

**UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
December 16, 2020  
5:30 p.m.**

PRESENT AT MEETING<sup>1</sup>:

CHAIRPERSON JULIA BOTEL, Ed.D DISTRICT 4

CHAIRPERSON BOTEL

CHAIR PRO TEM DOUGLAS LAWSON, DISTRICT 5

CHAIR PRO TEM LAWSON

BOARD MEMBER TRADRICK MCCOY, DISTRICT 1

BOARD MEMBER MCCOY

BOARD MEMBER KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON, DISTRICT 2

BOARD MEMBER MILLER-ANDERSON

BOARD MEMBER SHIRLEY D. LANIER, DISTRICT 3

BOARD MEMBER LANIER

MAYOR RONNIE FELDER, Ex Officio Member

MAYOR FELDER

CITY MANAGER JONATHAN EVANS

CITY MANAGER EVANS

ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONATHAN BATISTA

ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BATISTA

DISTRICT CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAWN WYNN

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

31 **District Clerk Wynn:** Here.

32 **District Clerk Anthony:** District Finance Director Randy Sherman?

33 **District Finance Director Sherman:** Here.

34 **District Clerk Anthony:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

35 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

36 **INVOCATION**

37 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

38 **Chairperson Botel:** We'll have a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of  
39 Allegiance, led by Board Member Lawson.

40 [Moment of silence]

41 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I pledge allegiance...

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

44 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

45 **Chairperson Botel:** **ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AN**  
46 **AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE COMPLETE A GREEN PUBLIC COMMENT CARD**  
47 **LOCATED AT THE FRONT DESK AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF PRIOR TO THE ITEM**  
48 **BEING TAKEN UP BY THE UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD FOR DISCUSSION.**  
49 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES TO**  
50 **SPEAK ON ANY ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, AND THREE**  
51 **MINUTES TO SPEAK ON EACH REGULAR AGENDA ITEM. THE TIME LIMIT FOR**  
52 **PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE REDUCED BY A VOTE OF THE UTILITY DISTRICT**  
53 **BOARD BASED ON THE VOLUMINOUS NATURE OF PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS.**  
54 **IN NO EVENT WILL ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A COMMENT CARD TO**  
55 **SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE RESOLUTION IS READ OR THE ITEM**  
56 **CONSIDERED.**

57 **AGENDA APPROVAL**

58 **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

59 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions?

60 **City Manager Evans:** None from Staff, Madam Chair.

61 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

62 **DISCLOSURES**

63 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have any disclosures by Board of Directors?

64 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** No, Madam Chair.

65 **Chairperson Botel:** Any disclosures by Board of Directors, Board Members Miller-  
66 Anderson or Lanier? [Pause]. Okay.

67 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

68 **Chairperson Botel:** Would someone care to make a motion to adopt the Agenda?

69 **Board Member McCoy:** So moved.

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

71 **Chairperson Botel:** The Agenda has been moved and seconded. Madam Clerk.

72 **District Clerk Anthony:** Board Member McCoy?

73 **Board Member McCoy:** Yes.

74 **District Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

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

76 **District Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

77 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

78 **District Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

79 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. That's..., do, do we not wanna call on the other  
80 Board Members? I think...

81 **District Clerk Anthony:** I was not aware that they were here. They didn't answer  
82 during the roll..., for the roll call.

83 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

84 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may?

85 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

86 **City Manager Evans:** I've been informed that they're having audio issues. They  
87 have a hard time hearing what is being said, as well as participating. So Staff is working  
88 with the two elected officials to try to get that resolved.

89 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you very much. So, the Agenda is adopted at a 3-0  
90 vote.

91 **CONSENT AGENDA**

92 **Chairperson Botel:** ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE  
93 CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION.  
94 THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A BOARD  
95 MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM  
96 THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL  
97 SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.

98 **MINUTES**

99 1. SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES  
100 CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090

101 2. SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 SPECIAL UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING  
102 MINUTES  
103 CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090

104 3. NOVEMBER 18, 2020 UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES  
105 CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090

106 **RESOLUTIONS**

107 **Chairperson Botel:** Does anyone wish to pull an Item from the Consent Agenda?

