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CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 3, 2020
6:00 p.m.

36 PRESENT AT MEETING¹:

37 MAYOR RONNIE FELDER	MAYOR FELDER
38 CHAIRPERSON JULIA A. BOTEL, DISTRICT 4	CHAIRPERSON BOTEL
39 CHAIR PRO TEM DOUGLAS A. LAWSON, DISTRICT 5	CHAIR PRO TEM LAWSON
40 COUNCILPERSON TRADRICK MCCOY, DISTRICT 1	COUNCILPERSON MCCOY
41 COUNCILPERSON SHIRLY D. LANIER, DISTRICT 3	COUNCILPERSON LANIER
42 COUNCILPERSON KASHAMBA MILLER- ANDERSON, DISTRICT 2	COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON
43 CITY MANAGER JONATHAN EVANS	CITY MANAGER EVANS
44 CITY CLERK CLAUDENE L. ANTHON	CITY CLERK ANTHONY
45 CITY ATTORNEY DAWN S. WYNN	CITY ATTORNEY WYNN

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46 CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
47 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
48 MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
49 HELD JUNE 3, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
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51 (The following may contain unintelligible or misunderstood words due to the
52 recording quality.)

53 [Before meeting discussions]

54 [Starts in 3 minutes]

55 **CALL TO ORDER**

56 **Chairperson Botel:** I'd like to call the Regular City Council Meeting of June 3, 2020
57 to order. The time is 6:00 [audio skipped] p.m.

58 **ROLL CALL**

59 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk, would you call the roll?

60 **City Clerk Anthony:** Mayor Ronnie Felder?

61 **Mayor Felder:** Here.

62 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chairperson Julia Botel?

63 **Chairperson Botel:** Here.

64 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Pro Tem Douglas Lawson?

65 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Here.

66 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Tradrick McCoy?

67 **Councilperson McCoy:** Here.

68 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Shirley Lanier?

69 **Councilperson Lanier:** Here.

70 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

71 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Present.

72 **City Clerk Anthony:** City Manager Jonathan Evans?

73 **City Manager Evans:** Present.

74 **City Clerk Anthony:** City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Dawn
75 Wynn?

76 **City Attorney Wynn:** Here.

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

78 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

79 **INVOCATION**

80 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

81 **Chairperson Botel:** We'll have a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of
82 Allegiance, led by Pro Tem Lawson.

83 [Moment of silence]

84 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
85 and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and
86 justice for all.

87 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

88 **AGENDA APPROVAL**

89 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CONSENT AGENDA (Three Minute Limitation)**

90 **Chairperson Botel:** I'll read the public comment statement.

91 **Chairperson Botel:** PUBLIC COMMENTS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO
92 ISSUES, MATTERS OR TOPICS PERTINENT TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.
93 PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED RULES OF
94 DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC COMMENT DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS.
95 PUBLIC COMMENTS SHALL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M., UNLESS THERE IS NO FURTHER
96 BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNTY WHICH, IN THAT EVENT, IT SHALL BEGIN
97 SOONER. IN ADDITION, IF AN ITEM IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 7:30 P.M., THEN
98 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ITEM
99 HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

100 ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO COMMENT PUBLICLY ON ANY
101 MATTER, INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, SHALL SUBMIT THEIR
102 COMMENTS BY EMAIL TO CITY CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY AT
103 PUBLICCOMMENTS@RIVIERABEACH.ORG. THE EMAIL SHALL CONTAIN THE
104 APPLICABLE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ACCORDING WITH THE PRECISE
105 WORDING TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD. EXPLICIT LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE
106 READ. EMAILS WITHOUT APPLICABLE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS WILL BE READ
107 UNDER THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION. BE ADVISED, PUBLIC

108 **COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR EACH APPLICABLE ITEM IN THE GENERAL**
109 **PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION UNTIL CLOSURE IS ANNOUNCED BY THE**
110 **CHAIRPERSON OR THE CITY CLERK. ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES AND SUBMITTED**
111 **COMMENTS ARE AND WILL BE PUBLIC**

112 **RECORD. THE CITY CLERK OR DESIGNEE WILL READ PUBLIC COMMENTS INTO**
113 **THE RECORD AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR NO MORE THAN THREE**
114 **MINUTES.**

115 Thank you.

116 **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

117 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have any additions, deletions, or substitutions on the
118 Agenda?

119 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair. If I can have the City Clerk read the Items
120 that are being added, and those that are being deleted, into the record.

121 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. [Pause]. I'm, I'm...

