 from what I really have -- you know, my concerns prior
23 to now.

24 But if you would love to have this on the
25 agenda for next month, I will be highly in support. In

1 fact, if you want us to call a special meeting to
2 discuss it, so long as it doesn't happen anytime after
3 today or before the 15th of -- well, anytime before the
4 15th of December. But I just feel like everything here
5 operates in some sense of an emergency about
6 everything, and it's last minute about everything.

7 And I certainly respect your position, but is
8 this something that we have to discuss? This is
9 theoretical in nature. Is this something that we have
10 to discuss tonight, and do we have to take any kind of
11 formal further deliberation? I yield.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Lanier, are you there?

14 Walter, is Commissioner Lanier connected?

15 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair,
16 can we --

17 CHAIR BOTEL: While we're waiting.

18 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes, we don't have any
19 volume.

20 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I really
21 cannot hear people.

22 COMMISSIONER McCOY: We need volume.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

24 CHAIR BOTEL: While we're waiting,
25 Commissioner Lawson.

1 COMMISSIONER McCOY: And Madam Chair, while
2 we're waiting, I had to park in Pakistan because my
3 assigned parking space was taken. So I just want to
4 make it a note, like when we have to run in here after
5 being caught by --

6 CHAIR BOTEL: The train.

7 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- school zones and
8 railroad tracks, you know, it's quite tough to have to
9 park way over at Willis Williams' barbecue stand.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. Evans, can you be sure that
11 our parking spots are available?

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Certainly
13 we can take care of that, Madam Chair.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

15 Is Commissioner Lanier on?

16 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Lawson was in my space.

17 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: I brought two cars
18 specifically.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: All right. Well, I hate to
20 take a vote without --

21 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I mean
22 she never was on. She wasn't on the roll call either,
23 so I mean --

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, but they said just before
25 the roll call that she was on, so I figured maybe she

1 just didn't want to -- well, let's -- I don't want to
2 tie the meeting down.

3 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I mean
4 now we don't have him, so --

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, him either.

6 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, while
7 we're waiting, I have a question. We won't be having
8 another CRA meeting in November? What's today?

9 CHAIR BOTEL: Oh, Shirley's on, but she says
10 she can't hear anything.

11 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Evans, are
12 we having one -- are we scheduled to have one on that
13 Wednesday or no?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: No, Madam
15 Chair.

16 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Or
18 Councilwoman -- Commissioner.

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I know
20 (inaudible).

21 CHAIR BOTEL: So we're not having anything on
22 the 25th. That can go away. So our next meeting is --

23 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: The 9th?

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. Is Commissioner Lanier
25 on, Walter?

1 MR. STEPHENS: (Inaudible) I'm speaking to
2 her.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Oh, okay.

4 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So what I was
5 about to say is I thought -- do we have a Utility
6 District meeting scheduled? Is that on a regular --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

8 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: What date is
9 that for?

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: That is
11 scheduled for the 18th.

12 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay, I'm
13 thinking about the Monday. I'm either -- I would be
14 fine with either our next CRA meeting, or if we wanted
15 to do something that Monday or Tuesday before
16 Thanksgiving, a special meeting maybe?

17 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm okay with the Monday or
18 Tuesday before Thanksgiving or waiting until the next
19 CRA meeting, which is December 9th on my calendar.

20 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I'm sorry?

22 CHAIR BOTEL: We said we are both available
23 to meet on either -- let me just make sure that's true
24 in my case -- on either the Monday or Tuesday before
25 Thanksgiving, the 23rd or 24th.

1 COMMISSIONER LANIER: This is Commissioner
2 Lanier. Can they hear me now?

3 CHAIR BOTEL: We can hear you now,
4 Commissioner Lanier. So let's take a vote.

5 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I'm not sure if they
6 can hear me or not, but I can see them.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: We can hear you; we can hear
8 you.

9 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Oh, they can hear me?
10 Okay. Well, I can't hear them though.

11 MR. STEPHENS: Okay, hold on. We're going to
12 work on it.

13 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: We're taking a
15 vote on what?

16 CHAIR BOTEL: We're about to vote on whether
17 or not we will take up the discussion and deliberation
18 on the subject of the CRA Manager's position. The
19 motion was made by Commissioner --

20 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I don't think
21 she hears you yet.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Can she hear me, Walter?

23 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: No, I was
24 asking the question what about --

25 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No, I can't hear

1 nothing. My speakers are all the way up.

2 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: -- Mr.

3 Lawson's?

4 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Whatever it is that you
6 do, usually when you hit whatever it is you hit, I can
7 hear everything. But at this point I can't hear
8 everything. I can't hear anything, I should say.

9 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Are we
10 recording?

11 MR. STEPHENS: Hold on for a second.

12 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Sure.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
14 Chair, would you like us to --

15 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Sorry about the
16 technical difficulties.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: --
18 consider a brief recess so we can --

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. We're going to take
20 a brief recess until we get all of our Commissioners
21 with us.

22 Walter, let's take a brief recess.

23 MR. STEPHENS: Okay.

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

25 (Recess in the proceedings.)

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Ready?

2 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I need to -- yes, we're
3 ready, but I need to go back to -- I was looking at
4 this on You Tube, and there was a motion made. I need
5 to figure out what's happening here.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: All right. Commissioner
7 Lanier, can you hear me?

8 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I can hear you. Can
9 you hear me?

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

11 Walter, are we back on record? Yes?

12 Commissioner Lanier, I'm going to ask
13 Commissioner Lawson to restate his motion.

14 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Okay. Thank you.

15 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

16 We were doing additions and deletions, and I
17 wanted to add to the agenda to have a discussion item
18 about our Executive Director in regards to salary and
19 contract.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: And the discussion centered
21 around -- Mr. McCoy, do you think you can, in a brief
22 way, restate your concern?

23 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Sure. I just wanted to
24 see if that we can have an opportunity to have this
25 ahead of time to discuss it. In particular, if there's

1 something that the Commissioner from the Fifth District
2 wants to share, then, you know, we can kind of be aware
3 of it. But I was not in any sense even prepared to
4 have a discussion about it, and anything that we
5 discuss would be completely from the hip, and I don't
6 think that's giving us ample time to digest it or even,
7 you know, deliberate or even discuss it.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Miller-Anderson,
9 did you want to say anything else?

10 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: No. I can't
11 hear.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. Other than that.

13 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I'd like to say that
14 although I agree with the motion, I'm of the mindset
15 that we need to have some type of item or discussion
16 item in front of us to be able to do that. I want to
17 be able to have something to work with. I don't want
18 to just go into this cold and not knowing what we're
19 going to discuss and how we're going to discuss it. So
20 if the CRA Director can bring back a discussion item
21 that addresses this, I will be more than willing to
22 discuss it.

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

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
25 I just want to make sure, is that

1 Commissioner Lanier that we were speaking to?

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Oh, it doesn't sound
4 like it. It doesn't sound like the person that last
5 month, after we went through eight hours of interviews,
6 when we had an agenda, went completely off agenda. Now
7 she's saying she's ready to have a discussion if it's
8 on the agenda and we get time? Because clearly, that
9 sounds very hypocritical to me. And not only that,
10 it's not a decision for the CRA Director to make that.
11 It's for us as the Commissioners.

12 So it seems like to me, if I'm not mistaken,
13 that can't be Commissioner Lanier. And I would like to
14 see if we could see her picture up on the screen,
15 because one day it's one thing and the next day it's
16 another. Who are we really talking to and what have
17 you done with Commissioner Shirley Lanier from the
18 Third District? I yield.

19 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Commissioner --

20 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I would like to see her.
21 How do we validate that?

22 COMMISSIONER LANIER: -- McCoy, First
23 District, sir, I'm asking that, yes, I do want to have
24 this discussion. In fact, I wanted this discussion --
25 I was going to bring this up during my Commissioner

1 comments. But I also understand that based on the last
2 conversation that we had about this item, that you felt
3 like there should be some more time to be able to
4 discuss. So in light of that, that is the reason why I
5 suggested that we bring back this item as a discussion
6 item. Now, if you want to move forward with it
7 tonight, we can do that as well.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Anyone else want to -- go
9 ahead, Mr. McCoy.

10 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair, so we need
11 some better audio, because it's difficult hearing
12 another member speaking. It's much more difficult
13 hearing --

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. Stephens, is there an
15 opportunity for us to see --

16 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: -- Commissioner Lanier on the
18 screen when she speaks?

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Well, no, no, Madam
20 Chair. I say it's difficult for me to hear you guys,
21 and it's much more difficult for me to hear the person
22 that's portraying themselves as Commissioner Lanier,
23 because that's really not the person that was here in
24 the month of October that put a motion on the floor to
25 hire Jonathan Evans as the CRA Executive Director

1 without even going through --

2 CHAIR BOTEL: All right, do we have any --

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- I'm still speaking --
4 without us even going through the entire process. And
5 then even after us interviewing eight candidates, plus
6 we spent over an hour deliberating on narrowing down
7 the list of four candidates, this clearly can't be the
8 same person. So do we have some method, Mr. Jonathan
9 Evans, or perhaps --

10 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

11 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I reclaim my time; I
12 reclaim my time; I reclaim my time.

13 Mr. Jonathan Evans, do we have some method,
14 or perhaps Mr. Michael Haygood, do we have some method
15 of validating or verifying the person that we're
16 speaking to or hearing from is, in fact, the
17 Commissioner from the Third District, Shirley Lanier?
18 And that question is for the attorney or the Executive
19 Director.

20 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair, if I can
21 speak, please?

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, go ahead.

23 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Mr. McCoy --

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: My question is not
25 answered, so I would take it that we have no way,

1 because this was a parliamentary inquiry that we had,
2 so --

3 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Could I reclaim my
4 time, Mr. McCoy?

5 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So unless we're going to
6 put order into this meeting, I'm going to vehemently
7 object, and I'm going to state my motion of
8 parliamentary privilege because we can't validate who's
9 on the actual line.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: I think --

11 COMMISSIONER McCOY: And I restate my
12 objection, and I object, Mr. Attorney and Madam Chair.

13 CHAIR BOTEL: I think Mr. Stephens is
14 attempting to make that happen. I just saw the
15 screen --

16 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Well, it's a question of
17 parliamentary inquiry that's provided for under
18 Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Walter Stephens is not
19 qualified as a member of this body to be able to
20 resolve that question. And my question still remains:
21 Can we validate that this is, in fact, the Commissioner
22 from the Third District, Shirley Lanier? And that's a
23 question from me, as a member, to either the Director,
24 the attorney, or more importantly, from the
25 Chairperson.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: And my response was that I
2 believe that it's being -- there is an attempt --

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So we can't validate it.
4 So that's a yes or no question. It's a point of
5 parliamentary inquiry.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: We are attempting to validate
7 it.

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So the question is no.
9 The answer to that question is no.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: At this point in time the
11 answer is no --

12 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you. So I yield
13 back, and we shouldn't hear anything else until that
14 person is validated.

15 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair, I am on
16 camera now --

17 COMMISSIONER McCOY: We shouldn't hear
18 anything else until that person is validated. This is
19 a point of -- I'm challenging the rules.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Well, there she is, just in the
21 nick of time.

22 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, well, is that her?

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, that is, indeed.

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Raise your right hand.

25 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Hello, Commissioner

1 from the First District. This is --

2 COMMISSIONER McCOY: That look like her.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Can we -- are we done with this
4 discussion?

5 COMMISSIONER McCOY: No, but I mean
6 realistically, like, you know, first of all, I really
7 feel some kind of way that we're having a discussion
8 about what we're going to discuss that's completely off
9 agenda, when it didn't have -- you know, we didn't have
10 a problem last month with it being off agenda. Now the
11 Commissioner from the Third District is saying it has
12 to be on the agenda or she would rather that it's on
13 the agenda. I mean, wait, you'd rather now, after we
14 spent eight hours. And then the other thing is, you
15 know, the whole order of it. I guess we just interrupt
16 when we choose to, right?

17 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Point of order, Madam
18 Chair.

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: No, there's no point of
20 order. I have the floor, and I'm raising a point of
21 order.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy has the floor,
23 indeed --

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So until my point of
25 order is resolved, I would respectfully ask that you

1 let me have that.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: You have the floor, Mr. McCoy.

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, so Madam Chair,
4 would you agree now that we've validated that this is
5 the gentlewoman from the Third District?

6 CHAIR BOTEL: I would agree that we have
7 validated it.

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay. All right, so
9 thank you. So we've resolved that parliamentary
10 inquiry. And I think you need to know why it's
11 important to have parliamentary questions of whether or
12 not the rules are being adhered to, because she's
13 saying something that, clearly from my experience from
14 our last CRA meeting, didn't seem like something that
15 was consistent with her position today.

16 And if I might go back, she's now suggesting
17 that we have a meeting based on something that's placed
18 on the agenda to discuss the City -- the CRA Executive
19 Director salary and the contract, when clearly there
20 was not that same consideration when he was selected as
21 the CRA Executive Director in the month of October.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Right.

23 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Wouldn't we agree that
24 that's definitely different? Never mind. I withdraw
25 that question.

1 But my point is this: I don't agree that we
2 even have this discussion until its agenda'd, but I'm
3 very much surprised that somebody didn't think it was
4 important to show up at a meeting, but now, would now
5 reinstate the very thing that they didn't particularly
6 care about last month as one of the reasons to now have
7 that discussion. So I yield back, and I'm opposed to
8 us having that discussion.

9 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Any other comments?

10 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, Commissioner Lanier.

12 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I just wanted to
13 address the Commissioner from the First District. My
14 position was this: If there is -- my first position
15 was that I would rather it be an agenda item. But I
16 also said if we want to discuss it tonight, then let's
17 discuss it tonight. Either way. We can agenda it, we
18 can discuss it tonight, we can discuss it right now.
19 However you want to do it, we have to discuss
20 compensation for the CRA Director, period. So however
21 we do that, I am amenable to however we do that,
22 tonight, tomorrow, next week, right now, it doesn't
23 matter. But it has to be discussed regardless. And
24 that is my position.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Any other comments or

1 questions?

2 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Madam Clerk.

4 THE CLERK: Madam Chair --

5 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm sorry, did we have a
6 second?

7 THE CLERK: That was my question.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Did we have a second?

9 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I don't think
10 so.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: I don't think we had a second.

12 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Restate the motion and
13 ask for a second, I would ask.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: We heard the motion. I don't
15 remember hearing a second.

16 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes, I don't
17 think we did.

18 CHAIR BOTEL: Did you hear a second,
19 Mr. Lawson?

20 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: There was no second.
21 Councilman McCoy asked for a roll call after the
22 statement of the addition was made.

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. So does anyone care to
24 make a --

25 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: So I will ask -- I will

1 make a motion to add to the agenda discussion and
2 deliberation about our Executive Director's
3 compensation and contract.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: Does anyone want to second?

5 We have no second. Thank you, Mr. Lawson.

6 Now, is there any other addition, deletion or
7 substitution? Does anyone have any disclosures? I
8 don't see any.

9 All matters listed under this item, the
10 consent agenda, are considered to be routine and action
11 will be taken on one motion.

12 THE CLERK: Excuse me, Madam Chair.

13 CHAIR BOTEL: There will be no --

14 THE CLERK: We need to adopt the agenda
15 first.

16 CHAIR BOTEL: Oh, I'm sorry. Got so caught
17 up. Would someone care to make a motion to adopt the
18 agenda, now that we've gotten it out of the way?

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

21 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Second.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

24 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

1 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

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, deleting
9 item number 13 from the agenda.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Were there any
11 public -- just let me read this statement.

12 All matters listed under this item are
13 considered to be routine and action will be taken by
14 one motion. There will be no separate discussion of
15 these items unless a Commissioner so requests, in which
16 event, the item will be removed from the general order
17 of business and considered in its normal sequence on
18 the agenda.

19 Do we have a motion to accept the consent
20 agenda?

21 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have any
22 public comment? So moved.

23 THE CLERK: There's no public comment cards.

24 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Second?

1 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Second.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

3 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

5 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

7 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

9 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: That motion carries.

13 CHAIR BOTEL: Item number seven.

14 THE CLERK: Update on Safety Tool Kit
15 Project, including revised timeline and metrics.

16 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair,
17 want him to go? Want him to talk?

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
19 Chair and members of the Board, this item before you
20 this evening is to talk about the Safety Tool Kit
21 Project. This was a project that staff was originally
22 going to move forward with prior to COVID. We have
23 done some due diligence as well as testing as it
24 relates to the program and think it will be an
25 exceptional program for those that reside within the

1 CRA. And we will look to expand this program after the
2 installation process and we have contact and
3 conversations with the recipients of the devices that
4 will be articulated this evening.

5 At this time I will ask for Mr. Neimah Spence
6 to make a presentation on the program. Mr. Spence.

7 MR. SPENCE: Thank you. Good evening, Madam
8 Chair, Board members. My name is Neimah Spence,
9 Operations Manager for the CRA's Clean and Safe
10 Program.

11 I'm going to be going over an update on our
12 Safety Home Initiative Program, our Safety Tool Kit,
13 give you a little background on the tool kit. In
14 October 2019 the Clean and Safe Program initiated the
15 newest residential crime prevention tool, the Safety
16 Home Initiative Program, which is our tool kit. The
17 program was due to begin in March 2020. However, due
18 to the COVID pandemic, the program was placed on hold.

19 The Safe Home Initiative Crime Prevention
20 Tool Kit includes an exterior motion sensor light, a
21 smoke detector with a ten year battery life, our
22 SmartWater CSI, our Ring Video Doorbell, our code
23 compliant house numbers and our yard and window
24 signage.

25 This program is for the CRA District and

1 residents that lives inside of our district. We broke
2 down the district into five different zones.

3 Zone one is, from east to west, from Broadway
4 to Lake Shore Drive, and north and south, from East
5 30th Street to East 22nd Street. Zone two will be from
6 Broadway to Avenue F, and north and south from Silver
7 Beach Road to West Blue Heron Boulevard. Zone three
8 will be from Broadway to Avenue F, and north to south
9 from West 25th Street to West 14th Street. And zone
10 four is, east to west, from Broadway to Avenue F, and
11 north and south, from 13th Street to West 11th Street.
12 Zone five will be our Riviera Beach Heights community
13 that goes, east and west, from President Barack Obama
14 Highway to Australian Avenue, and north and south, from
15 West 10th Street to West 6th Street.

16 There's a new update and timeline in our
17 matrix. In November we scheduled our installation team
18 to start training on our test homes, and during that
19 training, we had video of the installation of the tool
20 kits. And this would give our residents an opportunity
21 to see exactly how these tool kits are installed and
22 some of the parts of the tool kit. The video will be
23 aired and broadcasted on Channel 18, also our CRA
24 website.

25 Our market and outreach. We will have all

1 this information on our website, along with Channel 18.
2 We will have our Constant Contact in the designated
3 area, and also Ambassadors will be distributing fliers
4 in the residential areas.

5 We're going to begin to schedule installation
6 appointments for the applicants who put in their
7 application prior to the pandemic, and the installation
8 of the tool kits will commence on Monday, November
9 16th.

10 We will continue the installation in December
11 of the tool kits by appointment. Our goal is to first
12 do one home per day per team, and for that first week
13 we'll do ten homes. The second week we'll do two homes
14 per day per team, and we'll do 20 homes in that second
15 week. We've already trained three teams, so if we need
16 to expand with more teams, we'll be able to do that
17 because we already cross-trained all of our Ambassadors
18 on the installation of the tool kits.

19 In January we'll finish the installation of
20 the remainder of the first 100 homes, and then we will
21 start our evaluation process for phase one. In
22 February we'll carry over the installation
23 cancellation. If residents cancel for any reason,
24 we'll be able to have those dates available to be able
25 to reschedule their installation. And in late

1 February, early March we'll commence phase two of the
2 second hundred homes.

3 The budget. The budget for the phase one
4 includes the first 100 Safe Home Tool Kits that total
5 27,543, with a built in ten percent contingency.

6 Our partners. We have the Riviera Beach Fire
7 Department, Riviera Beach Police Department, American
8 Red Cross, Revival Church of God, SmartWater CSI,
9 Florida Training Service. One of the unique parts of
10 partnering was our Fire Department partnered with the
11 Red Cross for the hundred smoke detectors, and during
12 that time we'll be able to do training on fire safety,
13 along with giving emergency escape routes, and we'll
14 also be able to give them hurricane safety tips and
15 we'll have a hurricane checklist.

16 The Florida Training Services helped out a
17 lot, because they're helping us with installing the
18 numbers on our -- on the addresses so we'll be able to
19 just go ahead and secure the new addresses on the
20 homes.

21 Our next step will be phase two of the Safety
22 Home Initiative. It has been budgeted for the fiscal
23 year 2020 and 2021 and approved by the CRA Board. In
24 January we will start the procurement process to obtain
25 the installation supplies for phase two and schedule a

1 meeting with our partners to review the phase two goals
2 and objective.

3 At that time we will start our new round of
4 marketing outreach to notify homeowners about the
5 Safety Home Initiative and inform them about the
6 application process. And during that time we will send
7 out fliers, we will have meetings so we can really give
8 the residents the opportunity to understand exactly
9 what this tool kit is all about and how we can ensure
10 that all our neighborhoods are safe.

11 And part of this program is added to our
12 Neighborhood Watch, our SmartWater program and other
13 safety initiatives that we have. And again, we work
14 very closely with the Police Department, the Fire
15 Department and other departments within the City.
16 We're going to have Rod McLeod going to come up and
17 speak about our safety plan as it pertains to the
18 installations of these tool kits.

19 MR. McLEOD: Good evening, Madam Chair and
20 Board members.

21 The safety protocol that we're going to be
22 following is prior to going and starting installation,
23 we will do the COVID-19 questionnaire recommended by
24 the CDC. We will take temperatures of all the people
25 in the houses prior to us entering the homes. Our

1 Ambassadors will wear a face shield, face mask and have
2 vinyl gloves. Upon completion of the installation,
3 they will discard their gloves, wipe down all the
4 equipment and move on to the next house. We're taking
5 every safety precaution that we can to minimize
6 exposure of our Ambassadors.

7 And with that, I'll answer any questions.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Any questions? Mr. McCoy.

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you.

10 So Mr. McLeod, the motion sensors that I'm
11 seeing, are those some sort of remote devices or are
12 they electrically hard wired?

13 MR. McLEOD: I'm sorry, the echoing's -- I'm
14 going to walk over this way.

15 COMMISSIONER McCOY: The motion sensors that
16 I'm seeing in the presentation, are those remote, or
17 are those hard wired into the electrical system? And
18 speak into the mic so we can --

19 MR. McLEOD: Smoke detectors.

20 MR. SPENCE: I can answer that question. The
21 sensor, motion sensor light is going to be solar, so we
22 don't have to worry about hard wiring, we don't have to
23 worry about batteries or anything like that.

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Follow-up. Is that the
25 same for the smoke detectors as well? I heard you say

1 a ten year battery life.

2 MR. SPENCE: Yes, the smoke detector has a
3 ten year battery life so you don't have to worry about
4 changing it for ten years.

5 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay. So the
6 organization that you mentioned, what exactly -- I
7 think it was Florida Training Services. What exactly
8 will they be providing? How is that a partnership?
9 Are they going to be doing the installation of just the
10 numbers or what, because the photo shows a Clean and
11 Safe worker what appears to be installing the numbers.
12 So what exactly is Florida Training Services' role?