108 **Board Member McCoy:** Move Consent.

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

110 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. The Consent Agenda has been moved and  
111 seconded. Madam Clerk.

112 **District Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have any  
113 public comments on this..., on the Consent Agenda. The acceptance of public comments  
114 on the Consent Agenda is now closed.

115 Board Member McCoy?

116 **Board Member McCoy:** Yes.

117 **District Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

118 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.  
119 **District Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?  
120 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.  
121 **District Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.  
122 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

123 **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

124 **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

125 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

126 **REGULAR AGENDA**

127 **4. Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 4.

128 **District Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 28-20UD A RESOLUTION OF  
129 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL  
130 DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM  
131 EAC CONSULTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$244,640.00 TO PERFORM A PHASE  
132 II LIFT STATIONS CONDITION ASSESSMENT AND ODOR CONTROL STUDY; AND  
133 AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENTS AFTER  
134 WORK AUTHORIZATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FROM FUNDS BUDGETED FOR  
135 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NUMBER 18135; AND PROVIDING AN  
136 EFFECTIVE DATE.

137 **JONATHAN BATISTA, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 561-845-4185**

138 **District Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have any  
139 public comment on this Item. The acceptance of public comment on this Item is now  
140 closed.

141 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to adopt?

142 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I move to accept Resolution No. 28-20UD.

143 **Chairperson Botel:** Would some...

144 **Board Member McCoy:** Second.

145 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. This motion to approve Resolution 28-20UD has  
146 been moved and seconded. Any discussion or presentation?

147 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I can have the Acting Director, Mr. Batista,  
148 make this presentation.

149 **Acting Executive Director Batista:**For this Item, this is a continuation of Resolution 27-  
150 20, where Phase I of the lift station assessments was approved in the last Board meeting,  
151 for \$144,506. This is essentially for Phase II of the remaining thirty-seven lift stations.  
152 And, I would also like to note, that the consulting firm, EAC, is a minority business  
153 enterprise.

154 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any questions or comments by the Board?

155 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

156 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. You're recognized, Mr. Lawson.

157 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mr. Batista, thank you so much, and thank you for making the  
158 attempts of bringing in minority and local participation as well.

159 Thank you.

160 **Chairperson Botel:** Any other comments? Madam Clerk.

161 **District Clerk Anthony:** Board Member McCoy?

162 **Board Member McCoy:** Yes.

163 **District Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

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

165 **District Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

166 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

167 **District Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

168 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. That motion is approved by a vote of 3-0.

169 **5. Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 5.

170 **District Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 33-20UD A RESOLUTION OF  
171 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL  
172 DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM  
173 CES CONSULTANT, INC. TO PERFORM CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES  
174 FOR THE UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE UTILITY  
175 SPECIAL DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENTS AFTER WORK  
176 AUTHORIZATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
177 \$163,720.00 FROM ACCOUNT PROJECT NUMBER 18158; AND PROVIDING AN  
178 EFFECTIVE DATE.

179 **JONATHAN BATISTA, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 561-845-4185**

180 **District Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have public  
181 comment on this Item. The acceptance of public comment on this Item is now closed.

182 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to ...

183 **Board Member McCoy:** So moved.

184 **Chairperson Botel:** ...approve?

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

186 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt  
187 this Resolution. Is there any presentation?

188 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I can have Acting Director, Mr. Jonathan  
189 Batista, make this presentation.

190 **Acting Executive Director Batista:** For this Item, we've asked CES Consultants provide  
191 a proposal to assist us with the unidirectional flushing program. Due to the Consent Order  
192 that we have under Department of Health, we're required to flush the distribution system.  
193 Essentially, we have water mains running throughout the City that haven't been flushed  
194 for quite some time, at least for [stammer].., for a year. So, the plan is to have CES help  
195 us coordinate the contractors that will help repair valves that are necessary to flush our  
196 system.

197 And, essentially, after that, we'll have an updated plan for flushing, that we can  
198 then use our own operation Staff to flush on an annual basis.

199 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any questions by Board Members? [Pause].  
200 Seeing none. Madam Clerk.

201 **District Clerk Anthony:** Board Member McCoy?

202 **Board Member McCoy:** Yes.