122 **City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 4 is being deleted. And there is an Item that was
123 added under discussion by Mayor and City Council regarding the Declaration of the State
124 of Local Emergency concerning the curfew.

125 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

126 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

127 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

128 **Councilperson McCoy:** I...

129 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy.

130 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I'm interested in asking the Manager and the Clerk the
131 importance of taking up Items 8 and 9, at these points, since they generally deal with, I
132 guess, outside boards which, as you probably know, we're not really participating in, in-
133 person, and that if this can be deferred to a, a later meeting.

134 **City Manager Evans:** Cou'..., Councilman, I think that was a request by one of your
135 peers. I think Councilperson Miller-Anderson. But if it is the pleasure of the Board, we
136 can certainly address that at another time.

137 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

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

139 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Now, there may be a few of them that.., the
140 reason why I brought this up is because there are a few of the boards that are meeting
141 and they're meeting by Zoom. And, if some of us are not going to be able to [stammer].
142 Typically, we do this when we change Chair and, and Chair Pro Tem. I would be willing
143 to put it at the back end. I know we're trying to cut this off at 8:45, so maybe putting it at
144 the backend but it is something that needs to be addressed because there are some
145 boards that we need to have a discussion about, in terms of who is willing to commit to
146 going to some of these very important boards..., board meetings.

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

148 **City Clerk Anthony:** As it relates to Item No. 8, in the backup, you will see where
149 the Palm Beach County League of Cities did request that a voting delegate be submitted
150 by May 28th. Whether or not we are able to put that off another meeting because I did
151 advise that our next meeting would be on Jun 3rd, I am not for certain, as indicated in the
152 backup information, usually the representative that's from the City, is usually a voting a
153 delegate. And, if we put off the changing of the representation at the next meeting, then
154 your voting delegate will remain the same, if the representative change.

155 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. I would suggest that we do it at the very end. I
156 think we probably all have taken a look. This was included as backup and there's
157 probably no reason to change any of them, unless somebody wants to step down off the
158 board that they were already representing. I, I, I have been meeting with the, the
159 Chamber groups and Economic Development and Government...

160 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. So...

161 **Chairperson Botel:** ...[inaudible] meeting.

162 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...Madam Chair? For the sake time, can we just
163 put it to the end?

164 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. That's right. We'll just... It's fine with me. Anybody
165 object? [Pause]. Okay. Let's do that.

166 **DISCLOSURES**

167 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Any disclosures by Council?

168 [Pause]

169 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

170 **Chairperson Botel:** Could we.., would someone like to move to adopt the
171 Agenda?

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

173 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.
174 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk.
175 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?
176 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.
177 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?
178 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.
179 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?
180 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.
181 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?
182 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.
183 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?
184 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Thank you.
185 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.
186 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

187 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CONSENT AGENDA (Thee Minute Limitation)**

188 **Chairperson Botel:** Comments from... Do we have any comments from the public
189 on the Consent Agenda?
190 **City Clerk Anthony:** No, Madam Chair.
191 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

192 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

199 **1. APRIL 15, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
200 **CLAUDENE ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, (561) 845-4090**

201 2. MAY 6, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

202 CLAUDENE ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, (561) 845-4090

203 3. RESOLUTION NUMBER ___-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
204 THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING
205 EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT 003 TO THE EXISTING PALM BEACH COUNTY
206 CDBG AGREEMENT (R2018-2001) FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS ALONG
207 AVENUE "M" FROM WEST 23RD STREET TO WEST 27TH STREET -
208 NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
209 CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING AN
210 EFFECTIVE DATE.

211 TERRENCE BAILEY, INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, (561) 845-4080

212 **Chairperson Botel:** Does anyone wish to make a motion to accept the Consent
213 Agenda? Mr. McCoy?

214 **Councilperson McCoy:** I wanna pull that No. 5.

215 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** You were just addressing the Consent right
216 now...

217 **Chairperson Botel:** We're just...

218 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...right?

219 **Chairperson Botel:** We're just doing Consent, Mr. McCoy.

220 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm sorry. I thought it was all Consent. My apologies.

221 **Chairperson Botel:** That's okay. Ms., did someone make a motion to adopt the
222 Consent Agenda?

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

224 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

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

226 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Madam Clerk. Since there's no [inaudible]...

227 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilman McCoy.

228 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

229 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

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

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

233 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

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

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

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

237 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. And now, I...

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

239 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

240 **5. Chairperson Botel:** And now I believe we are on Item No. 5, if I'm correct.
241 Madam Clerk.