13 MR. SPENCE: Well, what they're going to do
14 is we already sent them over our siding. So they are
15 pre-cut, and they'll install the numbers on the site.
16 And so -- and pre-drill the holes so all we have to do
17 is when we put the kit on, is just to drill the screws
18 in to secure it to the residence.

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Are we paying Florida
20 Services for that?

21 MR. SPENCE: No, we're not. That's just part
22 of our partnership. And they're doing, they're helping
23 students and young adults --

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So the answer was no?

25 MR. SPENCE: The answer is no.

1 COMMISSIONER McCOY: My next question is are
2 there any costs outside the purchase of the supplies
3 and the tools that we need, as far as any other labor
4 costs or any other costs other than the purchase of the
5 equipment?

6 MR. SPENCE: No.

7 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay. Thank you, Madam
8 Chair.

9 CHAIR BOTEL: Any other questions?

10 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Madam Chair.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. Lawson, you're recognized.

12 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Sir, how many residential
13 properties are in our CRA District?

14 MR. SPENCE: I don't have the exact number,
15 but I can get that number for you. We're starting off
16 with the 100 tool kits, and then the phase two will be
17 another 100 tool kits.

18 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Okay. And that's based
19 on the application process as you outlined for the
20 houses that you select?

21 MR. SPENCE: Yes, sir.

22 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Okay, what metrics are we
23 going to use to measure the success of this project?
24 How are we going to know if this first hundred and
25 second hundred are actually successful?

1 MR. SPENCE: Okay, when we started, we did a
2 crime analysis, so we have a baseline of where we're
3 going to start. Six months later we'll do another
4 crime analysis, and then after that year we'll do, also
5 do another crime analysis. What we're going to do,
6 we're going to call the residents to check, to get an
7 update on how things are going, if there are any issues
8 or anything like that. We're also going to have
9 surveys that we'll have going around to get a feel of
10 how this is working out, and if we can improve on that,
11 what can we do to improve it.

12 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: When was the last crime
13 analysis done?

14 MR. SPENCE: Say it -- I'm sorry, I didn't
15 hear that.

16 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: With this project, when
17 was the last crime analysis done?

18 MR. SPENCE: It was right before we started.
19 So it was, I want to say in October. Last October, I'm
20 sorry.

21 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Okay, so last October.
22 So that's my concern. What is the cost of doing one of
23 these analyses? What is the cost of doing this crime
24 analysis?

25 MR. SPENCE: It's no cost. It's a service

1 that the Riviera Beach Police Department gives us.

2 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Okay. I would actually
3 like to see if the first concern would be having a
4 crime analysis done a little closer to the project
5 being installed, being that, you know, the whole world
6 has gone through a pandemic that we've never
7 experienced, our expected crime numbers have gone up
8 based upon conversations within our community. So
9 let's do a current analysis so we can have accurate
10 numbers based upon the installs we do now, so that in
11 six months we (inaudible) records.

12 MR. SPENCE: Yes, sir.

13 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, you're recognized.

16 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So in response to the
17 gentleman from the Fifth District, so what exactly
18 would that give us? Is that going to be any kind of
19 determinate in whether or not we continue the program
20 going forward? Is that what you're suggesting?

21 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: The purpose would be for
22 metrics. It would give us kind of some feedback and
23 understanding as to what's the impact of these safety
24 kits, if they're actually impactful, if they're
25 beneficial, and if the cost, \$230 per unit, is actually

1 worth the City spending.

2 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay. Thank you for
3 allowing me to ask that question.

4 But the other question I want to ask for
5 Mr. Spence. So all of these apparatuses and these
6 peripherals that I'm seeing, and I think I seen
7 SmartWater, numerical signs, smoke detectors and motion
8 sensors, is that going to be applied to every single
9 one of the houses in phase one, or how exactly does
10 that work? Is there a selection process of who gets
11 what? And what's the matrix?

12 MR. SPENCE: Yes, we have an application
13 process, and all of the residents will receive all of
14 the components of the tool kits. We come with -- we'll
15 have them, once they turn in their application, we'll,
16 as a team, go through the applications to make sure all
17 components in the application is in, and then we'll
18 make the determination of the approval. And we will
19 give them a call, interview them over the phone and set
20 up a date and time for the installation.

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay. Madam Chair, last
22 question.

23 The Ring I know requires having a wireless
24 internet connection or a broadband connection. Is
25 there any collaboration with the Police Department of

1 requiring or providing access to these surveillance or
2 doorbell cameras for police investigation purpose? And
3 I said requirement. Is this a requirement, because I
4 don't want somebody to get one of the Ring doorbell
5 systems and didn't realize that now by getting this,
6 they have consented to the Police Department having
7 access. So the question would be yes or no.

8 MR. SPENCE: No.

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Are they disclosed that
10 the police does have the opportunity to come and
11 request it, and they are under no obligation to provide
12 it?

13 MR. SPENCE: That will be part of the
14 interview process. We will --

15 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So wait a minute, let's
16 stop, because I ask very simple questions, and what I'm
17 asking you is a simple question. Are they going to be
18 told that they have the option to opt out of providing
19 that information to the Police Department if there's no
20 warrant, yes or no?

21 MR. SPENCE: Yes, we will let them know.

22 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you, Madam Chair.

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Any other questions?

24 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes, Madam
25 Chair.

1 I know that sometime ago the CRA did provide
2 smoke detectors for some homes already within the CRA,
3 and also SmartWater. And I think that was it. I mean
4 (inaudible). So will you all be asking questions if
5 they already have it, or will they be getting
6 duplicates?

7 MR. SPENCE: Yes, what we have, we have -- we
8 started the SmartWater in 2014, and we have a
9 spreadsheet with the information of all of the houses
10 that we gave SmartWater to, along with the smoke
11 detectors, within the Riviera Beach Heights community.

12 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

13 MR. SPENCE: So yes, that will be part of the
14 process when we go through our documentation to see.
15 And as we do the application, we have a checklist of
16 questions that we ask to get all of the vital
17 information that we may need to be able to ensure that
18 they're getting the best quality of work.

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay, thank
20 you.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier, do you
22 have any questions?

23 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No, I don't have any
24 questions. I like the idea, but I don't have any
25 questions at this time.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

2 Mr. Director, would you like a motion that
3 indicates our support for you moving forward with the
4 Safe Home Initiative program?

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Yes,
6 Madam Chair.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Would someone care to make a
8 motion that we move forward?

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: It's already been
10 budgeted for, so what exactly will we be voting for?

11 CHAIR BOTEL: In the memo they were asking us
12 to give them our support for moving forward. That's
13 why I asked.

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I thought support would
15 be of us --

16 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Second.

17 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, so let me -- is it
18 okay if I finish? So I thought support, and you know,
19 this is -- let me tell you why, because a lot of things
20 come out of voting for something that you don't realize
21 it. There was this guy I know that brought up an issue
22 about the water bills, right? When you vote on
23 something, you don't really realize what you're voting
24 on, because sometime the item comes back and it's not
25 exactly what you were told in the meeting.

1 And I don't particularly think that this is
2 something that necessitates a vote, because there's
3 clearly no resolution in the backup. And we're putting
4 ourselves in a situation again where we're finding
5 culpability by specific members of the Board for voting
6 on something that's already been budgetarily
7 authorized. So, you know, and I was very much going to
8 ask the question of why we even need to have a
9 presentation when much of what we seen today was
10 already the same thing we seen in a budget workshop.

11 So like, Madam Chair, let's like think about
12 what we're doing as members of a body. Like how many
13 times do we beat this item before we send our staff out
14 to go and do the good work that they do? We've
15 authorized it in the budget. It's not something that
16 we're spending money outside of the organization. But
17 again, we're being asked to now go back and validate
18 something that's already been previously budgetary
19 approved. And I just don't think that that's proper,
20 especially without a resolution authorizing specific
21 language.

22 And the gentleman in his complaint brought up
23 very specific motions that I don't believe anybody can
24 deny that there was things there were later brought
25 back for us to execute that were not stated in the

1 meeting. So if you want to vote on it, go right ahead,
2 but I'm not about to participate in that.

3 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Can
6 Mr. Haygood just clear that issue up?

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. Haygood.

8 MR. HAYGOOD: I'm sorry, I didn't hear.

9 CHAIR BOTEL: You're being asked to clarify.
10 The memo asks for Board action. The memo says request
11 for Board action. So I asked the CRA Director whether
12 or not he wanted us to make a motion, and Commissioner
13 McCoy is objecting to us voting on this, so --

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So let me clarify. I'm
15 not objecting. What I'm saying is it's on the agenda
16 as an update.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER McCOY: My first thing was
19 saying, well, why not just have it as a presentation?
20 Much less, why not just give us an e-mail memo? But
21 it's already been authorized. But the problem I have
22 is when I seen an update, there's no action item to be
23 taken. And I looked at the backup. All I seen was a
24 memorandum that particularly didn't ask, in my opinion,
25 for us to take any Board action, because we've already

1 authorized this.

2 But there's not anything specific, Madam
3 Chair. And that's what I'm saying. Like we supported
4 it when we authorized the budget, and that was the
5 time. So like I don't want anything wild or whacky to
6 come out of this and then something refers back to
7 November 12, 2020 you guys voted on that. I'm like,
8 well, clearly, we authorized the budget to do this. If
9 the program staff -- because think about it, is that
10 going to be the situation for -- I don't remember what
11 the full budget amount of 30 some odd million dollars,
12 every item of the CRA's budget is going to have to come
13 back to be voted on again?

14 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.
15 Mr. McCoy --

16 CHAIR BOTEL: Are you done?

17 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So let me --

19 MR. HAYGOOD: I don't see a problem.

20 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Hold on one
21 minute, Mr. Haygood.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. Haygood, Commissioner
23 Miller-Anderson wants to speak.

24 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So while I
25 understand exactly what Mr. McCoy is saying, what I

1 will say is that we have had a practice of doing what
2 we're doing tonight. Now, that's why I'm asking
3 Mr. Haygood if he can clarify it so we don't have this
4 issue anymore, because we've done this before when they
5 say update. And I understand what you're saying now --

6 COMMISSIONER McCOY: But don't say update.
7 That's all I'm saying.

8 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: What?

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: It shouldn't say update.

10 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I agree; I
11 agree. And so if Mr. Haygood could clarify it. And
12 maybe next time it just goes under presentation, or can
13 you just clarify if we need to make the motion so that
14 we don't continue this further on?

15 MR. HAYGOOD: Well, you know, it's difficult
16 because you don't have any set procedures. As you
17 said, sometimes you'll do it and then sometimes you
18 don't.

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, that's
20 what I'm trying to figure out. Let's just make one way
21 right now.

22 MR. HAYGOOD: Yes. I think the fact -- I
23 think you just look at the consensus that you want to
24 move forward, so I don't see a problem with the motion.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: You don't see a --

1 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

2 MR. HAYGOOD: I don't see an issue with doing
3 it by motion, saying go ahead and move forward if it's
4 consensus to move forward.

5 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: But with his
6 issue that he's bringing up is that we've already
7 talked about it in the budget. What is that noise?

8 MR. HAYGOOD: But everything that you have in
9 the budget doesn't automatically -- is implemented.
10 You have to bring issues back, even if it's in the
11 budget, to approve it.

12 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay, so
13 that's what I wanted to hear as well. So for this item
14 here, does it require an actual vote or just the
15 consensus that we agree and we're on the same page and
16 we want to move forward with it?

17 MR. HAYGOOD: I think a consensus is fine,
18 and I think either the consensus or by motion.

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: If I could allow Mr. Evans to
22 speak, Commissioner Lanier, and then I'll call on you.

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
24 Chair, the intent behind bringing this item before the
25 Board for discussion, and ultimately a vote, is to get

1 the Board's support, because sometimes we do have
2 things that are budgeted in the budget, and then when
3 it comes before the Board, there's tweaks and
4 modifications to that.

5 For instance, in this particular program, the
6 Board can say that we don't want the Ambassadors
7 actually installing the items in the homes of
8 residents, we want that service done by someone else.

9 So the intent behind this was to provide the
10 Board with all the nuances and intricacies of the
11 program, see if it is the Board's desire to still go
12 forward with the expenditure of \$23,000, and then for
13 us to move forward with the interaction with the
14 community.

15 So there are certain things that --
16 especially when we're going to be going on private
17 property and you're talking about something as intimate
18 as security and some of the questions that Commissioner
19 McCoy raised with regards to the camera, those are all
20 good things to bring to this Board for conversations
21 and discussion versus the City Manager or the CRA
22 Director just moving forward with it because it's under
23 the threshold of the \$25,000. So in the abundance of
24 caution and transparency is why items certainly as
25 sensitive as this come before you and we're requesting

1 action and direction from the Board to move forward
2 accordingly.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Would someone care
4 to make a motion to --

5 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, I'm sorry. I did say I
7 would call on you. Go ahead, Commissioner Lanier.

8 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I just wanted to say
9 that a lot of -- most everything that is budgeted comes
10 back before the Board, most everything.

11 Second of all, a lot of residents, many
12 residents do not know about what we decided in budget
13 talks. The purpose of bringing these items back to the
14 Board and to hear our consensus or our vote or whatever
15 it may be is that the public, the people, the residents
16 who pay taxes in the city know exactly what we're doing
17 with their money.

18 So yes, I agree with the fact that whatever
19 it is, if it's 25,000 or just 2,500, that it comes back
20 to the Board so that the public has an airing, they
21 know exactly what it is that we're putting their money
22 towards and what we're trying to accomplish here. I
23 agree with the program, I want to move forward with it,
24 and we can take a vote or a consensus. Either way, it
25 needs to be brought back to the Board so the residents

1 understand what it is that we're doing with their
2 money.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you, Commissioner Lanier.

4 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Would someone care to make a
6 motion then?

7 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: We have a motion --

9 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Second.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: -- and a second. Madam Clerk.

11 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

12 (No response.)

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

14 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

16 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

17 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

18 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

21 THE CLERK: That motion carries, with
22 Commissioner McCoy absent.

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Item number eight.

24 THE CLERK: Item number eight: A resolution
25 of the Board of Commissioners of the Riviera Beach

1 Community Redevelopment Agency approving the Commercial
2 Grant Incentive Program, round three applications, to
3 assist local businesses and improve properties in the
4 community redevelopment area, for a total of \$84,000,
5 providing an effective date.

6 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Do we have a second?

8 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Second.

9 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Mr. Director, do we
10 have a presentation?

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Yes,
12 Madam Chair and members of the Board. This item is to
13 request approval of the Commercial Grant Incentive
14 Program application for round three, totaling 84,000.

15 At this time if we can have Mr. Andre Lewis
16 present this item to the Board.

17 MR. LEWIS: Good evening, Chair Botel, Vice
18 Chair Lawson, Commissioners. Thank you for having me.

19 So I'll start with giving you a little bit of
20 background on this item. So on October 9th, the Board
21 approved round three of the program acceptance
22 application, back in October of 2019. January of 2020
23 the agency closed acceptance of submissions of the
24 applications. April 22nd, 2020 the Board approved the
25 highest ranked applicant and requested that the

1 remaining applicants be brought back at another date.
2 September 25th, 2020 the Commercial Grant Program,
3 round three, was approved for fiscal year 2020-2021.

4 So we'll go through the final three
5 applicants, which is Badie Alliance, Badie Alliance
6 Tax -- Badie Tax Alliance, I apologize, and Badie
7 Seafood/Vegan. They're looking to do some improvements
8 to their facade, the front facing facade, lighting and
9 signage. And the signage program will address the
10 signage as a whole, so the entire plaza will be
11 addressed as a part of the signage program.

12 Terry's Hair Studio, which is their neighbor
13 to the west, he's seeking to install outdoor
14 surveillance cameras, shutters, and also he's looking
15 for signage. And that will be addressed through the
16 signage program also.

17 I want to talk a little bit about the
18 disbursement criteria. So all payments will not be
19 disbursed without the following: A visual inspection
20 by the agency representative to -- we're going to
21 certify that the item that's being reimbursed has
22 actually been done and completed; a copy of an approved
23 inspection or a permit; and proof of payment, whether
24 it be through a canceled check, credit card statements,
25 bank statements, EFT, and they should match with the

1 invoice submitted from the contractor.

2 So it's Badie Seafood/Vegan and Badie
3 Alliance, Tax Alliance Services and Terry's Hair
4 Studios, all of the -- the first two are for 40,000,
5 Terry's Hair Studio is for a full reimbursement of
6 4,000, for a total of 84,000.

7 Again, I just gave you the fiscal impact,
8 which is a total of 84,000. And the program
9 acceptance -- acceptance of this program, we will
10 accept any improvements that have done -- been
11 completed within 90 days of the Board's approval. And
12 I'll take any questions at this time.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.

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

15 COMMISSIONER McCOY: How'd you know?

16 CHAIR BOTEL: I just knew it.

17 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I said
19 something. He didn't even open his mouth.

20 COMMISSIONER McCOY: She knows me. Thank
21 you, Madam Chair.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: But I had just
23 said "Madam Chair."

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, thank you, Madam
25 Chair.

1 So Mr. Lewis --

2 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: He did?

3 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Did he say
5 something?

6 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So a couple questions.
7 So first off, when we had this the last time, my
8 question still remains what assurances we have when we
9 put money into these facilities and these various
10 businesses. Do we have any kind of clause or even post
11 a lien on the property so that they don't turn around
12 and use our money for improvements and sell them? And
13 that wasn't resolved when we first heard it, and I
14 don't think I heard it today.

15 MR. HAYGOOD: If I may, the program is set up
16 such that we will sign -- there are certain covenants
17 in the agreement itself, and to ensure that the
18 improvements are actually made or that we are able to
19 enforce the agreements, we actually file a memorandum
20 of the agreement against the property. The owner is
21 also asked consent, the owner of the property -- since
22 these are all people who are leasing the property --
23 has to consent to the improvements being made, because
24 it will be -- a memorandum will be filed against the
25 property.

1 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you.

2 Follow-up, Madam Chair.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Go ahead.

4 COMMISSIONER McCOY: You say consent. Is
5 there any binding provisions against the property
6 owner, because consenting is one thing, but is there
7 any provisions that bind the landlord in the event that
8 for some reason the tenant doesn't stay there or
9 something of that sort?

10 MR. HAYGOOD: Yes. The consent says that he
11 consents to and agrees to the covenants that are
12 included in the agreement.

13 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, thank you.

14 Mr. Lewis --

15 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- you also indicated
17 that this is to the entire plaza. Did I hear you say
18 that?

19 MR. LEWIS: No. I said that as a part of the
20 signage, because two of the applicants are looking for
21 signage improvements, all the of the signage work will
22 be addressed under the signage program that was
23 approved for fiscal year 2020-2021.

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you.

25 Madam Chair --

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- so I didn't see in
3 the grant application anything about surveillance
4 cameras. This is the first time I've ever seen it, and
5 I looked in both the beautification and the improvement
6 application. So when did that get updated?

7 MR. LEWIS: I believe it says security
8 improvements, and that would fall under the security
9 improvements.

10 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, good enough.
11 Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

13 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes. Commissioner
14 Miller-Anderson and then I will call on you,
15 Commissioner Lanier.

16 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So the
18 replacement for -- it says the exterior brick and
19 window seal replacement. That is just -- can you go
20 back to that, to the picture of the little --

21 MR. LEWIS: Sure.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: -- the
23 businesses? So do we get estimates to -- because we're
24 just (inaudible) a small portion. And so that's 40,000
25 for each, for those three windows and the L-shaped

1 brick and then another three windows and a door, or a
2 door on both in the L-shape?

3 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: 40,000,
5 40,000?

6 MR. LEWIS: Yes. So the business owner
7 submitted quotes to us that they received from the
8 contractor, and that's what we're working off of.

9 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have
10 some in-house --

11 MR. LEWIS: Usually we ask for two to three
12 quotes --

13 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we have
14 something in-house to compare that to, or we just go
15 off of what their quotes are?

16 MR. LEWIS: We go off of what the quotes are.
17 They're giving us multiple quotes, and we usually
18 select the lowest quote.

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: But how do we
20 know that those are reasonable quotes?

21 MR. LEWIS: If we need to do independent
22 quotes, we can. That's something we can do.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean I'm
24 just -- did you want to add something to that?

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Yes,

1 Madam Chair. We actually have folks that we work with
2 to get estimations on projected costs, capital costs.
3 So we can do that as a function of this program, both
4 now and moving forward, to ensure that the costing of
5 any type of facade or repair is consistent with what
6 the market bears.

7 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes, I mean
8 and that's no slight to this organization, but I don't
9 think we should just leave it up to outside individuals
10 to tell us what it costs. I mean what if they come
11 back and say it costs 200,000? I mean we're just going
12 to go with it because it says 200,000?

13 Even if we had that amount that we were
14 giving out, we just need to make sure that what we're
15 giving out is the actual amount that, I mean, is
16 reasonable. And we've been kind of down this road
17 before on other estimations and making sure that we can
18 properly justify that that amount is exactly what it
19 should be.

20 MR. LEWIS: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: And then the
22 other question I had, okay, so you said with the
23 signage, the signage will be addressed during the
24 signage project. The signage project is for the whole
25 plaza, correct?

1 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay, so
3 that's not being factored into their costs?

4 MR. SCOTT EVANS: If I could just add, the
5 grants that they've applied for include signage. But
6 what we've put into the contracts is we know that we
7 want to change all of the signage for all of the
8 properties, so we've required that they submit their
9 signage to the CRA so that we can make sure that it
10 matches the overall plan before the building permits
11 are submitted.

12 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. All
13 right, thank you, Madam Chair.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Anything else, Commissioner
15 Lanier?

16 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes, Madam Chair. I
17 just wanted to ask, I was making notes as the gentleman
18 was speaking, and it seems as if you're saying two
19 businesses, does that mean that they're consistent with
20 the whole plaza? And it would seem to me they should
21 be consistent with the whole plaza. It would be more
22 appropriate if that was applied to what would be called
23 stand-alone businesses and not strip malls.

24 And answer me this: Is Treasure Coast
25 working on a program to deal with strip malls, because

1 it seems that you're taking two businesses out of a
2 strip mall, and it would appear that, or it would make
3 sense that they would all conform to the strip mall
4 model.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Could you respond to that,
6 Mr. Evans?

7 MR. SCOTT EVANS: Yes, I could provide some
8 feedback.

9 The Treasure Coast is working on how we could
10 improve our strip malls as a part of the signage
11 program, and their recommendation is that we adopt a
12 design code that all of the various tenants would
13 adopt. And of course, we can't force them to do that,
14 but the tenants who are willing to accept our grant
15 program can, of course, take advantage of those
16 available funds, and we can ensure that all of the new
17 signage that's put in is coordinated.

18 The Treasure Coast is also recommending for
19 this particular site that we make some parking lot
20 improvements, try to fit in a little bit of landscaping
21 and just make some minor upgrades just around the
22 property.

23 But these business owners have requested to
24 make improvements to their store facades, which would
25 not be a part of what the signage program would attempt

1 to do for the rest of the property.

2 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes, and that's my --

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier's not done.