203 **District Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

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

205 **District Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

206 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. That motion passes 3-0.

207 **6. Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 6.

208 **District Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 32-20UD A RESOLUTION OF  
209 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL  
210 DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE UTILITY  
211 SPECIAL DISTRICT TO PURCHASE A FORD F550 EXTENDED CAB WITH



212 HYDRAULIC CRANE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,054.50 BY PIGGYBACKING ON THE  
213 FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONTRACT FSA20-VEH28.0 HEAVY  
214 EQUIPMENT AND TRUCKS FSA20-VEH 18.0 FROM DUVAL FORD, LLC., IN  
215 JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE UTILITY SPECIAL  
216 DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT FROM UTILITY SPECIAL  
217 DISTRICT'S OPERATIONAL BUDGET CAPITAL – MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT, IN  
218 THE AMOUNT OF \$126,054.50 FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 411-31101-564000; AND  
219 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

220 JONATHAN BATISTA, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 561-845-4185

221 **District Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members...

222 [Inaudible – audio difficulty]

223 **District Clerk Anthony:** We do not have public comment on this Item. The acceptance  
224 of public comment on this Item is now closed.

225 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to accept  
226 this Resolution?

227 **Board Member McCoy:** So moved.

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

229 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. And, is there a presentation?

230 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, this Item is seeking  
231 authorization to proceed forward with purchasing a vehicle that is at the end of its useful  
232 life. The existing vehicle is woefully inadequate to be able to provide service to the  
233 residents of Riviera Beach. And based on the recommendation provided by the Public  
234 Works Department, Staff is recommending that we proceed forward with the acquisition  
235 of, of a Ford F-550 crane truck in the amount of one hundred and twenty-five.., twenty-  
236 six thousand dollars.

237 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any questions by... Mr. McCoy, you're  
238 recognized.

239 **Board Member McCoy:** Thank you. Mr. Manager, I was actually looking exactly at the  
240 useful life. Do you know what that is? And, what exactly does this crane truck do for the  
241 Utility Special District? 'Cause I was trying to google it, but I don't have any idea.

242 **City Manager Evans:** This particular vehicle, and, and Mr. Batista, correct me if I'm  
243 wrong, it is utilized when they have to go get the high service pumps, or the pumps out of  
244 the lift stations. They have to utilize a crane to be able to pull those out the lift station.  
245 So, it gets a lot of use, with regards to the lift stations that we have in the City. And the  
246 year of the vehicle, Mr. Batista, do you happen to have that information?

247 **Acting Executive Director Batista:**Not on me, but I can also get it later.

248 **Board Member McCoy:** Oka. I, I was just curious. I was looking at the backup for a  
249 description of what exactly a crane truck is, and then the F-450 is referenced in the memo,  
250 suggests that the F-550 would be a better replacement. So I just was curious.

251 So I don't have any other questions.

252 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any other questions or comments? [Pause]. It  
253 has been moved and seconded that the Board approve the Resolution authorizing the  
254 purchase of the F-550 truck with hydraulic crane. Madam Clerk.

255 **District Clerk Anthony:** Board Member McCoy?

256 **Board Member McCoy:** Yes.

257 **District Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

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

259 **District Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

260 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. That is approved, vote of 3-0.

261 **END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

262 **Chairperson Botel:** And that is the end of our Regular Agenda.

263 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – 6:15 P.M. – NON-AGENDA ITEM SPEAKERS**  
264 **(Three Minute Limitation)**

265 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have any comments from the public?

266 **District Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair.

267 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

268 [Pause]

269 **District Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, would you read the section?

270 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

271 **District Clerk Anthon:** [Inaudible].

272 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm getting there. Thank you.

273 **Chairperson Botel:** **PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE BOARD OF THE**  
274 **UTILITY DISTRICT HAS ADOPTED RULES OF DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC**

275 CONDUCT DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS, WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE  
276 FRONT DESK. IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE  
277 NOT ADHERED TO, THE BOARD CHAIR MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER  
278 OR ATTENDEE REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING AND/OR THE  
279 BUILDING, IF NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

280 PUBLIC COMMENT SHALL BEGIN AT 6:15 UNLESS THERE IS NO FURTHER  
281 BUSINESS OF THE BOARD UTILITY DISTRICT WHICH, IN THAT EVENT, IT SHALL  
282 BEGIN SOON. IN ADDITION, IF AN ITEM IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 6:15 P.M.,  
283 THEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE  
284 ITEM HAS BEEN CONCLUDED.