4 COMMISSIONER LANIER: -- this is the fact
5 that this is two businesses that reside within a strip
6 mall. The purpose is to make it uniform, to make it
7 uniformity, you know, for the whole strip mall to be in
8 consignment and lockstep with everything else. Now,
9 what you're proposing, it appears that this could work
10 well for a stand-alone building. But we're giving
11 up -- I see 40, 40, 4,000 -- we're giving up money to
12 be able to redo these, you know, buildings, or whatever
13 it is that we're trying to do with these businesses
14 within a strip mall.

15 My question is should it not be uniform
16 across the whole strip mall than it is where you're
17 taking two businesses out of a strip and doing work for
18 them? It should be something where all of the strip
19 mall is uniform in terms of how -- or the appearance of
20 it for the general public. And then I mean what
21 incentives, what incentive do they have to meet our
22 design standard that Treasure Coast comes up with?

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. Evans.

24 MR. SCOTT EVANS: So of course, we can't
25 force other business owners to participate in the

1 program. They all have the right. It's by voluntary.
2 So these business owners who are proposed for tonight's
3 grants have all applied to our program, because we
4 can't force the business owners to change their
5 signage. Their signage complies with the City's
6 general codes.

7 And the signage grant program is designed to
8 try and enhance and get businesses to participate.
9 We're going to come up with a design theme for this
10 particular strip mall. But of course, the businesses
11 will have the option of whether or not they want to
12 participate. And the incentive is that the CRA will
13 provide the funding if they will upgrade their signage
14 to the new design theme, but of course, we can't force
15 them.

16 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Right, that is what I
17 am getting to. I'm getting to incentivize the rest of
18 the businesses to come on board, because we don't want
19 two businesses out of a strip mall looking a certain
20 way and another, you know, two or three (audio
21 disruption) another way. All I want to do is to be
22 able to have some uniformity in terms of a person
23 driving by and seeing it all not so much looks the
24 same, but because we are spending our money, and I
25 should say the taxpayers are spending their money to be

1 able to make sure that these properties look like they
2 are, you know, look not so much the legitimate
3 businesses, but they look good to the eye.

4 So I want to make sure that if we are going
5 to (inaudible) with two businesses, that we have some
6 incentive, and all the businesses come on board to be
7 able to do the same thing with some type of uniformity
8 in how the design looks. You can't have two businesses
9 on this side looking great and wonderful, and then one
10 business that does not agree with how you do it. But
11 if you incentivize them to be able to come on board or
12 how the outlook looks for the whole strip mall, then at
13 least we can get something that looks uniform, it looks
14 pleasing to the eye, and all businesses are in
15 participation.

16 But what are you doing to incentivize those
17 other businesses to be able to come on board?

18 MR. LEWIS: Well, I can say with respect to
19 the signage program that what we have planned for the
20 parking lot landscaping and signage, we have been in
21 preliminary talks with the owner and the owner rep, and
22 they are very much on board. They are eagerly waiting
23 for us to move forward with our program so they can do
24 some of the due diligence in the process, but they are
25 willing to be on board.

1 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I don't mean to cut you
2 off.

3 MR. LEWIS: Sure.

4 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I totally agree. The
5 thing about it is that if they want our money, then
6 meet our standards. It's just that simple.

7 MR. LEWIS: I agree.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
9 Chair, if I may add onto the presenter, as well as
10 Mr. Evans' comments, on a subsequent item is the
11 authorization to proceed forward with an additional
12 phase of our Commercial Grant Incentive Program. So we
13 believe that by moving forward with, you know, this
14 particular or these three businesses, that there will
15 be the establishment of uniformity, and then we can see
16 it reverberate and then actually see that entire plaza
17 improve.

18 And the value that we get as a community, of
19 course, it's more aesthetically pleasing, as well as
20 the incremental increase in taxes as a result of the
21 property improvements occurring.

22 So to Mr. Evans' point, the carrot that we do
23 have is that in the event that you would like to
24 participate in this grant program, we want uniformity
25 and consistency, and we want it to be brought up to our

1 design standards. And so these programs that we're
2 bringing before you is that mechanism to voluntarily
3 see compliance as it relates to some of the aesthetic
4 elements that we've talked about both on the City and
5 CRA side.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER LANIER: And Mr. Evans, I
8 totally agree with that, and I think that the incentive
9 should be for the strip mall owner. I mean we
10 understand that we're trying to get these local, these
11 businesses to be able to come on board, but the owner
12 of the strip mall is the person that we need to go to
13 in terms of the incentive.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Is that it, Commissioner
15 Lanier?

16 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes, ma'am.

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

18 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you.

19 Mr. Lewis --

20 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- so how much money is
22 in our budget for this, because it seems like -- well,
23 can you tell me what's in the budget, because I am kind
24 of confused as to what exactly are we dealing with.

25 MR. SCOTT EVANS: This actually -- if I could

1 answer?

2 MR. LEWIS: Sure.

3 MR. SCOTT EVANS: So we have \$250,000
4 approved in this year's budget for a new round that we
5 will bring forward in a future agenda item tonight.
6 The money for the grant program is carried over from
7 last year, but it was also included in this year's
8 budget. So we have approximately 240,000 in
9 outstanding, older commercial grants that are either in
10 progress or that have a contract that's available in
11 case the owner decides to proceed. Some of -- not all
12 of them have proceeded.

13 So when the CRA Board approves a grant
14 application, we reserve those dollars and that
15 commitment for those business owners until the next
16 year, and then the Board makes a decision again on
17 those reallocations. In this case, all of the dollars
18 that are requested in this round have been carried over
19 from the previous year and are available for the Board
20 to make a decision on.

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair --

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- can I ask a question?

24 So how much money do we have in the budget,
25 because I heard a whole bunch of something, but I

1 didn't get the actual amount that's in the budget for
2 the commercial grant. So Mr. Lewis, can you take a
3 shot at it? Perhaps one of the -- Mr. Evans down at
4 the end can answer that question.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: The
6 Board, in the fiscal year 2020-2021, the Board
7 appropriated or has appropriated \$250,000.

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay. So Madam Chair,
9 can I ask a question?

10 So perhaps, Mr. Lewis, can you answer this
11 question?

12 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER McCOY: And I'm going to ask one
14 more time, because clearly, someone didn't understand
15 when they authored the memo what's contained in there.
16 How much money is set aside for the community
17 beautification and incentive program, because I've
18 heard two answers, and neither one of them are correct.
19 And if the answer is I don't know, I'm okay with that.
20 But I don't need anybody to tell me something that's
21 inconsistent with what's in the memo --

22 MR. LEWIS: Yes. Well --

23 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- because I will tell
24 you it didn't go back from '19-'20. What I'm seeing is
25 moneys or even a reference of moneys going back from

1 fiscal year 2018 and 2019.

2 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So what my question is,
4 and I'm going to say it one more time, how much money
5 is in the community beautification and incentives grant
6 program?

7 MR. SCOTT EVANS: Mr. McCoy, the program has
8 \$250,000 approved for your new round in case the Board
9 approves that this evening. And on page 23 of the
10 budget, we have \$242,656 from previous round dollars
11 that are approved, so --

12 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair.

13 MR. SCOTT EVANS: -- the combined amount is
14 just under 500,000.

15 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you. That's --
16 wow, just under 500,000. But here we are, a
17 multimillion dollar organization, and nobody seems to
18 know how to use a calculator. And the point is that
19 we've been carrying over money from the '18-'19 budget
20 year, which is exactly, if I might add, would have been
21 almost three years from now, because we're into 2021
22 budget. And if I'm looking at your memo correctly,
23 we've been carrying over this money since '18-'19.
24 Perhaps the memo is incorrect.

25 But the point I'm trying to make is like at

1 what point do we reevaluate what we're doing here? If
2 the money's not being spent every year, perhaps our
3 approach is different. But you're not going to sit
4 here and submit to me by giving me a memo that says
5 we've been carrying money and it's been authorized --
6 and I can go right back to it -- since the '18-'19
7 budget, and I'm saying to myself do we have that much
8 money at the CRA where folks don't take advantage of
9 these incentive opportunities, or maybe there may be a
10 typographical error.

11 But there's no way that we can be carrying
12 money this long in the CRA without utilizing it. And
13 if the money was appropriated and it wasn't used, then
14 there shouldn't be any reference of it. But I didn't
15 know that we generally carry over moneys for that long.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
17 Chair, if I may?

18 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Excuse me, but can I get an
20 answer first, please, from Mr. Evans?

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: And
22 Mr. Evans, correct me if I'm wrong.

23 The money has been carried forward because
24 there is grant agreements that have been executed by
25 the parties that are interested in participating in the

1 program. The reason the money has not been expended is
2 because of the policymakers not authorizing the
3 expenditure associated with the grants. So the money
4 has been reserved that in the event that the Board
5 wanted to proceed forward with the grant program, that
6 those moneys are there, we're not pulling out of fund
7 balance.

8 And so that is the reason why money has been
9 carried forward. And these types of programs are very
10 common in CRAs throughout the nation for facade
11 improvement grants. And so that's why you see the
12 balance that continues to carry forward, because
13 there's agreements --

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I don't see a balance.
15 I've asked three times. What is the amount of money
16 that we have for the commercial incentive and grant
17 program? Perhaps someone needs to pull out a
18 calculator. But I'm sitting here trying to ask the
19 same question as to why we continue to carry money over
20 and over from year after year. So I don't see it,
21 Mr. Jonathan Evans, and I'm saying that respectfully.
22 How more or how better should I ask that?

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: The
24 answer that I have for you --

25 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: --
2 Commissioner, was that the money is carried forward
3 because of the agreements.

4 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay. Can somebody work
5 on that and give me an exact answer before we make a
6 decision on this? Thank you. I yield back.

7 MR. SCOTT EVANS: It's --

8 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

9 MR. SCOTT EVANS: -- \$492,656.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm sorry, Mr. Evans --

11 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, Commissioner Lanier, I
13 just want to make sure I understand what Mr. Evans,
14 Mr. Scott Evans just said.

15 Could you repeat that, please?

16 MR. SCOTT EVANS: Yes, it's the total amount
17 is \$492,656.

18 CHAIR BOTEL: And how much of that is -- how
19 can I say it -- already spoken for, if you will?

20 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Exactly.

21 MR. SCOTT EVANS: We have \$250,000 that's not
22 spoken for and available for the future grant round if
23 approved tonight. And then the additional grants that
24 are before you tonight is a component of those moneys.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: What is before us now, the

1 \$84,000, correct me if I'm wrong, the \$84,000 that is
2 before us now is part of the carried over hundred
3 and --

4 MR. LEWIS: Yes, yes.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Am I correct?

6 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: And what fiscal year
9 would that be from?

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Was that from the --

11 COMMISSIONER McCOY: '18-'19 --

12 MR. LEWIS: 2019.

13 CHAIR BOTEL: 2019 fiscal year.

14 MR. LEWIS: 2019-2020.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay.

16 MR. SCOTT EVANS: Yes, Madam Chair, I'd just
17 like to add we didn't -- we're not including it from
18 last year's budget. We took those dollars and we
19 included it in this year's budget. We just listed it
20 as a separate item. So we had two items, one which is
21 the new commercial grants, and then the second is the
22 continuing commercial grants.

23 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair, let me
24 stop. And you know what --

25 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair, it's my

1 turn now.

2 COMMISSIONER McCOY: No, I think I'm going to
3 reclaim my time --

4 CHAIR BOTEL: I don't think Mr. McCoy has
5 yielded the floor.

6 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Here's the point that
7 I'm trying --

8 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I'm sorry, Mr. McCoy.
9 Go ahead; I'm sorry.

10 COMMISSIONER McCOY: But like perhaps it may
11 seem very abrasive, but I'm asking very simple
12 questions. And I don't need the pontificating of all
13 this malarky, right?

14 My question is very simple. We can't, as a
15 taxing body, as a taxing authority, continue to tax the
16 residents of this city, and I'm looking at a memo that
17 says we actually set aside moneys for commercial
18 improvement in the fiscal year of 2018 and 2019, and
19 that money is being carried over. It is fiscally
20 irresponsible for every voting member of this body to
21 sit there and allow Mr. Jonathan Evans, whatever CRA
22 Director we have, to continue to tax individuals in
23 this organization, or tax individuals within the city,
24 or the CRA, I should say, and we're not making good use
25 of the money if it's being rolled over year after year.

1 So perhaps it's not clear what my question
2 is, but I'm actually trying to get somewhere. And I
3 don't want us to create programs if they're not being
4 utilized every single year, because, yes, we're
5 carrying the money over, but that doesn't negate the
6 fact that what we're doing every year when we authorize
7 a budget is we're continuing to tax people, but we're
8 not even using the money that we have currently. And I
9 can probably say that about a lot of things, and I will
10 bring it up at a later point.

11 But if we're going to be able to create these
12 programs, let's make sure that we're doing it. And I
13 totally support it, but I don't want to be, you know,
14 creating, you know, a CRA's budget off of a program if
15 we're not using the dollars, if year after year we're
16 constantly rolling over to the next year. That should
17 tell us we need to address or change our approach to
18 how we go about doing this, because it's not okay to
19 just tax money and then have it roll over year after
20 year, because if that's the case, that's purely
21 taxation without representation, and that's the point
22 that I'm trying to make.

23 And regardless of whatever I know that I'm
24 going to hear come down from, you know, the south side
25 of this table, but the truth is I like to know if we're

1 spending money from '18-'19, if we're spending money
2 from '19-'20, because technically right now, we're in
3 2021 fiscal year. And that's all I have, Madam Chair.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
5 Chair, if I may, with regards to --

6 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm sorry, Commissioner Lanier,
7 Mr. Evans just wants to reply, and then I'll get right
8 to you.

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: With
10 regards to the program, there has been multiple
11 iterations of this program. This program was not
12 created by Jonathan Evans. This program was in
13 existence prior to Jonathan Evans. These types of
14 programs are very consistent in CRAs.

15 If we were to appropriate the moneys when
16 these items came before the Board, the item that we
17 would be discussing this evening is the appropriation
18 that we're requesting in an agenda item that you'll see
19 soon. Nobody would like to continue to carry forward
20 capital projects or items. That's why it's so
21 important that we move on some of these items so we can
22 effectively see some of the progress.

23 But if the item is deferred and tabled and we
24 have agreements on the books, the intent is we can't
25 move forward to the subsequent phases of this program

1 without addressing the items that have not been
2 addressed in the past. So in my conversations with
3 staff, we want to move forward with the phase three,
4 and then bring subsequent phases before you with some
5 modifications so we can utilize the money that's set
6 aside for these particular programs.

7 So it's not our intent to continue to sit on
8 these dollars and not utilize them for what they're
9 earmarked to be utilized for. So I do want to make
10 that clear, that we're bringing this forward because we
11 want to get this off the books and move forward and
12 create the synergy and the economic development that
13 CRAs are intended to accomplish.

14 So that is why you're seeing this, because we
15 can't put the cart before the horse and not address the
16 ones that have still not been appropriated. It
17 wouldn't be fair to the applicants that submitted, and
18 it would not be fair to those that will end up
19 submitting for the subsequent phase that will be before
20 you this evening.

21 Our intent is for the ones that are
22 appropriated in 2021, our budget, is to bring you this
23 item the latter part of the year and appropriate the
24 funds and then move forward accordingly. But for
25 whatever reason, these items were not authorized --

1 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: -- to
3 proceed for --

4 COMMISSIONER McCOY: You know, here's the --
5 Mr. Evans, and I appreciate that. And all I'm trying
6 to get to, right, is just what you said, for whatever
7 reason. Whatever that reason is, we shouldn't just be
8 sitting like -- members, I call your attention to the
9 settlement negotiation we had for a lawsuit regarding
10 police. Yes, we can authorize the money, but when do
11 we get down to the root cause of addressing the policy?

12 And just like you said, for whatever reason.
13 Like when do we address why haven't we spent moneys
14 that were allocated in '18 and '19, and what we did is
15 now went back in '19-'20 and then double down, I would
16 say triple down in 2021.

17 So Mr. Evans, through no means am I
18 challenging. And I know certainly you weren't here for
19 that. What I'm saying is if we're going to set aside
20 the money, let's just use it. If we're not going to
21 use it, let's not tax individuals in the organization,
22 because I don't have an obligation to these recipients.
23 What we have an obligation to is the taxpayers.

24 And I want to certainly make sure that if
25 we're going to tax somebody, we're making good use of

1 the money and it's not taxing them to sit in some bank
2 account and then we decide later that we didn't get
3 enough applicants and we're going to keep rolling it
4 over. It's like, come on. The conversations I get in
5 the community about folks saying that this is really an
6 organization that we can see more of what they're
7 asking and not any of what they're giving.

8 Obviously, this is a grant application for a
9 business, but it comes at the expense of the business
10 owners and those that reside in the CRA who pay
11 ad valorem -- not sales tax -- ad valorem taxes to the
12 City of Riviera Beach. But through no means am I
13 suggesting that we (inaudible) nor are you responsible.
14 I just want to make sure that we're not getting money,
15 sitting on it and then finding ourselves three years
16 later still dealing with the same dollars.

17 So that's all I have. And I apologize if
18 it -- but literally, it takes a whole lot to even get
19 to an answer of 492,000, and that's simply all I'm
20 asking. So thank you. I yield back.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Lanier.

23 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier.

25 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes, I just want to say

1 this, and I really can't believe it, but I agree with
2 Commissioner McCoy. I agree with the fact that first
3 of all, the incentives that we have are really not
4 aligned with the CRA needs. (Inaudible.) We should
5 not just be doing, you know, commercial grants for
6 strip mall properties, because, number one, our focus
7 should be the person who owns the strip mall, not just
8 individual people who pay rent in the strip mall. We
9 should be negotiating and making sure that whatever
10 money we spend is going towards the owner, the person
11 who has the right, who has the ability to be able to
12 expand and to be able to do whatever we need to do for
13 their property.

14 Second of all, I agree with Mr. McCoy on the
15 fact that, you know, we need to be looking at --
16 instead of talking about strip malls, we need to be
17 talking about the whole freaking community, talking
18 about all of E Avenue, talking about all of going
19 (inaudible) in Singer Island, talking about all those
20 properties and not just one or two properties.

21 And I think that that is the purpose of
22 having Treasure Coast on board, to give us some
23 direction so that we can make sure that it's not
24 just -- as we're going into Singer Island, it's not
25 just two or three parcels over on the left-hand side or

1 two or three parcels on the right-hand side. It
2 revitalizes all of it. It revitalizes all of E Avenue,
3 it revitalizes all those places that ten years ago, ten
4 years ago we said we were going to revitalize.

5 So what I want to do at this point is to make
6 sure that whatever money that we're spending on strip
7 malls, on little bitty pieces of parcels that are in
8 those strip malls, that we're going to the owner of
9 those strip malls and we're going to rehabilitate all
10 of it.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Those are my comments.
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

15 I have a question.

16 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Did you say that you had been
18 in conversation with the owner of that strip mall?

19 MR. LEWIS: Yes, and the owner rep, yes.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Did the owner express -- is
21 this the same owner as the gentleman who owns the
22 Comerica Bank building, from the bank building all the
23 way to the -- all the way to the gas station?

24 MR. LEWIS: I'm not 100 percent sure. I
25 believe so, but I'm not 100 percent sure.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. My understanding was
2 that that gentleman had intentions of completely
3 renovating that entire strip of commercial properties
4 at some time in the future. Did he indicate to you
5 that he would be doing anything like that?

6 And my concern is if we spend \$84,000 now to
7 develop these two individual or three properties, to
8 approve these properties, what's the longevity of that
9 investment? In other words, is he planning and can we
10 determine by conversation with him whether or not he
11 is, in fact, planning to redevelop that entire section?
12 I've heard a lot of things from him about that.

13 MR. LEWIS: No, I haven't heard. He didn't
14 discuss what other plans he had as far as those other
15 parcels. What was shared with us as far as the signage
16 program, and this is where the discussions were --
17 where we went with the discussions, that he was happy
18 with the signage program, the preliminary renderings
19 that we showed him, and he wanted to move forward. He
20 wanted to make some minor changes, but he was on board
21 with the signage program. I would anticipate that it
22 would be counterproductive for him to want us to do
23 some signage changes and he's going to revamp the
24 entire parcel --

25 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Right.

1 MR. LEWIS: -- or the entire lot, so I
2 don't --

3 CHAIR BOTEL: I would --

4 MR. LEWIS: -- I can confirm that, and we
5 can --

6 CHAIR BOTEL: I would be very interested.
7 I'm in favor of doing this this evening. Don't get me
8 wrong, I think it's important that we assist these
9 businesses in improving the look of their facades. But
10 I think it would behoove us to find out what that
11 gentleman's intentions are long-term.

12 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

13 CHAIR BOTEL: Anything else?

14 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I do have a
15 question. So why do we go into -- why are the
16 individual businesses applying versus the person that
17 owns the property?

18 MR. SCOTT EVANS: The Commercial Grant
19 Program is available to both property owners and
20 business owners who have a lease. So it's an
21 opportunity that's out there for whoever wants to take
22 advantage of it. And in this case, the property owner
23 hasn't applied for any grant for that parcel.

24 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: But he's
25 giving his permission for the work to be done?

1 MR. LEWIS: Yes, he did sign off on it.

2 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Was he, to
3 Dr. Botel's point, does he -- when he's signing
4 documents, does he sign any of these documents, or it's
5 just the business owners?

6 MR. HAYGOOD: Yes, the owner has to --

7 MR. LEWIS: Yes, the owner.

8 MR. HAYGOOD: -- consent to the program. In
9 addition, one of the covenants of the program in the
10 agreement is that the improvements have to be
11 maintained for five years.

12 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Right, I saw
13 that. So if that's the case, then what Dr. Botel is
14 pointing out, he would have to pay the money back if he
15 decides to do something within that --

16 MR. HAYGOOD: That's correct, yes.

17 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay, thank you.

20 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Madam Chair.

21 MR. HAYGOOD: I'd also like to point out that
22 some of the money that has been carried forward was
23 because the improvements haven't been made. So one of
24 the things we've got to remember is if you approve this
25 program, even though you've allocated the money now,

1 you approve it in, say, June, then they have a year to
2 complete the improvement. So you're already running
3 behind. And then in addition, some of the recipients
4 have complained because they can't get construction
5 permits. There are other things involved in why there
6 are delays and why this money is carried forward.

7 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Right. Madam Chair.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER LANIER: There's one more thing,
10 Madam Chair, just a little bit.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm sorry, say that again,
12 Commissioner Lanier.

13 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Just one more thing I
14 just wanted to say.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: Go ahead.

16 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I want to say that,
17 guess what, we are the inventories, we are the ones who
18 say what properties are going to be -- that need
19 improvement. The standards, is it retail, is it
20 office, that is us.

21 My thing is that we're dealing with
22 particular renters in properties. Let us deal with the
23 owners, and especially when we're talking about
24 E Avenue, when we're talking about going to Singer
25 Island. We're dealing with the owners of these

1 properties because, see, we're nickel and diming here.

2 And I agree with what Mr. McCoy said. You
3 know, we got money from way back, and we're trying to
4 figure out how this one particular venture is going to
5 go. We deal with the owner, and we have the whole
6 properties, whole E Avenue, and we go for it, because
7 we are the ones who set the standard. We are the
8 ones -- it's our money. We get any owner on E Avenue,
9 any owner is going to Singer Island and say, listen,
10 we're going, we have your whole strip mall, and it has
11 to look like this. Guess what? We're going to go for
12 it. Guess what? It's money from the City.

13 CHAIR BOTEL: Walter, we might have just
14 lost --

15 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I'm sorry, my thing
16 went off because I was getting so -- I was getting
17 so --

18 CHAIR BOTEL: Oh, you're back.

19 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Because of the fact
20 that I think that we're dealing and we're talking to
21 the wrong people. We need to be talking to the owners
22 of these properties. As I said before, E Avenue, the
23 place is going into (inaudible), both of those, and I
24 mean south and north side, those are long strip malls.

25 I go every Saturday and get my smoothie from

1 a little place right in a little small little place and
2 that's Smoothie. So guess what? If we go to the owner
3 of that property and we talk with them about it and not
4 just dealing with the people that say, oh, you know, I
5 pay rent here, I got to go call the owner, I got to get
6 him to agree with it, no, we deal with the owner up
7 front and we make rehab and we make it amenable and we
8 make it sightly to the people who are going into Singer
9 Island. We make it sightly for everybody who's coming
10 up E Avenue. That's what we do. It's our money.

11 So I think that we wasted money. And like
12 Mr. McCoy said, we're wasting time with this old money.
13 Just go in, talk to the owner and get it done.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

15 Commissioner Lawson, you're recognized.

16 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 While I do agree with Councilwoman Lanier
18 about working with the owners, and our CRA can begin
19 working with the owners on development, the foundation
20 of our community is based upon these local businesses,
21 and these businesses are not always owners. These
22 small businesses that have been there for years are
23 looking to establish development with signage, with
24 beautification and security.

25 So while, yes, the owners need to make

1 improvements into their plazas and into their
2 properties and we need to force that upon them, the
3 ones that are actually making the work and make sure
4 that we're going to beautify our properties are the
5 actual individuals that are leasing these projects from
6 these different businesses.

7 So we can begin working with the owners and
8 look to request and demand certain things, but a lot of
9 these owners aren't putting the quality of work into
10 their property because they're just looking to get
11 their ROI on their investment, where the businesses are
12 looking to beautify and make sure that they can attract
13 a lot of business to the community. So both are going
14 to be essential when it comes to working on these
15 grants.

16 My only question is going to be for
17 Mr. Lewis, the signage process. With the signage
18 program that we're rolling out, who is actually going
19 to be paying for the signage improvements in this plaza
20 that we're looking at?

21 MR. LEWIS: We would be paying for it as a
22 part of our approved budget, yes.

23 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: So are we going to ask --
24 because I see in two of the three proposals, the
25 signage is included as one of the expenditures for the

1 grants. Are we going to ask and it's in alignment with
2 the signage program we're looking to launch, or are we
3 going to reimburse the owner or the business owner
4 afterwards, or are we just going to take the signage
5 aspect out and have that done off of our dime?

6 MR. LEWIS: We're going to take it out and
7 we're going to be doing that, yes.

8 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Does that affect the
9 bottom line on two of the businesses, because only two
10 of the three are requesting signage costs. So does
11 that affect the grant amount that we're allocating
12 tonight, because if we're taking the signage piece out
13 of that, then does that change the allocation amount?

14 MR. SCOTT EVANS: If I could answer, the --
15 we haven't -- the Board has not yet approved the
16 implementation for the signage grant program, so the
17 signage for these individual business owners is
18 included in their grant application. Because at this
19 time we want the Board -- we've asked that the owners
20 of these businesses who've applied for the grants
21 comply with the future signage designs.

22 However, until that implementation goes
23 forward, we want to make sure that the dollars are
24 available for these business owners to upgrade their
25 signs under the design guidelines, but as a part of

1 their grant and as a part of what they're trying to
2 improve for their businesses. So the applications
3 continue to include the signage because those dollars
4 will then be committed to their business, and then the
5 signage program, we'll just have more dollars remaining
6 when the Board does approve that.

7 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: And due to the COVID
8 currently, this has delayed a lot of this progress,
9 because this proposal came to us a while ago. So I
10 want to get moving forward with this.

11 So Councilman McCoy's points and concerns
12 that he had about some of the dollars that are rolling
13 forward, during my general review with our CRA
14 Director, we've reviewed some of those items, and
15 that's actually going to be in the next agenda item
16 where we're going to talk about the concerns of the
17 money rolling forward, the marketing and the exposure.
18 So that's actually going to be an item that he talks
19 about next so we can address these issues.

20 So I think with this, since we've already
21 allocated his funds, we approved his project, I think
22 we need to move forward with it and get onto the next
23 item and correct some of the issues that were addressed
24 by Councilman McCoy and others. And Mr. Evans is going
25 to speak about that in the next item.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Any other questions or
2 concerns?

3 Do we have any public comment cards on this
4 item?

5 THE CLERK: We have no public comment cards,
6 Madam Chair.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Anything else?
8 Okay, Madam Clerk.

9 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

10 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.
12 (No response.)

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

14 COMMISSIONER LANIER: 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, with
20 Commissioner Miller-Anderson absent.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair.

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I just don't know that I
25 have to say this, but I think I have to say it. I just

1 would hope that we are ensuring that these businesses
2 are properly licensed and have active BTRs and
3 certificates of use, because I can't even tell you how
4 many times I walk into somebody's business and see they
5 haven't renewed their BTR since 2006 and would knock on
6 our door and ask for a grant, because if you can't pay
7 the \$180, don't come asking for a grant. I mean that's
8 just rudimentary. I shouldn't even have to say that.
9 But thank you, that's it.

10 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Well, that change,
11 right, that should be added as a caveat to that motion.

12 COMMISSIONER MCCOY: I think it is,
13 Commissioner Lanier; I think it is Commissioner. I
14 just wanted to make sure.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: The time is 7:59. We'll take
16 public comment. Please be reminded that the CRA Board
17 of Commissioners has adopted rules of decorum governing
18 public comment during official meetings which has been
19 posted at the front desk. In an effort to preserve
20 order, if any of the rules are not adhered to, the
21 Commissioner Chair may have any disruptive speaker or
22 attendee removed from the podium, from the meeting
23 and/or the building, if necessary. Please govern
24 yourselves accordingly.

25 Public comment shall begin at 7:30 p.m.

1 unless there's no further business of the
2 Commissioners, which in that event, it shall begin
3 sooner. In addition, if an item is being considered at
4 7:30 p.m., then comments from the public shall begin
5 immediately after the item has been concluded.

6 Any person who would like to speak during
7 public comments, please fill out a public comment card
8 located at the front desk and give it to the staff
9 before the public comments section is announced.

10 Madam Clerk.

11 THE CLERK: Mary Brabham, followed by
12 Ernestine Gordon.

13 MS. BRABHAM: Ms. Mary Brabham, Riviera
14 Beach. Good evening. A happy belated Veterans Day to
15 everyone too.

16 And we've gotten over the election, but we
17 still have to remember that we are all one, and we will
18 all get through this, regardless what party affiliation
19 that each one of us associated with, because if the
20 ship sink, we will all sink. But we strive to do
21 better. And I hope that we do do better.

22 I'm going to bring up some issues here. The
23 flags on 13th Street that say the Marina District,
24 those need to come down. They are worn. And if you
25 ever decide to get something else up there, get some

1 sustainable material so that they would not just
2 wobble, just fly all everywhere. That material, if we
3 are to rebrand our city, we need to make it look like
4 rebrand.

5 I agree with some of this here, because I
6 have to say, well, Mr. McCoy had been asking for that.
7 We have been asking for that too. How much you have in
8 these programs here? Everybody made some critical
9 points here about this too.

10 But the policymakers here, previous and
11 before, you are responsible. This is one reason we, as
12 a community base, we have said we're tired of the CRA
13 for some of the same things that goes on in here about
14 the projects, how we're funding out the projects, how
15 the moneys and stuff are being delayed, because each
16 one of you have your own little pet peeve projects
17 instead of working on the projects that need to move
18 forward and putting that energy in the projects that
19 need to be done.

20 If you're going to keep this establishment as
21 the CRA, then make it work as a CRA. And if not, this
22 has long been the outcry in the city, that we get
23 unification here in this city here. Okay, if you're
24 not going to utilize those dollars, put them into our
25 communities instead. Our communities look horrific

1 here as well. If you want to build up this place here,
2 utilize those dollars that are necessary to make us
3 look like who we should be and brand us for who we say
4 that we are, not why because somebody think that we
5 should be like this.

6 Occupational license, yes. Some of these
7 businesses here, we need to crack down on them, make
8 sure that they have their occupational license, make
9 sure that they have their construction license.

10 No, no, no, this money here has been year
11 after year after year. So see, all of it is coming to
12 fruition now. So you do have a CRA Director here that
13 can navigate, not just on this side here, but on the
14 City side too. Because both of us need work, and these
15 dollars here can be utilized to build up our city here.

16 The comment was made about E Avenue there.
17 What about all of those districts and stuff like that,
18 some over on the west side? I'm for one as well as the
19 others. I stood here, and Scott Evans can tell you.
20 Abandon the CRA. But if you are to make it work, then
21 let's make it work for the whole entire city. Thank
22 you.

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you, Ms. Brabham.

24 THE CLERK: Ernestine Gordon.

25 MS. GORDON: Hello. I think -- you know

1 what, I think you all will probably solve my problem,
2 because I came here for the Avenue E, because I be down
3 there sometime, and it looks so bad. And I know
4 Shirley and Mr. McCoy, they was talking about the money
5 that goes towards that. I hope we get something done
6 there because we really need something done there. Do
7 you know that place haven't -- no way of improvement
8 was done in that area for the last 40, 50 years. It's
9 the same way.

10 And that's why I came in tonight, because I
11 go down that way, and I look, and I say, you know, I'm
12 going come to a CRA meeting and mention something about
13 that. But I think the CRA, don't they cover that area?
14 I know they do, don't they? I hope you all do
15 something for that. That's what I came here tonight to
16 talk about. Thank you.

17 THE CLERK: That's it. There's no more
18 public comments, Madam Chair. There's no more public
19 comment cards.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: So item number -- (inaudible)
21 close public comment cards.

22 (Discussion held off the record.)

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Madam Clerk, would you read the
24 next item.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam

1 Chair, this item before you is approving the publishing
2 of RFP 20 -- or 2020-03, seeking artists to design the
3 Riviera Beach CRA Public Art and Branding Project,
4 round three.

5 At this time I would ask for Mr. Lewis to
6 make a presentation concerning this matter.

7 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Have you all
8 already read the resolution?

9 THE CLERK: No.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Would you read the resolution,
11 please.

12 THE CLERK: Item number nine, a resolution of
13 the Board of Commissioners of the Riviera Beach
14 Community Redevelopment Agency to authorize the
15 issuance of a Request for Proposals for RBCRA District
16 Art and Branding Project, round three, providing an
17 effective date.

18 The acceptance of public comment cards is
19 closed.

20 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Second.

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Second.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. Lewis.

1 MR. LEWIS: All right. Good evening again,
2 Commissioners.

3 So we're going to be discussing and seeking
4 your approval for moving forward with our Art and
5 Branding CRA District project for round three. So just
6 to give you a little bit of background, back in April
7 of 2019 the Board provided approval to enter into
8 negotiations with three artists for round two. July of
9 2019 the Board provided approval for the agreements for
10 those three artists. And in September of 2020, the
11 Board approved for this fiscal year, 2020-2021, to
12 include the Public Art and Branding Project for round
13 three at 165,000.

14 So I'm going to give you some recommendations
15 as a part of round three, how we want to move forward.
16 We've earmarked some locations, and we're going to show
17 them to you.

18 So the first three are the Ocean Mall beach
19 entrance. So we are interested in putting a wrapped
20 mural around the poles, around the pillars entering
21 into the beach, and also some probably -- and this is
22 proposed -- decorative animal prints for the walkway or
23 whatever the artist who responds to this RFP proposes.

24 The Ocean Mall restaurant area, the north
25 side of Mulligan's, we're interested in seeing some

1 sort of 3-D art there, on the west side of Mulligan's,
2 some sort of traditional mural, and on the north side
3 of Johnny Longboats, again, some sort of traditional
4 mural.

5 So at the Marina Village splash park area
6 we're interested in east of the concession stand to do
7 some sort of 3-D wall mural, something that the kids
8 can interact with. Also on the west side of the
9 fountain, another recommended 3-D wall mural. And on
10 the foundation of the pillar, some sort of wrap mural
11 and on the foundation also.

12 In Bicentennial Park, we're interested in
13 putting a traditional mural at the entrance of the
14 restroom, and that's also visible when you're driving
15 out of the Marina. That would be a great area. Also,
16 the center cement walkway area, some sort of
17 traditional walkway mural. This would be whatever,
18 again, the artist proposes.

19 We are also interested in doing some
20 sculptures within the CRA District, and hopefully it
21 can be branded and we can expand out into the entire
22 city.

23 We are interested in doing a sculpture at the
24 corner of Blue Heron and Broadway. During the proposed
25 developments for Avenue E, we want to do a sculpture at

1 the roundabout, and at the Marina Village intersection,
2 placing also a sculpture there.

3 And these are some examples, and it's to give
4 you an idea. Whatever brand or design of sculpture
5 that we choose, we would use it uniformly through the
6 city, and starting with the CRA District. And we would
7 have the artists to give us designs, their own design
8 for their own sculpture.

9 So again, we're seeking approval to move
10 forward with round three of this project. Again, the
11 fiscal impact would be 165,000, and we want approval to
12 put RFP 2020-03 out, seeking qualified artists and
13 painters to participate in this project, to put it out
14 on the street. And I'll take any questions at this
15 time.

16 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, Ms. Miller-Anderson,
18 you're recognized.

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Could you go
20 back to the intersection of 23rd or 22nd and Avenue E?

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So a
23 roundabout at that intersection, and to have a
24 sculpture in the middle of the --

25 MR. LEWIS: In the middle of. And again, if

1 you can remember, we will also be bringing back the
2 final Avenue E streetscape study, and as a part of that
3 study, the options that we're given by the architect
4 were to either do a decorative paving item, a
5 roundabout with some lush landscaping, or doing a
6 sculpture, some sort of sculpture or large feature in
7 the middle. And then, you know, as the --

8 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes, I would
9 like to see how that whole thing would come together.
10 Just looking at it right now, I don't see that at the
11 moment, but if putting it all together and putting the
12 whole vision together with the whole street, possibly.
13 Now, there are some homes or businesses. Are you
14 talking about where the City Hall, the old City Hall
15 area is?

16 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So the
18 roundabout would be right there?

19 MR. LEWIS: Yes, yes. Those were the two
20 proposed sites on those streets, right where the old --

21 MR. SCOTT EVANS: If I might add, it is a
22 central median, but it's not a traditional roundabout
23 where the cars are going around in order to make the
24 turn. They're just sort of turning and then turning
25 again to stay straight.

1 And we really thought utilizing that graphic
2 might help inspire the artist to come up with
3 something, you know, for that location, perhaps for a
4 similar location somewhere else. Because ultimately,
5 the Board will have the option to select which art they
6 wanted to move forward with and in which location. And
7 so we just created, you know, a whole list of areas and
8 places so that the artists can bring a whole list of
9 items for the Board to be able to consider.

10 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So, but this
11 part here will not take place until the road renovation
12 takes place. We're not talking about putting this
13 there right now.

14 MR. LEWIS: No, no. As a part of the entire
15 redevelopment plan, yes.

16 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

18 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier, you're
19 recognized.

20 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair, I'm just
21 looking at and they're saying about sculptures, and I'm
22 looking at the fact that that sculpture may preclude
23 like artists. Could it be modified to (inaudible)
24 service as well?

25 And the thing about it is that we need new

1 streetscaping done first on E Avenue. If we're going
2 to do anything on E Avenue, we need to make it
3 beautiful, we need to make it look like someone --
4 because there's a lot of people, homeowners who live on
5 E Avenue. And as I said from the beginning, the money
6 that we're talking about right now, it is the money
7 that the residents, the people who live in the city, it
8 is their money.

9 So if we're going to do any type of
10 streetscaping, if we're going to do -- what about a
11 neighborhood mural near E Avenue? So what we want to
12 do is to make sure that if we're looking at E Avenue,
13 because that's clearly what we're doing right now, and
14 everybody who lives in the City of Riviera Beach knows
15 how E Avenue looks. And as Ms. Gordon had said in her
16 public comments, 30, 40 years we've been talking about
17 E Avenue. Nothing has been done on that street.

18 So we're going to do sculptures, we're going
19 to do this, we're going to do streetscaping? Are we
20 going to make sure that art is minority oriented, not
21 just black, minority artists have an opportunity to be
22 able to do some type of sculptures in that area?

23 And third of all, we need streetscaping done
24 first on that area. Those is my comments.

25 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

2 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So I
3 definitely hear where we're going with this. However,
4 I know that we have quite a few issues that are on
5 E Avenue that have been pointed out, and we -- most
6 notably, we have quite a few sinkholes over in this
7 area.

8 So Mr. Evans, I'm sure with the City that's
9 something that we're trying to work at, because that
10 part is already in the works, from my understanding.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: That is
12 correct.

13 Madam Chair, if I may, I've had staff look at
14 the infrastructure on E Avenue and some of the
15 surrounding streets in that particular area and look at
16 what improvements that we can look to do as it relates
17 to the Utility District.

18 But also, I remind you that there's
19 \$2 million that's in the budget currently for E Avenue.
20 And so the Director of Planning and I have had
21 conversations to have discussions with the USD and the
22 City to look to start improving sections of E Avenue.
23 We know that the roadway in its entirety will cost
24 probably anywhere between 11 to \$15 million, but we
25 know that taking incremental steps certainly will make

1 some improvement.

2 So we are looking to bring forward a holistic
3 project that looks to address the infrastructure
4 underground, as well as the roadway conditions, the
5 streetscape, the hardscape, and then ultimately, some
6 of the beautification that is communicated here.

7 So this is merely another element associated
8 with it, but we're going to make sure we address the
9 substantive issues first, before we get into the
10 cosmetic side. And we do want to move forward with a
11 project on E Avenue very aggressively, as we know that
12 that's one of the areas that is poised for
13 redevelopment within our community and it's an
14 important roadway network for a lot of our residents.

15 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: And Madam
16 Chair, if I could, Mr. Scott Evans can kind of bring
17 everybody up to speed who may not be aware of how many
18 times E Avenue has come up and then there were moneys
19 that were provided or slated to give to us, but we did
20 not have it, it was given back.

21 So can you kind of just share that or remind
22 people of how E Avenue was on the table to get some
23 things done to it, but then all of a sudden, it
24 vanished?

25 MR. SCOTT EVANS: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: And this has
2 been going on for a while now. This is not something
3 that just started.

4 MR. SCOTT EVANS: Yes. The Avenue E was a
5 CRA project, I want to say about six years ago, or
6 maybe before that even. And the CRA's component was to
7 try and get some decorative lighting and some sidewalks
8 at the same time as a bike lane at the time. And then
9 that project didn't move forward.

10 And then in 2018 the Board borrowed
11 additional dollars from BB&T, and we reserved 2 million
12 of those dollars as a capital commitment to Avenue E.
13 And so I've been working with Mr. Evans to try and
14 identify some potential City dollars in the future also
15 that could be added to that 2 million so that we could
16 not only apply for some grants, but also to try and
17 start improvements to some segments of Avenue E.

18 And recently, in accordance with the Board's
19 directive, we had a series of public workshops, and
20 we're looking to bring back to the Board at a future
21 date the final Avenue E plan. But we have got great
22 feedback, and I think it was presented to the Board
23 earlier this year, which was a very positive response.
24 So those dollars are committed now and waiting for
25 implementation.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: And then we
2 were looking at utilizing funds from the City, CRA and
3 the Utility District in order to do that as well,
4 right?

5 MR. SCOTT EVANS: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. So
7 yes, we know E Avenue has certainly been around. It's
8 been a topic for many years, and many Council people
9 have been up here and have heard that issue, but it has
10 not been made a priority for the Board. So if the
11 Board is definitely on board with making sure it's a
12 priority, then --

13 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: -- I would
15 certainly be happy with you all for making that happen,
16 because it has come up many, many years, but it has not
17 been a priority for the Board. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair, Madam
19 Chair.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, Commissioner Lanier.

21 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes, I just wanted to
22 say that -- first of all, I want to say this. I am
23 District Three. We have Commissioner Lawson is
24 District Five. That's the whole entire City. We have
25 Commissioner McCoy who is at District One. Everybody,

1 everybody knows that, guess what, even though E Avenue
2 is not our district, people call us about E Avenue.
3 Because why? They have been talking about E Avenue,
4 revitalizing that area. That area is right next to the
5 Port. That area, that avenue goes into Blue Heron
6 Boulevard. Everybody knows that, guess what, we're
7 trying to do something with that area.

8 And as Commissioner KaShamba Miller-Anderson
9 has said, we've been talking about it for so long, and
10 guess what, she, among all of us, all of us who are
11 here, she is the one who has been here the longest, and
12 that is her district. And she's been calm, she's been
13 kind, she's been trying to, you know go along, she's
14 been trying to make it happen.

15 But listen, if we want to do anything, we're
16 not going to do any type of sculptures until we get the
17 substance of E Avenue done, until -- we can't run like
18 2 million like we do for -- that we do for financing
19 for any other CRA project. Whatever it is that it
20 takes to get that Avenue E revitalized, because those
21 arteries that go off of E Avenue -- E Avenue goes all
22 the way down to the Port where all of those things are
23 in the E Avenue, and goes all the way down to that new
24 development that's on Broadway. That corridor is a
25 vital corridor, just like Broadway, just like what

1 Barack Obama Highway, just like Blue Heron Boulevard.

2 So all I'm saying is that it's not about this
3 is Commissioner Miller-Anderson's district or because
4 Commissioner McCoy brought it up or because even the
5 Commissioner from District Five, he's always talking
6 about E Avenue. And of course, Singer Island said it.
7 It runs right into us. So what we're saying is that,
8 guess what, whatever it is to take it to get done.

9 We had this same conversation just an item
10 ago, saying that, listen, we have to understand that
11 we -- this is the City of Riviera Beach. This is the
12 people who pay taxes. This is their money. Your two
13 public comments came from what are they going to do
14 about Avenue E. And I have to tell Ms. KaShamba
15 Miller-Anderson, I have to say that she's been very,
16 very patient.

17 But we all have to get involved with this,
18 because, guess what, I don't represent District Three.
19 She doesn't represent District Two. Botel does not
20 just represent Singer Island. We represent the whole
21 entire city. And we understand that here, right now.
22 And if we don't get E Avenue, I'm talking about this
23 fiscal year, something done on that avenue, on that
24 street, then clearly, we're not doing our jobs. That
25 is my comments. Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: You're recognized.

3 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So I hear all
4 of the comments, but, you know what's it going to take?
5 It's going to take for people, three people or more to
6 make a vote to make it a reality. We can keep saying
7 what we need to do and what we should have done and how
8 it's looking, but if we're not sitting up here talking
9 about making a vote to make it happen, none of that
10 matters. Not one person can do it and not two people
11 can do it. It takes three or more to make that happen.

12 So if we're all now rah-rah-rah E Avenue,
13 make the vote so that we can get it done. And that
14 really is the end of it. I mean we really don't even
15 have to give any more comments about it, because we
16 just need to make sure that we do what we say we want
17 to do. And if we do that, it will be just like new,
18 like we want it.