285 ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS,  
286 PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED AT THE FRONT DESK  
287 AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF BEFORE THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION IS  
288 ANNOUNCED.

289 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk.

290 **District Clerk Anthony:** Bishop Thomas Master.

291 **Bishop T. Masters:** Good evening.

292 **Chairperson Botel:** Good evening.

293 **Bishop T. Masters:** Madam Chair, the Honorable Mayor, who I continue to wish well.  
294 And to all the Members of the Utility Board. To Mr. Jonathan Evans, our City Manager,  
295 and whatever else that he..., positions that he holds. I wish all of you well. First, let me  
296 just wish you all, and the residents of Riviera Beach, and others who are listening, a Merry  
297 Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah , and a Happy New Year.

298 I come tonight to talk about a historical moment in the history of our nation, and  
299 the history of our county, our City. The two K's..., H, I, J, K. One from the east and one  
300 from the west. The sun rises in the east, and it sets in the west. One name is Kamala  
301 Harris. The other is KaShamba Miller-Anderson. Historical significance. KaShamba  
302 Miller-Anderson, as far as I know, is the first Councilperson from the mainland that has  
303 not any opposition. That's, that's history. For, for us. Kamala Harris made history being  
304 the first woman to be elected to the Vice Presidency of the United States...

305 [Audio difficulties]

306 **Bishop T. Masters:** ...and I'm proud of...

307 [Three-minute audio delay]

308 **Board Member Lanier:** Can you hear me now?

309 **Unk.:** Yes.

310 **Board Member Lanier:** Won't say anything though.  
311 **Chairperson Botel:** Just in time for the Council meeting to start in a few minutes.  
312 [Chuckle]. Okay.

313 **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

314 **DISCUSSION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT**  
315 **OR THE CITY MANAGER**

316 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have any discussion by the Executive Director of the  
317 Utility Special District or the City Manager?

318 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if we can just get about five minutes before we  
319 start the Regular Council meeting to just ensure that we have no additional technical  
320 difficulties because we have some other pres'..., presenters?

321 **Chairperson Botel:** Absolutely.

322 **DISCUSSION BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

323 **Chairperson Botel:** Any discussion by the City's Attor'..., by the District...

324 **Board Member Miller-Anderson:** Testing.

325 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Attorney?

326 **District Clerk Wynn:** Yes. This, this is...

327 **Board Member Lanier:** He's trying to get it together, KaShamba. [Chuckle].

328 **District Clerk Wynn:** This is an announcement of a closed executive [inaudible]...

329 **Board Member Lanier:** They changed the meeting room setup every time people  
330 come in and use the...

331 **Unk.:** [Inaudible]... Ms. Lanier, Ms. Lanier.

332 **Chairperson Botel:** We...

333 **Board Member Lanier:** Okay.

334 **Unk.:** Your, your mic is [inaudible].

335 **Board Member Lanier:** [Chuckle]. Okay.

336 **Chairperson Botel:** Board Member Lanier, could you mute yourself until it's time  
337 for you to speak, please? Thank you. Please continue.

338 **District Clerk Wynn:** This is an announcement of a closed executive session  
339 pursuant to Florida Statute Section 286.0118(d), public meetings and records . In a desire  
340 to obtain advice concerning litigation, I am requesting a time that the Utility Special District  
341 Board is available for a closed executive session in the matter of Tradrick McCoy v. City  
342 of Riviera Beach Utility District, Case No. 50-2020-CA-011228-XXXX-MB. I would like to  
343 ask the Utility Special District Board, if you are available on Wednesday, January 6, 2021,  
344 at 5:30 p.m. for a closed executive session? If you are, a closed [stammer]executive  
345 session will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the City of Riviera  
346 Beach Marina Event Center, 190 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Riviera Beach, Florida 33404, in the  
347 case of Tradrick McCoy v. City of Riviera Beach Utility District, again, Case No. 50-2020-  
348 CA-011228-XXXX-BM. Those persons in attendance will be Utility Special District  
349 Attorney Dawn Wynn, outside counsel Gwendolyn Key Tuggle from the Law Firm of  
350 Slusher & Rosenblum, Mayor Felder, Members of the City Council and Interim Executive  
351 Director Jonathan Batista. The subject matter of the closed executive session shall e  
352 restricted to settlement negotiations and/or strategy sessions related to litigation  
353 expenditures.