19 But we sitting here making all these comments
20 but not making any action is not going to change a
21 thing. And believe -- yes, like she said, I've been
22 here for a while, but guess what, the three or more
23 have not made it a priority. So if now we're the dream
24 team that's going to make it happen, I'm happy to be a
25 part of that. So yes, let's make that vote so that we

1 can get it done.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. Evans.

3 COMMISSIONER LANIER: And I would say, Madam
4 Chair, so moved and the vote is this. I'm making a
5 motion to ensure that the priority of the CRA, the
6 priority of the CRA, the first come -- what they call
7 first come, first served, the priority of the CRA is to
8 make E Avenue amenable, make it, you know, easy to the
9 eyes, to make -- guess what we have? We've got
10 2 million that we can do -- we have 10 million on
11 different projects. My motion is to make 2 million for
12 the vote to ensure that E Avenue starts out with the
13 CRA's priority to ensure that it starts happening on
14 that corridor.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: Can I ask a question before
16 we -- and I agree with you, we need to get going. But
17 my question is to Mr. Evans: At what point are we in
18 the process and will that be coming before this body in
19 the very near future with regard to the study that's
20 been done and so on? Where are we with it?

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: It is
22 staff's intent to bring something before the Board to
23 look at E Avenue, looking at it holistically, from
24 infrastructure below, as well as the pavement and some
25 of the aesthetic elements that have been articulated

1 here. So if you would give me the opportunity to
2 caucus with staff and bring you a comprehensive
3 discussion on E Avenue and then get with Mr. Evans as
4 it relates to how quickly the report on E Avenue can be
5 finalized, we can set a meeting where that's what we
6 discuss exclusively, and then we can work with the
7 Finance Director and find out what moneys can be
8 brought to bear to leverage the capital investment
9 necessary to facilitate the improvements to E Avenue.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, you're recognized.

13 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I restate my motion.

14 My motion is this. I want to make a motion to make
15 Avenue E, at the next CRA meeting, a budget, a budget
16 to ensure that E Avenue gets the -- it gets whatever it
17 needs to get to be able to be a viable corridor. So my
18 motion is -- this is my motion, to ensure that at the
19 next budget meeting -- at the next CRA meeting that the
20 CRA Director brings back a budget for E Avenue to be
21 the first priority for the CRA.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Anyone care to second it?

23 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I will second
24 it for discussion. Like to get more clarity.

25 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes, I'm not seconding

1 that, because here's why --

2 CHAIR BOTEL: It's been seconded.

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: But I mean, Madam Chair,
4 I would ask that you put a little more control into the
5 meeting, because, you know, you've been down on that
6 side, and I certainly respect your having the
7 opportunity to speak, but like literally, that's not
8 even germane to what we're talking about, right?

9 So if she wants to make a motion, I think
10 she's more than -- you know, has a right to do that,
11 but I'm still back, because I got a bunch of things
12 that I want to ask about the art that's being taken up,
13 and we haven't even had a chance, because I know you
14 wanted to go on that end first. But I don't even want
15 to entertain what is being discussed or being proposed
16 by Councilwoman Lanier because there are some other
17 things that we haven't even --

18 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair, we have
19 a motion --

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Excuse me. Commissioner
21 Lanier, Commissioner McCoy has the floor.

22 Go ahead.

23 COMMISSIONER LANIER: You have a motion and a
24 second on the floor.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy has the floor.

1 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, so that means we
2 don't get an opportunity to speak on what has been read
3 into the record? Is that what I'm hearing? I would
4 love for you to say -- because like literally, it's
5 just -- you know, even Commissioner Miller-Anderson
6 said there's been a lot of comments, but you haven't
7 even looked this way. And I wanted to at least allow
8 you guys to finish before we even entertain a motion,
9 because there's a number of things that I need to
10 discuss about what's been presented before us.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: If we could --

12 COMMISSIONER LANIER: There is a motion and a
13 second on the floor.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Excuse me one second,
15 Commissioner Lanier.

16 My sense of Commissioner Lanier's motion is
17 that she just wants us to make -- to show our --

18 COMMISSIONER McCOY: It's out of order, Madam
19 Chair.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay, so --

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: What I'm saying is we've
22 been presented with a resolution.

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I've been patiently
25 waiting --

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, and we will --

2 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- to opine on it.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So would you allow me to
5 do that and tell her she needs to pull it off the
6 floor, or should I --

7 COMMISSIONER LANIER: There's a motion and a
8 second on the floor, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, look, I'm going to
10 make a point of parliamentary inquiry. It's up to you,
11 Madam Chair, to decide what happens. You either allow
12 me to speak, or you recognize her motion. So it's on
13 you.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm going to recognize her
15 motion and ask that we deal with it tout suite.

16 Madam Clerk, would you just call the roll on
17 that motion, please.

18 THE CLERK: We do two motions?

19 CHAIR BOTEL: It was -- no, Commissioner
20 Lanier made a motion that we, as a body, express our
21 desire to have --

22 COMMISSIONER McCOY: It's not germane to the
23 subject though, Madam Chair.

24 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No, it is a motion on
25 the floor.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: -- quickly rather than argue
2 about it --

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So I'm going to make a
4 point of parliamentary inquiry --

5 CHAIR BOTEL: In the interest of
6 expediency --

7 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- and I'm going to make
8 a point of order, and I'm going to ask, and as the rule
9 states, that supersedes anything on the floor. What
10 she's proposing --

11 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No, it does not
12 supersede --

13 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- is not germane to the
14 item. So if I can have you --

15 COMMISSIONER LANIER: -- has the right to
16 bring a motion, regardless of what it is.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: In the interest of --

18 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair, you've been
19 warned. I'm making a point of parliamentary inquiry,
20 and if you don't respect it, then we'll deal with it
21 later.

22 COMMISSIONER LANIER: -- Councilman McCoy,
23 remember three weeks ago I brought a motion to the
24 floor to make Mr. Evans --

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier, we're

1 going to deal with it right now.

2 COMMISSIONER LANIER: -- permanent Director,
3 and that motion passed.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: It would behoove us to get
5 going on this --

6 COMMISSIONER LANIER: -- right now that we
7 make Avenue E a priority --

8 CHAIR BOTEL: -- so we can dispense with it
9 and then we can move on to the matter at hand. That's
10 all I'm saying. In the interest of expediency, can we
11 vote on this, get it -- it's a simple gesture. Really,
12 that's all it is. It's a gesture --

13 COMMISSIONER McCOY: But it's about order,
14 Madam Chair.

15 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I can bring a motion --

16 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I tell you what, do what
17 you got to do and I --

18 CHAIR BOTEL: Can we please just do this --

19 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I can bring whatever
20 motion I want.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: We're going to vote on it right
22 now and then we can move on.

23 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So my point of
24 parliamentary inquiry and my point of order is not
25 being recognized.

1 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Well, it --

2 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I declared a point of
3 order.

4 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Now call the question.

5 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair, pull out
6 your book. That supersedes anything that's being
7 stated on the floor. So if you're going to ignore
8 that, just know that there's going to be repercussions.

9 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Whatever, whatever.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: -- Mr. McCoy --

11 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So are you going to
12 decide on my point of parliamentary inquiry? That's
13 not germane to what we're discussing.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: The issue --

15 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Can we call the
16 question, Madam Chair?

17 CHAIR BOTEL: The issue of Avenue E came up
18 as part of the presentation. Therefore, in a sense
19 it's germane to what we're discussing. The issue of a
20 statue in the middle of a roundabout on Avenue E came
21 up as a part of the -- as a part of this item.
22 Therefore, the hope -- the whole concept of our support
23 of Avenue E became germane to it.

24 I'm going to allow -- do you want to say
25 anything else about this, because really, all we're

1 interested in is getting us out of here at a reasonable
2 hour, and in order to do that, if we have all of us
3 just vote yes, we have a --

4 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Call the question,
5 Madam Chair.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: -- it moves us along. That's
7 all I'm interested in doing.

8 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes, I agree.

9 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy.

10 COMMISSIONER McCOY: You have the floor, and
11 I'm not in support. And I'm going to say on the record
12 if you don't recognize my point of order and if you
13 make a decision on it, I'm okay with it.

14 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Mr. McCoy, you're good
15 at suing. Just sue us.

16 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier, just a
17 minute.

18 Mr. McCoy, go ahead and make your point.

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So Madam Chair, I raised
20 a point of parliamentary inquiry and a point of order.
21 If you're going to adjudicate that, then please, go
22 right ahead and do it. But what I don't want to do is
23 keep going back and forth in a shouting match with
24 somebody that's not even here, that we can't even take
25 control or order of, and not to mention you have not

1 even given us an opportunity to speak on the original
2 motion.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: We're about to do that if we
4 can dispense with this --

5 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair, can I --
6 okay, well, go ahead. Go ahead, Madam Chair.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: -- and we can move on. I'm
8 making a decision --

9 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Let's vote.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: -- we're going to just make a
11 quick vote on this --

12 COMMISSIONER McCOY: If you don't make the --
13 just know you will be challenged.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, okay. Go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Thank you.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

17 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Abstention.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: You can't abstain, but --

20 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Go for it.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Just to be
23 clear, her motion is only to say that we're making it a
24 priority to bring it back to the --

25 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: -- next
2 meeting only.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, to simply express our
4 support for moving forward on the Avenue E, yes.

5 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Bringing
6 information back to the meeting --

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: -- for us to
9 then make a decision.

10 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

14 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

15 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

16 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: No.

17 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

18 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: That motion carries, with Vice
20 Chair Lawson --

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Thanks. Now we can get back to
22 the item on the agenda.

23 THE CLERK: -- dissenting.

24 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Thank you, Madam Chair.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: The item on the agenda has to

1 do with public -- art in public places, and we've had a
2 presentation. Now can we have questions on that topic?

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, I want to talk
4 about the football game. Can I put a motion on the
5 floor about the football game, because what you just
6 allowed is for somebody to completely go completely
7 irrelevant to art --

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy, it was --

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair.

10 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Whatever you want to
11 put on --

12 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Are you going to let me
13 talk or are you going to take the floor?

14 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Commissioner McCoy, you
15 are a Commissioner. Whatever you want to bring
16 forward, you can do it.

17 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Point of order, Madam
18 Chair.

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: It doesn't matter what
20 I'm talking about. Mary had a little lamb. Let me
21 have my moment.

22 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: If we please can have
23 some control of this meeting, Madam Chair.

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: She doesn't.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Excuse me, Mr. McCoy. I'm

1 allowing you to speak.

2 COMMISSIONER McCOY: You're allowing me?

3 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm allowing. I have called on
4 you, I'm allowing you to speak. Make your point and
5 let's move on.

6 COMMISSIONER McCOY: But I would like to do
7 that uninterrupted.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Go right ahead.

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: No, I think I need to do
10 it uninterrupted, without having these outbursts from
11 somebody that we can't control.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: I have repeatedly said to
13 Commissioner Lanier --

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So how do we control
15 that?

16 CHAIR BOTEL: -- that you have -- I have
17 repeatedly said to Commissioner Lanier --

18 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So Madam Chair --

19 CHAIR BOTEL: -- that you have the floor.
20 You have the floor.

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Please use it.

23 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, so Madam Chair,
24 here's my thing, right? Everything that Commissioner
25 Miller-Anderson and also Commissioner Lanier suggested,

1 I don't have any problem with it. But I have a very
2 strong opposition to what's being proposed to us. Now,
3 we completely -- let me read back to you the item,
4 since you don't know exactly --

5 CHAIR BOTEL: I know what the item is,
6 Mr. McCoy.

7 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- what germanity means.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: I know what the item is.

9 COMMISSIONER LANIER: You don't get to --

10 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So are you talking or am
11 I talking? So you go ahead and finish.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Well, go ahead and finish.
13 You're accusing me of not knowing what the item is. I
14 know full well what the item is.

15 COMMISSIONER LANIER: And you know, we don't
16 need a history lesson --

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier,
18 Mr. McCoy -- Commissioner Lanier, Commissioner McCoy
19 has the floor.

20 Please continue.

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I'm only going to start
22 when I can go uninterrupted, if that's all right.

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Please continue.

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So let's go ahead and
25 figure out when that's going to happen.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Please continue.

2 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I am sorry,
3 Commissioner McCoy, I am sorry to interrupt you --

4 COMMISSIONER McCOY: You see how
5 inappropriate and how --

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier --

7 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- dysfunctional it
8 makes it when somebody can just start and start
9 talking?

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier,
11 Commissioner McCoy has the floor.

12 Please continue.

13 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So can we have the Clerk
14 tell us where we are in the agenda, because we just
15 spent a whole lot of time talking about something that
16 wasn't even an agenda item. And in my understanding,
17 the order that I'm trying to figure out is was that an
18 amended motion? Was that a substitute motion? Was
19 that something that was not being -- that doesn't even
20 pertain? I think it's very much important that we know
21 where we are.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: We are on item number nine, a
23 resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Rivera
24 Beach Community Redevelopment Agency to authorize the
25 issuance of a Request for Proposals for RBCRA District

1 Art and Branding Project, round three, providing an
2 effective date.

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, so --

4 CHAIR BOTEL: And I believe we had a motion
5 and a second on that, and as a -- excuse me.

6 Please don't interrupt, Commissioner Lanier.

7 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I'm sorry.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: As a courtesy to Commissioner
9 Lanier, I allowed that vote because it expressed our
10 desire simply to support the notion that we would focus
11 on Avenue E going forward. It was a courtesy. We made
12 the motion, we had the vote, it's done. And in an
13 effort to move on, we're now going to discuss item
14 number nine. Do we have any questions or concerns with
15 item number nine?

16 THE CLERK: We have a public comment.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Oh, excuse me, we have a public
18 comment. Let's hear the public comment. Thank you.

19 THE CLERK: Mary Brabham.

20 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So again, Madam Chair --

21 CHAIR BOTEL: We are going to read the public
22 comment --

23 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I simply asked you where
24 we were. You disregard my interest in speaking, and
25 now you go over to public comments. This is getting

1 really, really nice.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy, you asked what
3 agenda item we were on --

4 COMMISSIONER McCOY: But at what point do you
5 allow us, as members of the Commission --

6 CHAIR BOTEL: -- listen to the public
7 comments, do we not?

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So Madam Chair, you just
9 allowed Commissioner Miller-Anderson and Commissioner
10 Lanier to go on for at least a half an hour, and I was
11 waiting for the opportunity. So I guess you just --
12 you just went past us and now we're in public comments.
13 You're the Chairperson and you make these decisions.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: I was just notified by the
15 Clerk that we had a public comment on this topic.

16 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, so but still --

17 CHAIR BOTEL: We always listen to public
18 comments first, do we not?

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: But we were still in the
20 middle of having Board discussion.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: No, we weren't. I just read
22 you the agenda item, and the Clerk just alerted me that
23 we had a public comment. So we're going to hear this
24 public comment, and then --

25 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Are we not on the same

1 item that we've been --

2 CHAIR BOTEL: We are on the same item.

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So we stop all
4 discussion because somebody put in a comment?

5 CHAIR BOTEL: The public comment was in
6 there, but the Clerk just alerted me to the fact that
7 it was there.

8 THE CLERK: It's for this item.

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair, I really
10 have some concerns with what is occurring at this
11 point, and I promise you if my name is Tradrick McCoy,
12 there will be repercussions, because what you've done
13 is violated a number of rules, and I --

14 COMMISSIONER LANIER: And so have you.

15 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Can I talk? Are you
16 going to take order of this meeting or is it the point
17 that you allow me --

18 CHAIR BOTEL: I (inaudible), Mr. McCoy.

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- to say something and
20 I have to continue to go and be interrupted time and
21 time again.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy, we're taking public
23 comments now.

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: As soon as public comment is

1 over, we'll have discussion on this item.

2 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, thank you.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Please don't interrupt public
4 comments.

5 Good evening.

6 MS. BRABHAM: Good evening.

7 You know, we going to have to be
8 professionals. We going to have to rein it in and tone
9 it down and respect each other. Let's stop talking
10 over one another. This has been this year, and this is
11 serious business.

12 Now, E Avenue, we were on this here mural
13 here; we were on this. But E Avenue got thrown in
14 there. But it is some major, some major things that
15 you all have to go -- going to have to take into
16 consideration about E Avenue. That infrastructure
17 there, when we were doing these roads and stuff over
18 here as well to do this Marina here, it had to be some
19 engineering work and stuff with the roads. E Avenue is
20 no different over there.

21 So it is a major critical element that we
22 have to make sure that E Avenue is not a piecemeal job,
23 because right now it seems as if that we're
24 piecemealing some things here that takes a little bit
25 more reconciliation and finding out if we are to -- if

1 we do expect to do anything in this moment of time.
2 Too much has been lost already.

3 So where do we go to gain what we can gain in
4 this atmosphere? So E Avenue has a lot of eventness
5 there. If you instructed your CRA Director to do that,
6 let him do that. We cannot propose anything at this
7 particular moment in time here because we know how bad
8 E Avenue over there is. Allow them to do that. That's
9 good government. That's new leadership.

10 Now, about the mural here, it is -- you have
11 some things in here -- I've almost forgot what I wanted
12 to say about the mural. But you had a kit component in
13 here. Let it be something where it would exemplify our
14 kids, to make them rise to the occasion, to make them
15 feel as if they can reach for the stars; if not the
16 stars, the moon. So if those kids that splash there, I
17 think it was two proposals in here over at this Village
18 here on that wall, youth inspired and youth inspired
19 murals, let us do that for the kids here. Don't
20 piecemeal that.

21 You said the proposal plan is to publish
22 requests for proposals seeking qualified -- and that's
23 another thing. We don't want no piecemeal people. Get
24 some qualified people to do this work here and bring
25 them in. Thank you.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you, Ms. Brabham.

2 Any more public comment cards?

3 THE CLERK: There's no more public comments.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: No more, thank you.

5 Comments and questions from the Council --
6 the Commission.

7 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: You're recognized, Commissioner
9 Lanier.

10 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair, I just
11 wanted to say to the Commissioner from the First
12 District, Commissioner McCoy, no disrespect, sir,
13 (inaudible).

14 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm sorry. Walter, could we
15 please -- it's difficult to hear Commissioner Lanier
16 without seeing her. It's easier for me if I could see
17 her face.

18 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No, I'll put my camera
19 on. Here we are.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm sorry? That's better,
21 thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I just wanted to say
23 this to Commissioner McCoy. Mr. McCoy, there is no
24 way, no how I am trying to block or I'm trying to say
25 anything that is against what you're saying, because

1 everything tonight that you said, Commissioner McCoy,
2 everything you said tonight I agreed with.

3 All I did when I brought up Avenue E was one
4 thing, just like Commissioner Miller-Anderson did. We
5 have been talking about Avenue E for the longest. All
6 we asked with that vote that passed, all we asked that
7 the CRA Director bring back to us something for Avenue
8 E so that he can make it a priority for how we're going
9 to move forward with the CRA. And guess what, the CRA
10 District, Avenue E is a huge part of it. Broadway is a
11 huge part of it.

12 And please, Mr. Commissioner McCoy, do not
13 take what I'm saying as a slight to you in no way,
14 because everything you say, everything you say, I
15 almost agree with everything you say because you're
16 always on the money, you're always thinking about the
17 money for the citizens. You always say that, guess
18 what, it's the money. Everything from, what, that fire
19 assessment, everything from that water assessment, the
20 water bill, everything you have said, Commissioner
21 McCoy, on the money.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay, on the topic --

23 COMMISSIONER LANIER: (Inaudible) I said --

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you, Commissioner.

25 COMMISSIONER LANIER: -- tonight was able to

1 move this thing forward, and thank you.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you, Commissioner.

3 Any questions about item number nine?

4 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair,
5 no, it's not, but I just want to point out to everyone
6 that, you know, we've only done three items. And I
7 know how most of us are usually wanting to get the
8 items done so we can not be here all night, but -- and
9 I'm not trying to limit anybody's comments by no means.
10 But we're spending a lot of time on each item, and so
11 therefore, I'm just asking if we can make our comments.
12 I understand the gripes that we have; I get it. But
13 we're not getting anywhere. We're moving very slow.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Any other comments on item
15 number nine?

16 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Madam Chair.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lawson, you're
18 recognized.

19 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you.

20 I'm in support of the item, with us moving
21 forward with it. I'm concerned with the statue going
22 on Avenue E, so I'd want to address that prior to us
23 actually doing some development on that project.

24 Mr. Evans, where are we on the -- and if you
25 can just say these, Mr. Scott Evans -- on the

1 engineering firm that we hired for Avenue E? I know
2 that we had one in place, that we had discussed, that
3 we brought in. But if you can save those for the
4 comments later or ask our Executive Director, one of
5 the two can discuss the engineering firm that we hired
6 for Avenue E and where we stand with that. I think we
7 had put an RFP out a few months ago, so maybe during
8 the comments we can address that?

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Actually, before he
10 starts, I want to go ahead and make a motion to adjourn
11 the meeting, because that's exactly what you allow her
12 to do. So can I make a motion to adjourn the meeting?

13 CHAIR BOTEL: No.

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: See? But you see my
15 point, right?

16 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: And a continuation, Madam
17 Chair. This was actually, since we're just discussing
18 certain points, this is one of the items that I'd like
19 to see us address, the City Hall or City facilities on
20 Avenue E, and also that Broadway corridor, whether it's
21 on the new property that we have on the agenda or it's
22 going to be a property that we currently own, because I
23 think that would be a great location for us to spur
24 kind of a development down there.

25 I completely agree with Councilman McCoy's

1 point of let's just keep the flow of the order of the
2 business on the agenda moving. And I respect
3 Councilwoman Lanier's motion, but we're never going to
4 get through these items if we continue to just throw
5 items on the agenda that aren't being addressed at the
6 current time.

7 So I respectfully did not get a second for my
8 motion to discuss the contract, and I understand the
9 pleasure of the Board. I want us to continue to move
10 in that facet. So I do believe Councilwoman Lanier
11 could have saved that motion for the end of the
12 meeting, but I respect the fact she made it and it
13 passed, but let's continue to just focus on the order
14 of the agenda.

15 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Can I be recognized?

16 CHAIR BOTEL: Anything else on --

17 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair, Madam
18 Chair, I just want to --

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Excuse me, Commissioner Lanier,
20 one minute. Anything else on item number nine?

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Just one thing, Madam
23 Chair. Councilman Lawson's comment here --

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: See, this is why it
25 doesn't work.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier,
2 Commissioner Lanier, please let's follow protocol and
3 wait until I've recognized you.

4 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes, ma'am.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: I've recognized Commissioner
6 McCoy.

7 Commissioner McCoy.

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, so can we go
9 back to the slides, because I'm still there from the
10 first part, and when we go off the rails, that's kind
11 of what happens.

12 MR. LEWIS: Which one?

13 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I'm sorry, so go back --
14 forward, right, one slide forward with the sculptures.

15 MR. LEWIS: Oh, that --

16 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Exactly, you know,
17 what's not clear is when you look at what's being
18 proposed, it only speaks of paintings. And I mean I
19 guess art is encompassed in it, but how do you imagine
20 putting out an RFP and then coming back within a budget
21 of \$165,000 to do all of those enumerated, I think 13
22 projects or 13 different locations or sites plus the
23 sculpture?

24 MR. LEWIS: Well, I can't speak to -- I can
25 speak to the fact that I know these are all the

1 proposed locations that we want to move forward. If it
2 is the pleasure of the Board for us to -- if you green
3 light all these projects, I anticipate we're going to
4 have to come back to you at a later date. But we won't
5 know until we have some proper responses from our RFPs
6 that we can get an idea and a sense of what -- because
7 in the RFP it asks to give us a projected cost as well
8 as some projected designs, so we'll be able to have a
9 more accurate picture of what we're looking at as far
10 as proposed designs and dollar amount.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
12 Chair, if I may add onto the comments that were made,
13 the two elements that we're requesting from the Board
14 is is there an authorization to proceed forward with
15 the request for proposal and does the Board agree with
16 the sites that have been identified.

17 There is a way to, if the Board has a desire
18 to say item number 13 is something that lends itself to
19 more conversation because it's associated with Avenue
20 E, that can be extracted and certain elements can go
21 forward as part of the request for proposal.

22 The intent behind bringing this forward is we
23 didn't want to go out and select these sites and the
24 Board not be aware of that. So that's realistically
25 what we're looking for, is is there support to move

1 forward in such a fashion and does the Board agree with
2 the sites that have been articulated here in the
3 presentation.

4 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Follow-up.

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

6 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, thank you for
7 that.

8 So before I get to the sites in particular,
9 why wouldn't this already be encompassed in the
10 existing, I guess the existing relationship that we
11 have with the artists that did the previous murals?
12 Because clearly, there's -- they're not doing anything
13 different than what is already proposed. Similar to
14 how we've kind of piggybacked on other contracts and
15 we've kind of continued other contracts, this wouldn't
16 necessarily require a new RFP. The scope is exactly
17 the same.

18 We're talking about art in public places.
19 We're not talking about doing underground utilities on
20 Avenue E. The nature of this item that's presented to
21 us is art in public places, and you propose the same
22 concept of us doing murals that we've already done
23 throughout the city. Why do we need a new RFP?
24 There's nothing significant changing about the scope.

25 MR. LEWIS: I can state from my personal

1 experience from the previous rounds, I have so many
2 artists that have approached us about doing some sort
3 of art or doing some sort of collaboration, but at the
4 time we didn't have any rounds available. So I can
5 tell you right now, we have more artists that are
6 interested in participating, so we thought it would be
7 fair to put out an RFP to get more --

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I don't know that I
9 agree.

10 MR. LEWIS: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Because here's why. It
12 seems to me that when we do this, we're letting the
13 artist drive what our vision should be instead of us
14 telling the artist this is what our expectation is,
15 right? And I know that's a rhetorical question,
16 there's nothing that I'm asking for a response for.

17 But, you know, even if you can go back to the
18 start of the initial slides, you know, I just have some
19 problems. Even there, I mean let's go, the Singer
20 Island, that's our, I guess, the Ocean Mall. And even
21 if you look at some of the other ones, I just don't
22 know how we can be paying, financing for all of these
23 different venues that aren't exactly in a public place,
24 but we would turn around, use them for -- we were just
25 here yesterday, and then we turn around and now

1 incorporate murals into million dollar construction
2 costs that I don't really know drives a real public
3 attraction or a benefit because a person would only
4 have to come down to the Marina to see.

5 Plus the fact is this is something that we've
6 already financed through the acquisition of some sort
7 of instrument, some sort of debt instrument, right?
8 And then we go back and do this all over again. And it
9 seems like we're just giving somebody an opportunity to
10 take a paint brush and say here's 165,000, go at it,
11 tell me what's your best suggestion.

12 I don't really think that if you go to Ocean
13 Mall, that that is a place that you want to see a whole
14 lot of murals. You know, I think at least the side of
15 the building that you see when you cross over to Singer
16 Island when the young kid is scuba diving, or
17 snorkeling, I should say, I mean, okay, I get it.

18 But I mean literally we're now about to
19 invite folks to go onto property that we don't even
20 manage and allow them to paint murals, which is already
21 a high attraction. I mean I just don't think that
22 that's a good use. And when you're a tourist, right,
23 you obviously want to go somewhere that's visually
24 pleasing. But I don't know that this is, for me,
25 something that I would tell somebody, all right, go

1 ahead and go out to the Marina and let's see what kind
2 of murals we can come up with.

3 I just think that there's a better
4 opportunity. Even at the corner of Blue Heron and
5 Broadway -- I'm sorry -- yes, Blue Heron and Broadway,
6 you know, I thought we just authorized -- did we not
7 authorize a modified version for that corner as to
8 construction costs? Like how do we incorporate what
9 we've already authorized into what is being proposed
10 now?

11 I mean we just spent tens of thousands of
12 dollars just on the mural on the side of that wall. It
13 just becomes like at what point is enough enough? Do
14 we paint the whole city? I mean I think what we've
15 seen, at least, and I've got a number of calls about
16 it, is over on the West 10th Street area right near the
17 Riviera Beach Community Garden that folks can't even
18 determine where the intersection starts and ends
19 because it's just paint everywhere. And we're creating
20 a situation that if there's a wall, we're going to
21 throw paint on it.

22 But, you know, in my opinion, less is more,
23 and I just don't see why if we paint the mast of the,
24 of those, I guess those wind skis or whatever you want
25 to call them over at Ocean Mall, how that's really

1 appealing and what that does. And does it necessitate
2 us spending \$165,000 when we have Broadway and Blue
3 Heron shut down for at least three days? Like that's a
4 problem. And I was going to get to the sinkhole issue,
5 but I just can't see how we think that this is so
6 important.

7 Like at what point do we stop? Do we set
8 aside another quarter million dollars in the 2021-2022
9 budget for art and murals? Like at this point,
10 everything is going to be painted in the city. And we
11 still thought it was important to move the CRA
12 executive offices from their location and try to find
13 alternate places, but instead we'll do this with the
14 money?

15 Members, I think we have to be a little more
16 fiscally responsible, because I think this is too much.
17 And I would not want to go to Singer Island
18 specifically to see a mural wrapped around the post
19 when I go into -- when I go to the beach, and I don't
20 support it. I mean if we had some ideas to do some
21 other things, but there are some critical, critical
22 items that we need to get addressed in the city. I
23 think just the paint is not getting us there.

24 And we haven't even exactly, nor is there a
25 way that we could actually measure our return on

1 investment with this. Obviously, it looks good, but
2 what can we say it offered or brought to the city? Did
3 we win any awards, the most -- did Discover Palm
4 Beaches recognize us as the number one tourist spot, or
5 you know, it's like we're just painting. And I just
6 don't think that this is where we should be when we
7 have other needs that we need to address.

8 And obviously, we spent at least a couple
9 years' worth of budgets doing -- at least a couple
10 years' worth of our fiscal years discussing painting
11 water tanks and various things in and around the city.
12 And I don't support it, because after this year, guess
13 what, it will be another year where somebody's coming
14 back and they want to paint the telephone posts. So
15 when is enough enough? And it doesn't really add that
16 much to the community.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Miller-Anderson?

18 Commissioner Lawson?

19 Commissioner Lanier? Nothing?

20 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No, I have nothing.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Madam Chair -- Madam Clerk.

22 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

23 COMMISSIONER MCCOY: No.

24 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

25 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

2 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

3 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

4 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

5 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

7 THE CLERK: That motion carries, with
8 Commissioner McCoy dissenting.

9 Item number ten, a resolution of the Board of
10 Commissioners of the Riviera Beach Community
11 Redevelopment Agency approving the amendments to the
12 Property Improvement Incentive Grant Program evaluation
13 and scoring matrix, which will be utilized to evaluate
14 commercial grant applications from local businesses
15 seeking commercial grant dollars, providing an
16 effective date.

17 The acceptance of public comment cards is
18 closed.

19 COMMISSIONER LANIER: So moved.

20 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: Do we have a second? Do we
22 have a second? She made the motion?

23 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: No, Shirley made the
24 motion.

25 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Shirley made

1 the motion and I seconded it.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I said so moved.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: Is there a presentation?

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Yes,
6 Madam Chair. This item is consistent with the previous
7 discussion we had concerning the Commercial Grant
8 Incentive Program. Based on conversations with staff
9 and based on previous discussions the Board has had,
10 staff has come forward with some recommendations and
11 modifications to the Commercial Grant Incentive
12 Program.

13 At this particular moment, staff is
14 requesting direction from the Board and support as to
15 how we have developed the scoring matrix and to
16 memorialize that in the resolution so we can move
17 forward with rolling out the subsequent phases of the
18 program. In the program one of the biggest changes
19 that you will see is the involvement from a member of
20 this body who serves on the evaluation criteria, and
21 that will be a rolling appointment as part of
22 subsequent allocations.

23 At this time I would like Mr. Lewis to make
24 this presentation.

25 MR. LEWIS: Okay, thank you. Good evening

1 again, Commissioners.

2 So just to give you a little bit of
3 background, back in February of 2020, the Board
4 requested that the agency provide recommendations and
5 revamp the evaluation tool. The Board also requested
6 some items to be removed or and/or reworded. So we'll
7 go through some of the Board recommended additions and
8 deletions, along with some of the items that the staff
9 worked together to rework for your approval.

10 So just to go through this list, the
11 checklist section of the required documents was moved
12 to a separate sheet. The Dun and Bradstreet number
13 review was removed. The scoring section with -- which
14 only offered two options, which is adverse versus not
15 adverse, was amended to capture acceptance versus
16 disqualification.

17 Operational history section of the score
18 modified to offer a range of points based on years of
19 operation. The elimination of blight section, scoring
20 section was also modified. The TIF increase section
21 was modified to offer a range of points based on
22 percentages of personal investment from the business
23 owner.

24 And the local preference section for the
25 scoring was modified to not just award a large lump

1 sum, which in the previous scoring sheet a sum of
2 points, but to offer a range of base -- a range based
3 on the length of the lease terms and/or the years of
4 property ownership.

5 The scoring section that awarded the number
6 of employees has been modified. An additional -- an
7 addition was made to the rates, the rating the
8 contractors selected to see if they are certified
9 minority businesses and the percentage of points being
10 awarded or percentage of the project being awarded to
11 that contractor. An addition was made to the rates.

12 The level of improvement to add safety
13 perceptions and to improve the safety of the
14 environment. Again, these items need your direction.
15 The community impact section, as well as rating the
16 impact of existing environmental conditions.

17 So we'll start with this one, and we want to
18 get your feedback. So the first one is to complete a
19 lien search and financial obligations to the City. So
20 our -- the change to this was the applicant, if the
21 applicant had a financial obligation to the City, would
22 be disqualified unless the dollars from this program
23 would remedy the external improvements. So if the
24 applicant had some serious landscaping issues and they
25 were cited several times, but dollars from this program

1 would remedy that, we would still consider them as a
2 viable candidate.

3 Two, the police record search, evidence of
4 previous or current criminal enterprise operating out
5 of the business. If any evidence of previous or
6 current criminal enterprises for the current owner,
7 they would be automatically disqualified.

8 Three, years of business operation or
9 domicile in Riviera Beach. You can see the options
10 here. The longer length of time, the more points that
11 would be awarded.

12 Four, rate the applicant's matching
13 investment to the project. So if the applicant is
14 investing 100 percent or meeting us at 100 percent or
15 more, they would get the maximum of ten points; 99 to
16 50 percent, five points; or 49 to 25 percent, they
17 would get three points.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

19 MR. LEWIS: Oh, I'm sorry. Oh.

20 (Inaudible discussion.)

21 MR. LEWIS: Okay, let's go back to four, I'm
22 sorry. So four is rate the scale of improvements and
23 its overall future effects on the aesthetics and the
24 beautification of the CRA District. So if it's
25 outstanding, if there's significant improvements and

1 the evaluator deems it outstanding, they would get 20;
2 commendable, 15; satisfactory, eight; and if it needs
3 improvement, seven.

4 I went through this one already, so we talked
5 about the investment, the matching investment to the
6 project. Anything over 100 percent or meeting 100
7 percent will get a maximum of ten points.

8 Six, score the applicant's tenant lease term
9 amount remaining or the applicant being the owner. So
10 if it's a short-term lease of zero to three years, they
11 would get five points. If they have a long-term lease,
12 five to ten years, and/or the owner, they would get the
13 maximum of ten points.

14 Okay, rate the community impact or preferred
15 or new existing business entity. So in the previous
16 scoring matrix, these business options were looked at
17 as preferred businesses. And if you want us to
18 continue with these lists, the list of businesses, we
19 will proceed with these lists. If you want to add any
20 other type businesses to this list, we will, or if you
21 want to take away something that's there, maybe you
22 think since the inception of the program we have an
23 overabundance of these businesses and we might need to
24 scale back. It's to your discretion.

25 So healthy food options, health care, retail,

1 education, the marine industry and green industries.
2 Any one of these businesses that file for commercial
3 grant dollars will get a satisfactory of ten points.

4 So are there any comments as it relates to
5 these businesses? Do you want to add, or do we feel
6 that this is a good list?

7 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: No, I'm fine.
8 I mean I know we had a long discussion on this when we
9 were going through it before, so we're -- the thing's
10 rectified some people had issues with, and that is
11 probably who needs to respond, because --

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Go ahead.

13 MR. LEWIS: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I have one question.

15 MR. LEWIS: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So these suggestions
17 that you're making seems kind of -- we've just seen
18 this, in fact. I think at least a few of us are pretty
19 popular in the Palm Beach Post when it came to
20 evaluation committees and the subjectivity and making
21 these decisions.

22 So where is the reconsideration process at?
23 I mean is this something that can be brought to the
24 Board if there's some adverse or even subjective
25 nature? I guess does the application for any kind of

1 grant provide for any kind of reconsideration or appeal
2 process?

3 MR. LEWIS: Yes. The short answer would be
4 yes. But we also, we bring our recommendations to the
5 Board, based on the scoring, to the Board for final
6 approval. So we would give you a summation of the
7 applicants that have been rated. Usually what I've
8 seen in my experience, we have not gone over ten
9 applicants to the point where we're seeing some sort of
10 competition for dollars. Usually the applicants that
11 we have, we have the matching dollars to meet them.
12 Now, if we're in a situation where we don't, we would
13 bring that to the Board and give you our
14 recommendation.

15 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Surely it will happen.
16 Everything that you would think hasn't occurred, it's
17 inevitable here in Riviera Beach, especially when it
18 comes to us giving out grants and moneys. It hasn't
19 caught fire yet, but I imagine there's going to be
20 somebody.

21 And I just don't like putting anything out
22 there that leaves a lot of subjectivity. Then when
23 we're going through and having a point to use on our
24 selection committee who aren't -- I guess we're just
25 human. I mean you don't have to have a particular

1 background. But I mean your definition of
2 beautification and mine is different. I mean I just
3 don't want us to make something in a vacuum that
4 creates a situation where time and time again somebody
5 now wants to come and bring it to a City or CRA
6 meeting, saying, hey, this was not done fairly, this
7 was not done properly.

8 I just would hope that there is some
9 safeguards in there, because that whole criminal
10 enterprise thing got me, because I see people all the
11 time that appear to be doing something of criminal
12 nature. I don't know what kind of business they run,
13 but it doesn't seem on the up and up to me. But who's
14 to determine that, and off of what standards, right?

15 MR. LEWIS: Well, what we do, I do the
16 same -- Mr. Spence talked about the pulling of the
17 criminal history of the site, and I do the same thing.
18 If there's --

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: What does that mean?
20 I've called the police four times this week, not
21 associated with my business. But people -- I mean it's
22 just like I don't want any of that subjectivity that
23 it's a hit or miss or somebody just decides off a whim
24 to say you're not qualified because of this, and now
25 you've got this huge miscarriage of justice that has

1 occurred because somebody used their discretion. It's
2 not based off of something that you can clearly say
3 that they checked this box, does this apply, yes, no.

4 I don't want anybody making a decision unless
5 there's another very clear, and you know, I would say
6 independent person to review this, especially when it
7 comes to things like -- clearly, if there's an
8 application and if they met a requirement, that's an
9 easy one. But if you have something that's up to
10 committee members to give their perspective or point of
11 view or opinion, I think you're really asking to open
12 up for a problem. I yield.

13 MR. LEWIS: Okay. So evaluation eight, rate
14 the impact of the project on the existing or future
15 environmental conditions. So if there are any
16 environmental conditions associated with the rehab of
17 the project or whether it be -- it could be anything.
18 If the applicant provides proof of that in their
19 submission, we will award them five points. If not,
20 zero points.

21 Business impact, the number of employees
22 hired and/or existing. Five or more employees will get
23 five points; three to four -- I mean three to four,
24 five points; five or more, seven points; or one or two
25 employees, they would get a score of three points.

1 Business impact, providing evidence that the
2 employees have salaries above a living wage. Okay,
3 75 percent will get a score of seven points. Anything
4 less than that will get zero points.

5 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Madam Chair.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: You're recognized.

7 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So Mr. Lewis, how are
8 these applications going to be issued, because it
9 appears that they're kind of on a rolling scale. I
10 mean just when I looked at the CRA's website, the end
11 date for some of those applications I think says the
12 beginning part of 2020, right?

13 And perhaps I'm not interested in giving you
14 any proprietary or trade secret information about the
15 rate of pay that I pay my employees because just down
16 the street I have a competitor, right? I'm not
17 interested in doing that. How long do you hold my
18 application out or how long do I get zero points? Is
19 it just for an application window? Can I go back and
20 apply again or what?

21 Because I clearly see a number of reasons why
22 me, as a private business owner, I'm not interested in
23 the government's money. You know why? Because of the
24 same kind of questions you're asking. It's nobody's
25 business. So if that's the case, there are going to be

1 some folks that's just going to say, hey, I think I'll
2 sit this one out because I'll pay for what I want
3 because I don't think it's important to disclose
4 certain things.

5 How long does that last? Because again, I'm
6 looking at the applications that we had today, plus
7 what's on your website. Is that just going to be for
8 that period or that selection of applications, or is
9 that going to be for every single time, because I would
10 go ahead and submit hypothetically if I knew I'm just
11 ready to give up, not getting any points on the
12 business impact section.

13 MR. LEWIS: Um-hmm.

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: You know, like is that
15 just going to be for that window, application window?

16 MR. LEWIS: For the window. Well, it's for
17 you to give us an example or -- during that window of
18 time, yes, yes.

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, so that wouldn't
20 preclude you from anything in the future?

21 MR. LEWIS: No, no. We wouldn't hold your
22 feet to the fire for the future, no.

23 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay.

24 MR. LEWIS: So evidence of utilization of
25 Palm Beach County job training incentive programs. If

1 it's yes, we'll give you three points; no, zero points.

2 Number of employees residing in Riviera
3 Beach. Obviously five or more, seven points; one or
4 two will only get three points.

5 Percentage of work being awarded to Riviera
6 Beach contractors. So if 50 percent or more of the
7 work that is being proposed is given to a Riviera Beach
8 contractor, we will award you seven points, and it goes
9 down all the way, zero. At 20 percent would be three
10 points; 30 to 40 percent, five points:

11 Minority or business entity participating.
12 So if the small business or a woman business ownership
13 exceeds 50 percent, we would give them 15 points. If
14 the ownership meets or exceeds 25 percent -- 25 percent
15 but is less than 50 percent, you get ten points.

16 And this speaks to the same thing, but the
17 actual contractor. So if you select a minority, a
18 woman business contractor and the amount of -- the
19 percentage of the work is more than 50 percent, you get
20 14 points; 30 to 40 percent, eight points; 10 to 20,
21 five points.

22 And the proposed improvements will add to the
23 safety and the safety perception. At 25 percent,
24 substantial safety elements, you would get seven
25 points; 15 percent, some safety elements, five points;

1 and no safety elements associated would be zero points.

2 And I'll take any questions that you have at
3 this time.

4 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Madam Chair.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: You're recognized, Mr. Lawson.

6 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you.

7 Thank you, Mr. Lewis, for the presentation.
8 The first question is the dollars to remedy the liens
9 on number one, evaluation criteria. The dollars that
10 they're receiving would be to remedy the issue with the
11 lien. Are you going to require that the lien be paid
12 in addition to the work be done, or are we just
13 requiring that it addresses the actual lien that
14 they've been cited for?

15 MR. LEWIS: Well, and this will take a little
16 bit of coordination with the City and with the owner,
17 and we've addressed something like this in the past.
18 If the owner comes to us and says, hey, you know, I'm
19 applying because I've been cited several times, you
20 know, my business is operating at break even, I'm not
21 able to, you know, address some of these issues, and
22 you're able to -- we can coordinate with the City and
23 say, hey, is there any way, if we addressed it through
24 this grant -- you know, they were awarded the grant --
25 if we can address it through the grant, can the liens

1 or the citations be waived.

2 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: And that would have to go
3 in front of the magistrate, so that's going to have to
4 take a lot of coordination with the City --

5 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

6 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: -- to get that done. I
7 think we need to vet that item a little bit more.

8 Number two, the criminal enterprise, I needed
9 some more understanding of what you mean by a criminal
10 enterprise being there, evidence of that. I mean I've
11 had multiple businesses. I've been accused of running
12 halfway houses and sober homes. And my concern or
13 issue with that would be that's just what they would
14 call a criminal enterprise versus a legal standing
15 business.

16 So I want to have understanding of what you
17 mean exactly by that and what outlines in regards to it
18 being a deterrent for the applicant, because if
19 somebody calls the police or if someone's called the
20 police on that business, does that equate to a criminal
21 enterprise?

22 MR. LEWIS: Well, I'll say -- and I'll ask
23 Mr. Evans to be a sounding board also for that. What
24 I've seen in my experience, if there's some elements
25 that come up during the initial search or the initial

1 search done through the police records, I'll delve a
2 little deeper. Were there any convictions by the
3 present owner? So if -- and all of that is public
4 information.

5 So if there was just, you know, a call made
6 to the site saying that something happened there,
7 that's different than someone actually being convicted
8 of running a criminal enterprise out of that business,
9 and it's the current owner, so --

10 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: So you're saying if there
11 was --

12 MR. HAYGOOD: It should be conviction.

13 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: So that's what I was
14 going to ask, is this going to be based upon a
15 conviction --

16 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

17 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: -- of a business --

18 MR. LEWIS: Well, that's what --

19 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: -- as an applicant for
20 this grant?

21 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

22 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: So if a convicted
23 individual applies for this grant --

24 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

25 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: -- in relation to the

1 business, they won't qualify?

2 MR. LEWIS: They wouldn't qualify, yes.

3 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: So I just don't want to
4 take any rights away from a returning citizen that may
5 have been convicted for something, whether it's at this
6 location or a different location, that may be trying to
7 actually start over within our city. So I want us to
8 be very clear with what we're asking when it comes to a
9 criminal enterprise or a criminal record before
10 discouraging anyone from applying or obtaining.

11 MR. LEWIS: Okay.

12 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Number eight, type of
13 employees outlined. Are we going to -- what's this --
14 no, it's not number eight. Type of employees. What
15 number is the employees that are hired, they give
16 additional points for it?

17 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Number eight.

18 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Number eight, there we
19 go. There's two number eights, that's why, commercial
20 grant evaluation eight also is the --

21 MR. LEWIS: Oh, okay.

22 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: -- future --

23 MR. LEWIS: My apologies, yes.

24 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: All right. So the second
25 eight, the impact. Are you going to determine the type

1 of employees? Does that matter? And how are you going
2 to address the employees? How do we know this? The
3 employees, are they 1099, W-2?