354 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Do you wanna know now if we're available?

355 **District Clerk Wynn:** Yes, please.

356 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm available.

357 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I'm available.

358 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Board Member Lanier, are you available on  
359 January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30? Did you say 5:30 or 5:45?

360 **District Clerk Wynn:** That's correct, 5:30.

361 **Chairperson Botel:** At 5:30, for a closed executive session? [Pause]. Could you  
362 please unmute your mic, if it's muted? Let us know if you're available on January 6<sup>th</sup> at  
363 5:30 for a closed executive session. [Pause]. Well, we'll have to email her. Board  
364 Member Miller-Anderson, are you available on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 for a closed executive  
365 session? [Pause]. I guess we've lost them.

366 **Board Member McCoy:** Madam Chair?

367 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. You're...

368 **Board Member McCoy:** So, I'm available.

369 **Chairperson Botel:** ...recognized, Mr. McCoy.

370 **Board Member McCoy:** And I, I really know that we're already gonna have a regular  
371 meeting on that day.

372 **Chairperson Botel:** We ha'..., we do have a regular meeting on that date.

373 **Board Member McCoy:** So, I, I would imagine they're...  
374 **Chairperson Botel:** [Inaudible].  
375 **Board Member McCoy:** ...gonna be here, but if not, I imagine they could get a briefing  
376 from...  
377 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.  
378 **Board Member McCoy:** ...the District Attorney...  
379 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. Thank you.  
380 **Board Member McCoy:** ...regarding..., since it won't be anything of substance, other  
381 than, you know, where we are.  
382 **Chairperson Botel:** Right. Thank you.  
383 **Board Member McCoy:** Right.  
384 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

385 **STATEMENTS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD**

386 **Chairperson Botel:** Any statements by District Board? Starting with Mr.  
387 McCoy?  
388 **Board Member McCoy:** No.  
389 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Lawson?  
390 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair.  
391 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.  
392 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mr. Evans... Question for Mr. Evans. Where do we stand  
393 with the hiring of a permanent Executive Director?  
394 **City Manager Evans:** Currently, we're in the process..., the position is posted and  
395 we're receiving applications.  
396 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. And do we have a cutoff of when we're gonna be  
397 closing that?  
398 **City Manager Evans:** It's open 'til filled. So, if we..., by doing that, it gives us the  
399 opportunity that, if we go through there and see candidates that we are interested in, we  
400 can then proceed forward with the interview process. So it keeps the position open until  
401 we find someone that is suitable for the agency.

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

403 **Chairperson Botel:** Any comments from Board Member Miller-Anderson?  
404 [Pause]. Comments from Board Member Lanier? [Pause]. I have no comments.

405 **ADJOURNMENT**

406 **Chairperson Botel:** Seeing no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

407 [Gavel]

408 **Chairperson Botel:** Let's take a ten-minute break.

409 [End of video/audio]

410 **City Employees, Public Speakers and Others**

411 Bishop Thomas Masters.....Bishop T. Masters

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413 **APPROVED:**

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418 **ATTEST:**

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423 **CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY**  
424 **CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK**  
425 **CITY CLERK**

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440 **MOTIONED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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442 **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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444 **T. MCCOY** \_\_\_\_\_

445 **K. MILLER-ANDERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

446 **S. LANIER** \_\_\_\_\_

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448 **J. BOTEL** \_\_\_\_\_

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450 **D. LAWSON** \_\_\_\_\_

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452 **DATE APPROVED:**     **JANUARY 20, 2021**    

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**JULIA A. BOTEL, Ed.D**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

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**DOUGLAS A. LAWSON**  
**CHAIR PRO TEM**

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