4 And then also, the next item, or number 11
5 also says that the employees are residents of the city.
6 How do we validate that they're actual residents?

7 MR. LEWIS: Well, what I've done in the past,
8 the actual business owner gave me a copy of the
9 payroll. And it showed the addresses of the employees,
10 and I was able to verify that they're residents of the
11 City of Riviera Beach.

12 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: So once we do submit this
13 out and they respond, you're going to be asking for
14 payroll showing and outlining their staff, what they're
15 paying their staff and their current address and if
16 they're paid W-2 or 1099?

17 MR. LEWIS: Well, those are some of the items
18 that can be used. I've seen more creative things used
19 to verify this information. But yes, those documents
20 would be the easiest way to verify those.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
22 Chair, if I may to Commissioner Lawson's point, I've
23 also seen where an affidavit is executed by the
24 business to affirm that the employees that are listed
25 in the attached document are, or even a situation where

1 they've requested for those employees to execute an
2 affidavit and say I do live in the City of Riviera
3 Beach, and it's notarized and it's part of the document
4 that's submitted.

5 So we can definitely look at those options to
6 ensure that, in fact, that they are getting those
7 points, that we can verify that those are, in fact,
8 Riviera Beach residents and not just an address or a
9 P.O. Box or what have you.

10 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Good. Thank you,
11 Mr. Evans.

12 Number 13, SBE. Are we going to require that
13 they're certified through the County, or is staff going
14 to do the legwork to figure out if they're MBE, SBE?

15 MR. LEWIS: They usually provide us the
16 certification, and it's usually through the County. So
17 yes, I ask for a copy of the certification.

18 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: And if they're not
19 certified through the County, they wouldn't qualify for
20 these additional points?

21 MR. LEWIS: Unless they're certified through
22 the State.

23 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Okay, perfect. Thank
24 you, Madam Chair.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Anyone else? It appears that

1 we do have one public comment card on this topic, so
2 we'll hear that.

3 THE CLERK: Ms. Mary Brabham.

4 MS. BRABHAM: Ms. Mary Brabham.

5 I have a question here. In some of your
6 matrix here, on number ten where it says addresses
7 adverse environmental condition, now, I know in your
8 metrics here you have a total of what you said here,
9 healthy foods option, health care -- which we
10 definitely need health care, and we do need top-notch
11 health care, especially in this environment here,
12 because this will be a prolonged thing with us. So
13 that's a good thing.

14 Your retail and your education. We know that
15 the atmosphere that we are in here now, a lot of our
16 kids have fallen back and behind, so we need to step up
17 to the plate. Now, we talked about the STEM program
18 and other programs and stuff like that, which is very
19 vital for our children in this city here. And we need
20 to do everything that we can, with every component that
21 we have in order to meet the needs of the educational
22 components with our children.

23 The marine industry, which is good too,
24 because we do live in an oceanfront city, so we need to
25 have not just our kids, but our residents more engaged

1 in our marine industry.

2 And the green industry, now, I have a
3 question also. In this environment, atmosphere, would
4 that consist of a solar component as well?

5 And getting back to where it says the
6 environment, if we have restaurants that are opening up
7 or setting up, is that grease component addressed,
8 because peoples have a tendency to throw out grease,
9 and it can contaminate our soil, as well as anything
10 else around, as well as those chemicals. Are those
11 being addressed also in these components here?

12 It's easy to say environmental conditions
13 here, but you need to point out the specific
14 environmental things that need to be addressed so that
15 we would not be on the back end of this.

16 And number 11 here, where it says
17 contractors, rate the contractors selected are
18 certified minorities, minorities you have always
19 complained about, the jobs that are being put out or
20 what businesses are or you're not getting. This is
21 your time to step up to the plate and get your
22 financial backing so your certifications are the
23 (inaudible) that you may need in order to meet these
24 requirements instead of piggybacking on someone else,
25 because so many times we hear this in this city here.

1 So it is these things here that need to be
2 detrimental and outlined in here. You are the
3 policymakers here now, so you have a chance here to go
4 in here and put some sticking points in here in order
5 to meet these conditions here. If you included and
6 excluded, there's strength in these things here.

7 And in number 12 where it says safety and the
8 safety perception of the environment, this is critical
9 now, because COVID is an atmosphere thing here now. So
10 it is all around us, and it will be with us for days,
11 months and years to come. So if we put any components
12 that are in place here to meet this metric here, it has
13 to address what we're in now and how we would navigate
14 through what we're in now. Thank you.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you, Ms. Brabham.

16 Any other public comments?

17 THE CLERK: There's no more public comments,
18 Madam Chair.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

20 Any other comments or questions by the
21 Commission?

22 Madam Clerk.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: No.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

1 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

3 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

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
9 Commissioner McCoy dissenting.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Item number -- mine are
11 numbered differently.

12 THE CLERK: Item number 11, a resolution of
13 the Board of Commissioners of the Riviera Beach
14 Community Redevelopment Agency authorizing the
15 implementation of round four, fiscal year 2020-2021,
16 Commercial Property Improvement Grant Incentive Program
17 and the Commercial Beautification Program in accordance
18 with the approved budget of \$250,000, directing and
19 authorizing the Chairman and Executive Director to take
20 such actions as shall be necessary and consistent to
21 carry out the intent and desire of the agency,
22 providing an effective date.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

24 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Second.

25 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Second.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Do we have any public comment
2 cards?

3 THE CLERK: We do, Madam Chair.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: We do, okay. Let's hear the
5 presentation and then the public comment.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
7 Chair, this item is to authorize staff to proceed
8 forward with the program, the Grant Incentive Program
9 with regards to commercial beautification in the amount
10 of \$250,000. Based on the previous action that the
11 Board took modifying the scoring matrix, that will be
12 the matrix and evaluation criteria that would be
13 utilized in this particular phase. And so staff is
14 requesting authorization to proceed, and Mr. Lewis has
15 a brief presentation concerning this item.

16 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

17 MR. LEWIS: So how we doing again,
18 Commissioners?

19 So a little bit of an update. So February
20 17th of 2020 we opened the opening of application
21 acceptance for the period of round three. It was --
22 round three was opened up on February 17th of 2020.
23 Sorry. April 15th of 2020, the deadline for
24 submission, was the deadline for all submissions for
25 round three. July of 2020, Busch Canvas was approved

1 to be the number one ranked applicant. And fiscal year
2 2021, the commercial grant budget was approved in the
3 amount of 250,000.

4 So this is a proposed implementation
5 timeline. With the acceptance or approval from the
6 Board, December 8th of this year the applicant
7 acceptance period would be open. January 7th of 2020
8 will be our first technical assistance session.
9 January 21st will be deemed our second technical
10 assistance session. And we try to stagger it. We try
11 to have one, one session that will be offered in the
12 evenings where to give opportunities for businesses,
13 business owners that couldn't come during regular
14 business hours to come, come by. And the second one is
15 usually offered in midday sometime to give those other
16 applicants an opportunity to come and get some
17 technical assistance.

18 February 25th of 2021 will be our deadline
19 for submissions, and March 2021 will be the proposed
20 submission to the Board, asking you for approval for
21 the applicants that we're bringing forward.

22 The proposed evaluation team, which was
23 spoken about earlier, the CRA Board member
24 recommendation, it would be an appointed
25 representative, and we talked about it being a district

1 rotation. Myself, Andre Lewis, our Planning Director,
2 Scott Evans, and the Director of Neighborhood Services,
3 Annetta Jenkins, will be all on the evaluation team.

4 So we are asking -- staff is recommending
5 approval for the Commercial Grant Incentive Program for
6 round four, and at this time I'll take any questions.

7 THE CLERK: Excuse me, Madam Chair.

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Mr. Lewis.

9 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So I guess I'm trying to
11 figure out. This has been approved already by, the
12 \$250,000, by the adoption of the budget. You're asking
13 us to give you the go-ahead to start the process based
14 on those timelines?

15 MR. LEWIS: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Okay, but we've never
17 done that before. Once we authorize the budget, you
18 guys go ahead and present it and you come back with the
19 completed applications for us to make the final
20 approval. So at what point do we get involved every
21 step of the way? Do we tell you here's the money,
22 we're going to make another resolution to start the
23 application process, and then wanting to come back and
24 then confirm those that were selected?

25 MR. LEWIS: I believe usually that is the

1 process --

2 COMMISSIONER McCOY: That's not usually the
3 process. We didn't do that last year, sir.

4 MR. LEWIS: Okay, okay.

5 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Once we authorize it,
6 you guys just go ahead. So please tell me it's the new
7 implementation of the Board members, but that's not
8 what's stated here in the resolution. But it seems
9 like somebody's making more bureaucracy out of this
10 than a little bit.

11 We just spent the last hour and a half
12 talking about the same exact thing, Commercial Grant
13 Incentive. So you're bringing us back a resolution to
14 say we're going to get started on what the Board
15 already approved, and then when we come up with those
16 list of applicants, you got to now back vote on it
17 again. I mean I don't know how much comments we have,
18 but I'm just like, you know, I don't understand the
19 point. So that's all I have.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

21 Mr. Evans.

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
23 Chair, in my conversations with the staff, this has
24 been the process that has, the CRA has followed, in
25 addition to it speaks to the previous conversation that

1 we had that in some cases, projects and initiatives
2 such as this have been placed on hold. So before we
3 would go ahead and authorize and move through the
4 administrative aspects associated with this, we want to
5 make sure that the Board is still in favor of moving in
6 such a direction. So that's why this item is before
7 you this evening.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

9 I'd like us to hear that public comment, and
10 then we'll continue our discussion.

11 THE CLERK: Ms. Mary Brabham.

12 MS. BRABHAM: Oh, gee, I'm in-house tonight.
13 Hi. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

14 This incentive here, getting back to the
15 \$250,000, this is exactly what I've said, the
16 policymakers. And we have to move some things that are
17 in this category here in order to finish the things
18 that we need to do. Perhaps this will give you, as a
19 directing Board, a better navigation with your new CRA,
20 whichever direction that you all would deem necessary
21 for this Board to go. I look at this as being a fresh
22 new start for you all.

23 And even though it is cleanup work, because
24 the Board that was there, the Board that was previous
25 there and previous there, so you all are getting all of

1 this tail end stuff here that you're going to have to
2 deal with it one way or the other. Perhaps it does,
3 some of it doesn't make sense, but blame the people
4 that held these seats before for not moving on the
5 things that they should have been moving on.

6 But now you all have a chance to make that
7 correction, do some clarity and to move things the way
8 that they should be moved. Time out (inaudible) is the
9 blame game. We're in this moment here, so let's
10 navigate.

11 When we give this money to the commercial
12 business industries, let's make sure too that the paint
13 that they're going to use be that sustainable paint
14 that hold up, that these buildings here would not chip,
15 because sometimes these businesses get that money
16 there, and they just buy something, because I know it's
17 (inaudible) for painting and minor landscaping that
18 does not require a matching grant fund.

19 So it has been said that this is our money,
20 so we want the money used wisely. So if any business
21 that receive anything, make sure that it's not
22 piecemeal, because so many times we can ride all over
23 this city here, and everything has been piecemeal,
24 piecemeal, and we're constantly coming back to address
25 a lot of things that should have been taken care of.

1 So now we have that chance, as well as the
2 opportunity, as residents, as a community, as a city
3 and as policymakers and as management, we have this
4 chance here. We blew a lot of chances, and those are
5 gone. So what we have to work with now, we should work
6 with what is at hand now so that we can be those
7 achievers and do some of the things that we need to do,
8 not what we want to do, because that's what has gotten
9 us where we are now. Nothing from nothing leaves
10 nothing. Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Madam Chair.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: You're recognized.

13 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you.

14 Mr. Lewis, the district rotation, with adding
15 the representative, how many more phases of this
16 project are we planning on doing for the Commercial
17 Grant Incentive?

18 MR. LEWIS: Could you repeat that? I
19 apologize.

20 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: How many more phases are
21 there in the Commercial Grant Incentive Program? Have
22 we allocated any funds for additional phases?

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
24 Chair, if I may answer that question.

25 It is obviously staff's desire to move

1 forward with subsequent phases, but we do not have any
2 additional phases planned out. That is a subject of
3 the budget appropriation process that we annually go
4 through. But staff will be requesting additional
5 moneys to keep the program going.

6 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: So the representative
7 from the Board is going to be on the inaugural phase of
8 reviewing these applications, and then based upon
9 what's built out now, will determine if the Council
10 decides to keep building, keep growing it, okay.

11 And then are we looking for an appointment of
12 that representative tonight or just an acceptance of
13 the resolution, because I just want to be clear what
14 we're voting on tonight.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: The
16 desire for us tonight is to effectively move forward
17 with the resolution to move forward with the program.
18 But also, if the Board would be so inclined to have a
19 member serve in the capacity so when we go through the
20 selection process, we don't have to bring a subsequent
21 item for you to take action to appoint that member.

22 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Okay. Colleagues, if I
23 may, I would not mind sitting on the Board for the
24 initial phase to assist with this program. So I'll
25 volunteer myself, if that would be the pleasure of the

1 Board.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: Do we have to modify the motion
3 to incorporate that?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay, so let's vote. Are there
6 any other comments on this, on the original motion?

7 Madam Clerk.

8 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: What are we
9 voting on? Which part are we voting on? What are we
10 voting on?

11 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Resolution.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: The original.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: The original?

14 CHAIR BOTEL: The original resolution.

15 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

17 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

19 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

21 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

23 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

24 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: That motion carries.

2 CHAIR BOTEL: And now we need a motion to
3 appoint Commissioner Lawson as the representative. Do
4 you want to make that motion?

5 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: A motion to act as the
6 representative for the Commercial Grant Program for the
7 City Council -- or for the City Commission -- the
8 CRA --

9 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Second.

10 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: -- Commission.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Do we have a second?

12 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

13 CHAIR BOTEL: Any other discussion?

14 Madam Clerk.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

16 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

18 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

20 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

21 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

22 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

25 THE CLERK: That motion carries.

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Item number 12.

2 THE CLERK: Item number 12, a resolution of
3 the Board of Directors of the Riviera Beach Community
4 Redevelopment Agency approving modifications to the
5 adopted Neighborhood Incentives Procedures Manual,
6 providing an effective date.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: Do we have any public comment
8 cards?

9 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

10 THE CLERK: We have no public comment cards,
11 Madam Chair.

12 CHAIR BOTEL: Do we have a second?

13 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Second.

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

15 Do we have a presentation?

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
17 Chair, members of the Board, if I can have the Director
18 of Neighborhood Services, Ms. Annetta Jenkins, make
19 this presentation.

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

21 MS. JENKINS: Good evening, Chair Botel and
22 Commissioners.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Can't hear
24 her.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: Could we get a little more

1 volume on that? Could we get a little more volume,
2 Walter, on Ms. Jenkins? It's really hard to hear.

3 MS. JENKINS: Is this better?

4 CHAIR BOTEL: Not really.

5 MS. JENKINS: I'm sorry. Let me turn it up a
6 little bit more. Is this better?

7 CHAIR BOTEL: I can hear you, but I'm not
8 sure anyone listening from home can hear you.

9 MS. JENKINS: Okay. I'm on the computer. If
10 you can --

11 CHAIR BOTEL: That's better, that's better.

12 MS. JENKINS: Okay, Walter did something,
13 okay. Thank you.

14 Staff is here asking --

15 CHAIR BOTEL: You seem to be breaking up,
16 Annetta.

17 MS. JENKINS: I'm not sure what's happening
18 with the audio. There is feedback. Can you hear me?

19 MR. STEPHENS: She may be watching on TV --

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Are you watching on TV at the
21 same time that you're speaking, and if so, could you
22 turn your volume down or off on the TV? Try again,
23 Annetta.

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes, Madam Chair, but is
25 somebody else able to make this --

1 CHAIR BOTEL: Well, let's just see if she's
2 able to try again.

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: We spend valuable
4 meeting time trying to resolve technical difficulties.
5 My question is --

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy, give it three
7 seconds, please.

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: -- presentation.

9 CHAIR BOTEL: Annetta, would you please try
10 again.

11 MS. JENKINS: Commissioners, I am going to
12 call in. I apologize. If you just give me one minute,
13 I'm just going to try and call in.

14 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: It's fine.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: We can hear you now just fine.

16 MS. JENKINS: Okay.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Annetta, go ahead.

18 MS. JENKINS: Well, I'll --

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Go ahead, proceed.

20 MS. JENKINS: I'm here asking for -- staff is
21 here requesting approval to modify our existing
22 Neighborhood Incentives Program. Pursuant to our CRA
23 Plan, as modified, that plan suggests strategies for
24 neighborhood infill and reclamation of neighborhoods to
25 assist with revitalizing our CRA neighborhoods.

1 In 2013 the Board passed a resolution,
2 adopting a set of neighborhood initiatives procedures
3 in a manual that was subsequently updated in February
4 2015 and most lately, February of 2017. Those
5 incentives included programs for residential
6 rehabilitation, residential acquisition, ad valorem tax
7 subsidy, et cetera, that will help us in creating
8 incentive programs.

9 Our existing neighborhood incentives tool kit
10 includes our Single Family Housing Beautification
11 Program, and you may know it formally as the House of
12 Distinction Program. Our Properties of Distinction
13 Program, our Neighborhood Safety Initiatives, our
14 Demolition/Replacement Housing Program, our Major
15 Rehabilitation/Restoration Program, our Acquisition/
16 Reconstruction Program and our Emergency Repair
17 Program.

18 And tonight we are asking for your approval
19 to modify those programs and add one new initiative so
20 that we might move ahead with strategies that you
21 suggested during our budget presentation program.

22 In your backup you'll see that we've made
23 some modifications to our Single Family Housing
24 Beautification Program that we are asking that it now
25 be known as the Neighborhood Reclaim Program. We are

1 also adding changes to our Acquisition and
2 Reconstruction Program that will be known as the
3 Riviera Beach Renaissance Program. We're adding a
4 section for special initiatives, and the other programs
5 will remain as is. So I'd like to go over the major
6 changes, and then see if there are any comments on
7 that.

8 Under our Neighborhood Reclaim Program, this
9 will provide funding through our CRA to eligible single
10 family, and that means one unit homeowners, to make
11 exterior improvements to their property. Eligible
12 improvements include fence replacement, painting,
13 irrigation, landscaping, weatherization, which would be
14 windows and doors, roof repair or replacement, driveway
15 repair and other minor exterior repairs to improve CRA
16 identified key homes within our area. As always, we
17 will give priority to improvements that are necessary
18 to correct health, safety and code violations.

19 The other program undergoing some changes
20 would be our Riviera Beach Renaissance Program. The
21 Riviera Beach Renaissance Program will provide down
22 payment and housing rehabilitation assistance to first
23 time home buyers purchasing single family homes within
24 the community redevelopment area. As part of the
25 program, home buyers can make exterior and interior

1 improvements to their homes. Eligible improvements
2 include painting, kitchens, bathrooms, plumbing,
3 landscaping, weatherization, air-conditioning or
4 heating, roof repair/replacement and other repairs
5 necessary to correct health, safety and code
6 violations.

7 Applicants will be selected on a first come,
8 first ready, first serve basis. As part of the Riviera
9 Beach Renaissance Program, the CRA will also acquire
10 derelict properties and vacant land for demolition and
11 reconstruction, for development of new construction
12 homes for purchase by first time home buyers.
13 Properties and vacant land must be located within the
14 CRA. If a buyer is not a first time home buyer, the
15 buyer must live in the house as their primary
16 residence.

17 One section of these initiatives that we'd
18 like to propose is something we call special
19 initiatives. And under this category, it will give us
20 a little flexibility to create some very specific
21 iterations of our housing program delivery. The CRA
22 will acquire vacant, derelict, donated properties to be
23 developed in partnership with joint venture partners
24 like the Riviera Beach CDC and others pursuant to a
25 negotiated development agreement that meets the goals

1 of the CRA.

2 Additionally, the CRA may contribute project
3 and subsidy funds to be used for development and
4 purchase subsidy. All attempts will be made to
5 leverage these funds. So properties, as all the
6 others, must be in the CRA, and if a buyer is not a
7 first time home buyer, the buyer must live in the house
8 as their primary residence.

9 In the backup we've included detail about the
10 application process, the requirements for contractors,
11 for inspections, about the income requirements
12 depending upon the particular program. And I'd like to
13 turn your attention to some of the underwriting
14 guidelines.

15 If you have your book in front of you, if you
16 turn to page 32, you'll see that there's a further
17 description of the Neighborhood Reclaim Program where
18 income is not a requirement. However, owner occupancy
19 is a requirement of this assistance. The unit type
20 must be a single family home, and we show that it's
21 still a five year forgivable loan, reduced by 20
22 percent each year for that program. And in our budget
23 process, \$300,000 was approved during our budget
24 allocation process. We predict that we'll be able to
25 impact 10 to 12 properties.

1 The other change that we're asking for your
2 approval in this set of incentives is to allow us to
3 increase the maximum funding up to \$35,000 per
4 property. For the life of this program, the maximum
5 has been \$20,000 per home, and we're finding that with
6 today's construction costs, and most of our homes
7 having code violations or requiring roofs or windows,
8 driveway repairs, it exceeds the amount of the grant.
9 And we'd like to be able to (inaudible), only where
10 needed, some of the most code impacted properties that
11 are affecting the amenities within our communities to
12 be able to bring them up to code and resolve code
13 violations.

14 Then the other change that (audio
15 disruption). I'm sorry? Was that -- okay.

16 The other change under the Riviera Beach
17 Renaissance Program, we're thinking that we'll impact
18 up to 15 to 20 households. And in the budget process,
19 \$400,000 was approved. This would allow maximum
20 funding up to 35,000 per property based on a sliding
21 scale. And we will be using an area median income
22 scale for down payment, closing costs and
23 rehabilitation assistance.

24 The income requirements would allow us to go
25 up to 120 percent of AMI, and for a family of four,

1 that is approximately 85, \$90,000. Again, it will be
2 owner occupied. Priority will be given to homes with
3 documented health, safety and code violations. And we
4 would propose to place a 25 year mortgage on the
5 property, with a restrictive covenant for 25 years,
6 forgivable at a rate of five percent a year after the
7 first five years. And then there are other
8 underwriting criteria that are included in your book on
9 page 39 and 40.

10 The last change would be for the Special
11 Initiatives Program, which in the budget process,
12 \$925,000 was set aside, and we think we'll be able to
13 impact 10 to 15 households. As explained in our budget
14 presentation, this Special Initiatives Program would be
15 coupled with our 11th Street Townhome Project where
16 income categories would allow us to go up to 150
17 percent AMI.

18 The maximum funding per unit would average
19 out at 100,000 per unit for development and home buyer
20 subsidy. It would be owner occupied. The unit type
21 would be mixed use, mixed type housing, with ownership
22 as the goal. And again, the funding terms would be a
23 25 year forgivable mortgage at a rate of five percent a
24 year after the first five years, with a 25 year
25 restrictive covenant. And other underwriting criteria

1 are included.

2 And with that, we ask for your support and
3 your approval for us to adopt these changes in the
4 Neighborhood Incentives Program. And I'll stop and
5 take any questions.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Any questions?
7 Mr. McCoy, you're recognized.

8 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thank you, Madam Chair.

9 So Ms. Jenkins, where exactly are you
10 referring to this 25 year restrictive covenant, because
11 I'm going through the manual, and I didn't see that.
12 And I'm under the belief that what you're suggesting is
13 a new provision. And this is a 44 page document. Can
14 you point to where exactly --

15 MS. JENKINS: In one instance, if you look at
16 page 41, and I'm hoping that yours printed out exactly
17 as mine did, but on page 41 of the document, under
18 Funding Terms, where it says the mortgage, restrictive
19 covenant, the interest rate, down payment, et cetera,
20 and it's there.

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I see it, thank you.
22 But I guess I don't know if any member on this body has
23 seen this before. But the first thing that came to
24 mind is I thought, Ms. Jenkins, Reclaim was a program
25 of the CDC. Is that now being brought under the

1 umbrella of the CRA?

2 MS. JENKINS: No. The Neighborhood Reclaim
3 is on a different page. It doesn't have a --

4 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Just generally speaking,
5 the application that I've had individuals to complete
6 for the Reclaim was submitted to the CDC.

7 MS. JENKINS: Yes, sir, the Reclaim Program
8 is a partnership between the City, the CRA and the CDC,
9 and the Reentry Program is part of that partnership.
10 The houses we did last year all came to the CDC
11 because --

12 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I reclaim my time; I
13 reclaim my time. I just wanted to ask a question.

14 MS. JENKINS: I'm sorry.

15 COMMISSIONER McCOY: So here's what I don't
16 understand. You know, I'm looking at this two days ago
17 for the first time, and when I got through it, I
18 thought this was a very small change. Members, if I
19 can get your attention to this proposed procedures
20 manual, I literally only believed that we had new
21 language which was contained underlined. Now you're
22 referencing new provisions that's in line on page 41?
23 The only changes that I seen that were underlined,
24 which would indicate new language, is those that's in
25 the initial beginning.

1 I mean I don't understand how you would have
2 expected or suggested that we should have known this
3 25 year covenant was new. Even the memo didn't even
4 speak to that. So basically, I got a halfway edited
5 document, and you're citing page 41. There's no
6 underlined language on page 41. I thought that was
7 already existing.

8 And I'm not exactly sure that I want anybody
9 to be able to get any grant funding from the
10 organization and now have their deed tied up for the
11 next 25 years. That's completely unreasonable.
12 Perhaps if this was their first mortgage, maybe. But
13 just for the purpose of getting a neighborhood grant,
14 you're going to tie up someone's property for 25 years?

15 I know the County does something similar, but
16 this doesn't sound like something I -- first of all,
17 it's not proper in its form. When you're going to
18 bring us an update, let us know what the old language
19 is compared to the new language. That in itself, as
20 lawmakers, we should be requiring, because we don't
21 have the ability to go through hundreds of pages to
22 find out what's new and what's different.

23 And quite honestly, I didn't even know this
24 manual existed before this meeting started. And if
25 you're telling me page 41 contains new language, I need

1 to know where we were before, because that -- I'm not
2 even satisfied and I'm more confused as to where we are
3 and where we're going, because this doesn't provide any
4 more clarity in this half-baked document, if you ask
5 me.

6 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

7 CHAIR BOTEL: You're recognized, Commissioner
8 Lanier.

9 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes, I just have one
10 question too. I did go through the document that was
11 submitted, but the question I have is that why
12 forgivable loans for people or (inaudible) of income?
13 I think that the forgivable loan should be based on
14 need and not because of anything else. Everything
15 that -- if we're talking about a forgivable loan, it
16 should be based on need. That's it.

17 CHAIR BOTEL: Any other questions?

18 Do you want to answer that, Commissioner --

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: She doesn't answer mine?

20 CHAIR BOTEL: -- Ms. Jenkins?

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Will she get a chance to
22 respond to my question?

23 CHAIR BOTEL: Could you answer both,
24 Ms. Jenkins?

25 MS. JENKINS: Okay. The document is not a

1 black line document. In the memo it just points to
2 some of the title changes and to be able to allow you
3 to be able to follow it, if, you know, if you were
4 familiar with the former document. We only changed
5 titles. And it does say that we've added or modified
6 several programs in the explanation in the memo.

7 One of the programs, the page that you're
8 referring to is a totally new section, which that's
9 pointed out in the cover memo. So we were not
10 attempting to hide anything, but it's laid out there.
11 All we've given you, we've given you the guidelines. I
12 included the application because we get a lot of
13 questions about the application process. And we also
14 included the underwriting guidelines for each program
15 for you to see there.

16 To answer the second set of questions about
17 the requirements for the beautification program, which
18 is the program that people are familiar with because we
19 give up to \$20,000, a forgivable loan is a term where
20 there is no interest rate. There is a restrictive
21 covenant, and it's forgivable as long as the people
22 stay in the house, use it as their primary residence.
23 So there's no payment.

24 In order to protect the fiscal investment by
25 local government, these types of tools are used all the

1 time, because otherwise, you will provide money and
2 there is no guarantee that you would receive the
3 benefit. And one of the primary benefits is to not
4 only correct code violations, but improve the overall
5 housing stock and property appearance in our community.

6 COMMISSIONER LANIER: And I agree with that,
7 I do agree with that, Ms. Jenkins, but I think that 25
8 is too long. I think that most municipalities and most
9 counties do ten. So all I'm trying to make sure of is
10 that we -- and I'm going to piggyback off of
11 Commissioner McCoy -- is that 25 is just too long. And
12 we can look at ten years, which is what most
13 municipalities and what most counties do, is ten years.
14 And I also want to say again is that, you know, if
15 we're doing forgivable loans, it should be based on
16 need alone.

17 MS. JENKINS: I appreciate that,
18 Commissioner. The programs are on a sliding scale
19 based on the amount of money. For instance, the
20 beautification program is only five years. We're
21 proposing the 25 years. And the County, for federal
22 programs, are 30 years. There are a few that are still
23 around at 20 years, and we split the difference at
24 25 years. For the amount of money that would be
25 invested in the property and the unit, not only for

1 development of infrastructure, the land, but also the
2 vertical improvements, we felt, staff felt that that
3 term was necessary to get the benefit for our
4 community. Ten years --

5 COMMISSIONER LANIER: And you know what, I
6 like that, you know, the fact that we're trying to make
7 sure that our money is secure. But this is a lot. I
8 mean when I'm going through this document, this is like
9 40 pages.

10 And if I may in terms of my colleagues, if we
11 could put this off to the next meeting, to be able to
12 go through this document, to be able to look at the
13 forgivable loans piece of it, to be able to look at the
14 25, the 10, the 20 year piece of it, to look at all of
15 this, I would rather be able to -- and to be honest
16 now, I looked at this a day or two ago, and I went
17 through most of it.

18 But it's a lot to go through, because I
19 understand Ms. Jenkins' position. Her position is that
20 we're going to put money out there, and we need to be
21 able to (audio disruption) and to be able to -- just
22 anybody who wanted to come and take advantage of what
23 is on the table here.

24 But given that, and (audio disruption)
25 especially talk to Ms. Jenkins, you know, and the CRA

1 Director and to make sure that this is what we want for
2 the CRA District and for the City, because this is a
3 lot of information. This is almost 40 pages.

4 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you, Commissioner.

5 COMMISSIONER LANIER: And I just want to be
6 able to make sure that this is something that, number
7 one, we could secure our money, and number two, that we
8 can be able to make sure that we don't tie people up
9 because they want to buy a house.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

11 Commissioner Miller-Anderson, you're
12 recognized.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean I agree
14 with Commissioner Lanier, and I do think that with all
15 of these questions and with this really getting so
16 involved, this is something that we probably need to
17 put for our next meeting. But before that happens,
18 we're talking about 25 years. When does the CRA
19 expire?

20 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Thirty-nine; 39 years.

21 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: 2039?

22 COMMISSIONER McCOY: No, no, 39 years.

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Nineteen
24 years.

25 MR. HAYGOOD: 2039.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: 2039. That's
2 19 years from now, right?

3 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: So we're
5 talking about giving forgivable loans for 25 years? I
6 just, you know, I just think that, first of all, I
7 think we need to impact more homes. You know, instead
8 of 10 to 12 homes, we have many more that need some
9 sort of improvement. So, you know, when we're doing
10 this, I would like to see more people being impacted,
11 number one.

12 Number two, one of these items, it talked
13 about five years, and I think for that amount of money,
14 it should be at least ten years. I know the County,
15 when they did theirs, for 25,000 you get tied up for
16 ten years.

17 I just, you know, I really would like to have
18 a little more conversation. I mean it's 10:11, and I
19 don't think we're going to finish this up any time soon
20 because we have a lot of questions and a lot of
21 concerns that need to be addressed.

22 I certainly support all of the programs, but
23 I think there's a lot -- we're talking about a lot of
24 money right now, and we really need to have time to get
25 into the meat of this and discuss all of these programs

1 at length and the amount of time, I mean the amount of
2 years we're talking about applying to these forgivable
3 loans. So, you know, I'm certainly in favor of making
4 a motion to postpone this to the next meeting.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: I'm hearing that we -- I'm
6 hearing consensus around wanting to have more time to
7 ask more questions about this, and I think we should
8 entertain a motion to postpone to the next meeting.

9 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes, but when
10 we do that though, to make sure we don't have a whole
11 lot of items to go along with it, because this, I mean
12 this is really very, very important. And perhaps if we
13 can get with, you know, individually meet with --

14 CHAIR BOTEL: Have individual meetings
15 with --

16 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: -- Mr. Evans
17 to kind of get our ideas in, maybe that may help as
18 well.

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

20 COMMISSIONER McCOY: That's fine, and I'm
21 okay with that, but I would like to see, before we even
22 talk about those, I don't understand what is new
23 proposed language. Page three and four starts off with
24 underlined language, which would suggest or indicate
25 that that's newly proposed language.

1 But I'm down to page 37 and 38, and I just
2 don't even want to believe that I'm looking at
3 something that provides for us to give some sort of
4 grant incentive and then the payment's going to a
5 balloon payment after 15 years. You know what, I have
6 no idea what this even came from, but we're not about
7 to vote on something that, clearly, we don't even have
8 any understanding of what we were before and what's
9 being proposed, and even still a balloon payment?

10 You know, this is Riviera Beach. The whole
11 purpose of us doing this is because we're helping
12 residents and we're trying to revitalize our area. I'm
13 not trying to turn into loan sharks here, you know, or
14 be -- and it almost seems predatory to -- if you say
15 the word balloon payment, that's exactly what that's
16 associated with. And I'm almost embarrassed to have
17 even seen that inside of a document, and I can't even
18 tell whether or not that was already existing or is
19 that something new.

20 But I would like to see where we were before,
21 because I didn't even know until two days ago that this
22 manual existed. So please give me the existing manual,
23 and then show me what's the new proposed changes. But
24 in any event, I'm not in support of it.

25 CHAIR BOTEL: It sounds to me, Mr. Evans, if

1 I could recommend that Ms. Jenkins perhaps schedule
2 meetings with individual Commissioners because there
3 are so many questions. And rather than have another
4 evening where we belabor this, it might behoove us to
5 have some of these questions answered in advance of the
6 next meeting so --

7 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: That's my
8 whole thing --

9 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes, so moved. I
10 agree.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: That might be a good solution.
12 Do we need to withdraw the motion? Could we -- who
13 made -- I forget who made it.

14 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Move to temporarily
15 postpone.

16 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

18 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I second. I
19 mean I made the motion, so --

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. Mr. McCoy made a motion
21 to temporarily postpone. Did you second?

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I made the
23 motion a few minutes ago, but yes.

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay, so we have to -- we're
25 going to vote on postponing.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
2 Chair, if I may, is the postponement to a date certain,
3 or is it --

4 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I initially
5 said the next meeting. I mean --

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, I think we can -- if we
7 can get some clarification on the changes that
8 Mr. McCoy would like to see happen, and if we can have
9 some, even if they're virtual meetings with Annetta
10 Jenkins so that we're all clear on what the changes are
11 and we can all have our say about what we think should
12 happen, I think that can be accomplished.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, he's
14 talking about when to bring it to the agenda. The
15 next, very next meeting is December 9th we said, right?

16 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, December 9th.

17 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: The December
18 9th one, Mr. McCoy?

19 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I was saying temporarily
20 postpone. I was hoping that we weren't going to even
21 take it back up this year because --

22 COMMISSIONER LANIER: No, and I agree with
23 McCoy. We just temporarily postpone it.

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier, could you
25 please ask to be recognized before you speak?

1 COMMISSIONER LANIER: I'm sorry, I'm sorry;
2 yes, ma'am.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy, could you finish
4 your thought.

5 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Just indefinitely,
6 because I don't want to make a time because, you know,
7 we don't know what's going to happen at the next
8 meeting, and then I'm understanding there may
9 potentially -- and, you know, I don't want to -- first
10 of all, I'm not -- I would hope there's not more than
11 one meeting in the month of December for the CRA,
12 right?

13 CHAIR BOTEL: I think --

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam
15 Chair, your meeting on the 9th is -- the first part of
16 the meeting is a joint meeting with the Town of Lake
17 Park, and then the second half of that meeting is
18 the --

19 CHAIR BOTEL: So we can't take this up on the
20 9th then.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: So, yes,
22 it would be something that we would look to do at your
23 --

24 COMMISSIONER McCOY: I think we could
25 probably have more time after the new year. But to try

1 to have two meetings in December would be kind of rough
2 if --

3 CHAIR BOTEL: So we're postponing it till --

4 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Just indefinitely.

5 CHAIR BOTEL: Indefinitely. And we'll figure
6 out when to take it up. Is there any urgency about
7 this?

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: I would
9 just like, when we postpone it indefinitely, there's
10 staff work associated with it, so if it gets pulled off
11 the table, we need to know exactly when the lead
12 time -- if it's going to be out there in limbo for a
13 significant amount of time, then, you know, certainly
14 we want to make sure that we accomplish and answer the
15 questions the Board may have as opposed to something
16 getting pulled off the table and then we're not
17 prepared to be able to answer those questions. So
18 that's the only --

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy, would you entertain
20 postponing it until January?

21 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. The motion is to
23 postpone until January. Madam Clerk.

24 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Second.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

1 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

3 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

5 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

7 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

9 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: That motion carries.

11 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Do we have any --
12 we don't have any presentations. Report of the
13 Executive Director.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Yes,
15 Madam Chair, very briefly. There will be information
16 that will be coming out at the first part of next week
17 with regards to our Reimagine Riviera Beach
18 Neighborhood Cleanup.

19 We will be going through each of the
20 districts throughout the city and deploying roughly
21 about 100 people, staff, personnel from both the City
22 and CRA and volunteers to go into the neighborhoods and
23 clean up trash, waste, debris, address code compliance
24 related issues, pressure wash sidewalks, sweep streets,
25 assist residents in getting items that may be in their

1 backyard to the front yard for the purposes of
2 discarding those items through Waste Management.

3 So information will be coming out on that
4 particular program shortly. We will be starting in
5 primarily the Park Manor neighborhood and the CRA
6 District first, and then we will move forward in other
7 districts throughout the city until we address all the
8 city. We're looking to do this roughly about every
9 month, our initial program to do the initial cleanup.

10 And then we'll be bringing forward some items
11 for the Board to consider, or actually for the City to
12 consider, a beta test program for a rollout of an
13 Ambassador Light program. We call it Ambassador Light.
14 So we're going to be sharing that information with the
15 City Council and having similar services that the
16 Ambassadors are providing.

17 So just stay tuned for the community for that
18 information. And we're going to place information out
19 in the community the first part of Monday, because I
20 believe the cleanup activities take place Thursday and
21 Friday, if I'm not mistaken. But we will be putting
22 that information out, and then subsequent cleanups, and
23 we'll be working with the district Councilperson/
24 Commissioner/Board member with regards to the cleanup
25 activities and the dates and times in which those

1 activities will occur.

2 And that concludes my comments, Madam Chair.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

4 Report from General Counsel.

5 MR. HAYGOOD: I have no comments.

6 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

7 Reports from -- discussion by the Board,
8 starting with Mr. McCoy.

9 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Nothing.

10 CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. Lawson.

11 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Mr. Evans or Mr. Evans,
12 the item in reference to the engineering RFP that was
13 put out for Avenue E, is that something that we did at
14 one time? Did we approve that? What was the status of
15 that?

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: The CRA
17 did have a consultant, KCI, that did a series of
18 community charette meetings and discussions with
19 regards to the future planning for Avenue E.

20 And Mr. Evans, when do we anticipate the
21 report being able to come back before this Board for
22 updating the Board on the impact and the conversations
23 that ensued as a result of that?

24 MR. SCOTT EVANS: It can be ready in January.

25 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: So that report is going

1 to tell us what come January?

2 MR. SCOTT EVANS: That is a finalization of
3 the plan for Avenue E, all the streetscapes, the
4 proposed property redevelopment initiatives. There's
5 also built into it is the public comment that was
6 received and how it's been incorporated into the plans
7 for Avenue E, as well as identifying some of the future
8 other improvements that can be made in the roadway,
9 from decorative lighting, to sidewalks, bike lanes and
10 the infrastructure underneath the road.

11 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Now, colleagues, as I
12 remember, the motion that was made earlier by
13 Councilwoman Lanier was to address Avenue E. But based
14 upon this engineering contract, I believe that we would
15 want to wait till this comes back in January to address
16 the concerns and the development and the direction of
17 Avenue E, where it is a priority, but we've already put
18 things in place. So that was my dissenting vote,
19 because I know that we had a contract that we already
20 put out and we were going to move forward with. So
21 that was my feedback from waiting till January or
22 whenever this proposal came back before the table from
23 KCI.

24 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, I don't believe that
25 Commissioner Lanier's motion was to take it up

1 necessarily immediately to do something. She
2 recognizes that we have something coming before us in
3 January, and I think her intention was just to say to
4 the community this is something that we intend to focus
5 on, we are not going to let this fall through the
6 cracks. And so I agree we're going to, we're certainly
7 going to --

8 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Do agree.

9 CHAIR BOTEL: We're certainly going to move
10 forward as soon as we have the information from the
11 engineers that we've engaged to do this work.

12 Is there anything else, Mr. Lawson?

13 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes, Madam Chair.

14 And from my understanding, the motion that
15 was made was to bring a budget to the next meeting. If
16 I understand correctly, that's what the motion was made
17 by Councilwoman Lanier. So instead of wasting our
18 hours at the next meeting addressing Avenue E, I would
19 recommend we address that motion or --

20 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, thank you. I don't think
21 there was going to be anything premature. Anything
22 else, Mr. Lawson?

23 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Absolutely, Madam Chair,
24 thank you.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN EVANS: Madam

1 Chair, if I may, in order to ensure that we accomplish
2 what was articulated by Commissioner Lanier, under the
3 City Manager -- or the CRA Director's report I will
4 just have a memorandum attached, and I won't present on
5 it. You'll just have it for the official record as far
6 as what the plan is and that we're going to bring a
7 more robust and the anticipated cost for the roadway.

8 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. Anything else,
9 Mr. Lawson?

10 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

11 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes, Madam Chair.

12 Previously requested for discussion and
13 deliberation of contract and salary with our Executive
14 Director. Mr. Evans has been our Interim Director for,
15 I believe, two months now and our Interim since our
16 last CRA meeting. Are we going to have on the agenda,
17 the next agenda, which seems like a lengthy agenda, a
18 discussion item about this, or are we going to continue
19 to have Mr. Evans working in this position without
20 having finalized or formulated his position?

21 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Madam Chair.

22 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: I think that was more so
23 to the colleagues as to how do we want to approach with
24 our Executive Director.

25 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair, I

1 think Ms. Lanier said that she wanted to see -- she was
2 going to make a motion? I thought I heard something
3 like that she mentioned when she spoke. She said
4 something about the next meeting when we had the
5 conversation about the next meeting. So I was --

6 COMMISSIONER LANIER: You are correct.

7 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: -- and during
8 my comments, if no one had made any motion to do that,
9 I was going to suggest we put that on there. I mean
10 we're here at 10:24, so that is one I think that we all
11 know needs to be a priority. So I certainly am in
12 support of making sure that it is on the next agenda.

13 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes, I think --

14 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes, that's correct.

15 CHAIR BOTEL: -- I referred to Mr. Evans to
16 alert him to the fact that we wanted it to be on the
17 next agenda. That was my intention, because I heard
18 that there was consensus around that.

19 So Mr. Evans? Thank you. Appreciate it.

20 Anything else Mr. Lawson?

21 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

22 CHAIR BOTEL: Commissioner Lanier, any
23 comments?

24 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes, I have just a
25 couple of things. The first thing is that it's exactly

1 what you stated earlier and exactly what KaShamba
2 Miller -- Commissioner Miller-Anderson stated earlier,
3 that the issue of compensation for our permanent CRA
4 Director, which is Mr. Jonathan Evans, that we need to
5 discuss the issue of compensation, whether it be --
6 whatever it is, that it will be on the next agenda,
7 that we would at least have some conversation about it.
8 That's the first thing.

9 The second thing is that I want to make sure
10 that everybody understands that Avenue E is -- we took
11 a vote on this -- is a priority. Not saying that we're
12 going to do anything with it, but we're not going to
13 move forward anything -- as Councilman Lawson said,
14 we're talking about how we're going to move forward
15 with Avenue E, but it is understood, based on a vote
16 that was taken, that Avenue E now is a priority for the
17 CRA.

18 And I want to say for the third thing, I'd
19 like to thank all of you for bearing with me as I am
20 here in virtual and coming to you through the virtual
21 thing, but I really appreciate the fact that you guys
22 are working with me. And the next CRA meeting, I will
23 be there in person. And I thank you so much.

24 CHAIR BOTEL: We look forward to seeing you
25 here.

Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: I don't have any further comment.

CHAIR BOTEL: My only comment is that we're having the regular quarterly Singer Island Town Hall meeting on Thursday, the 19th. We'll be discussing a number of the issues, including capital improvement projects, and very importantly, the managed mooring field update by Mr. John Sprague. So anyone who lives on the water, on the Lake Worth lagoon side, please be sure you tune in to that.

I will be posting the link to join the meeting. It will be virtual. I'll be posting a link, the Go To Webinar link on my Facebook page, as well as on Next Door. And so I look forward to having as many people as possible hear about the capital improvement projects and the managed mooring field on the 12th -- excuse me -- on the 19th at 6:00.

COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair, just one thing, I guess. Yesterday we had the Veterans Day ceremony on yesterday, the dedication, and I just want to say thank you to everyone that participated in that. It was a very well attended ceremony, and I think the families were very appreciative of being invited and participating. So I just want to say thank

1 you to everyone that made that happen. And that's it,
2 Madam Chair.

3 CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

4 Would someone care to make a motion to
5 adjourn?

6 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Motion to
7 adjourn.

8 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Second.

9 CHAIR BOTEL: Madam Clerk.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner McCoy.

11 COMMISSIONER McCOY: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner Lanier.

13 COMMISSIONER LANIER: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

15 COMMISSIONER MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Vice Chair Lawson.

17 VICE CHAIR LAWSON: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Chair Botel.

19 CHAIR BOTEL: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: That motion carries.

21 CHAIR BOTEL: We're adjourned.


22 (Whereupon, at 10:30 p.m., the proceedings
23 were concluded.)
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COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

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Susan S. Kruger

ADJOURNMENT

The CRA Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M. The minutes were approved by the Board of Commissioners on _____.

Julia Botel, Chairperson

Jonathan Evans, Executive Director

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