242 **City Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER __-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE
243 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,
244 FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
245 SERVICES TO APPROPRIATE FUND BALANCE IN THE MAJOR DISASTER FUND
246 NUMBER 607-00-271000 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR HURRICANE
247 PREPAREDNESS; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND
248 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO SET UP A BUDGET FOR SAME; AND PROVIDING
249 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

250 **NATHAN OSGOOD, CHIEF OF POLICE, (561) 845-4130**

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

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

254 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Did we vote? We got a motion?

255 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. But don't we have to.., are we gonna hear from Mr.
256 Evans on this before we vote or?

257 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, we get a motion before you put it on the floor
258 for discussion.

259 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have...

260 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** That's what I was... That's what I mean, I'm
261 sorry.

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

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

264 **Chairperson Botel:** I apologize.

265 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** That's what I...

266 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. Thank you. Thank you.

267 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** That's what I meant.

268 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. [Chuckle]. Do we..., did anyone wanna second
269 that motion? Sorry.

270 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

271 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. And now, Mr. Evans. Thank you.

272 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the City, Council, this Item
273 before you is to seek an appropriation from the major disaster fund for the purposes of
274 hurricane preparedness. I have Interim Fire Chief John Curd and Police Chief Nate
275 Osgood on the call to answer any questions that the Council may have of the Item.

276 The intent behind the funds is to be able to provide some of the basic necessities
277 that we need to effectively prepare for going into the start of hurricane season which
278 commenced on June 1st. This is a standard process that we go about and actually, the
279 major disaster fund is a fund that, by Charter, the City has to set aside monies for the
280 purposes of disaster preparedness and so we're pulling from that particular fund that it
281 can be utilized for things applicable to emergency management.

282 Chief Curd or Chief Osgood, if there's any additional information that you'd like to
283 provide, please feel free to do so.

284 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** Good evening, Mr. Evans, Council. Jon Curd, Interim Fire
285 Chief.

286 This, this fund here is what is used annually for generator, procurement, for our,
287 you know, senior Public Safety building. Also, the fuel associated with that [audio
288 skipped]. [Audio skipped] on us, we are kind of pivoting to now prepare for hurricane
289 season. And, and this \$100,000 is merely just to provide some of the essential
290 necessities so that we can [inaudible] hurricane season.

291 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any questions?

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

293 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr...

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

295 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes, Mr. Lawson.

296 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you. Mr. Curd, the \$100,000, I saw that \$72,000 is
297 going towards generator cost.

298 **Chairperson Botel:** Rental. Sorry.

299 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** Correct.

300 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mr. Curd? I'm sorry.

301 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** Yes, sir. That's correct.

302 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yeah. So, the rental of this generator that we're spending,
303 how many years have we been spending money on the rental of a generator?

304 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** I, I would have to give you the exact number but, I believe this
305 gonna be our fourth year. It has been recommended in the past by the hurricane
306 committee group to consider the purchase of a generator but due to uncertainty of the
307 building, the Public Works, or what was the Public Safety building, there was never a
308 desire or a firm commitment to invest anymore money, but here we are down the road,
309 where it may be a consideration moving forward.

310 [Inaudible background]

311 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. So, I guess my question and concern is that, for the
312 past four years, which is close to \$300,000 at \$72,000 a year for rental, what is the cost
313 of a generator? Being that we're only renting it for sixth month periods.

314 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** Well, in, in that cost, you also have fuel that's associated
315 with..., where fortunately, we'll be able to reuse some of that fuel as the season expires.
316 But we would..., for that facility, all of the permitting, the, the permanent fuel [audio
317 skipped] we'd be well over a half a million dollars as just a, a rough estimate. Which was
318 undesirable to be spent in year one or year two but considering what's happening with
319 the Public Works facility, City Hall, the Fire Station, that building has become more of a
320 staple than it was projected to be five years ago.

321 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. Is it not possible to retro fit the generator, if purchased,
322 to another building?

323 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** It would be possible. I'm, I'm, I'm not gonna speak as an
324 electrical contractor and whether or not the, the, the voltage would be that of what the
325 next building... Is it too big, too small? But I would think, yeah, there would still be value
326 to any Generator that was purchased.

327 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. Alright. So, during my review with Mr. Evans, I spoke
328 to him about the life and expectancy of the generator, and also the cost that we've been
329 spending in rental for the generator. So, for us to spend another year renting the
330 generator in a building that's..., has become, like you said, a staple here as one of our,
331 our building staples, I think that we really need to take a look at the cost, total cost of a
332 generator, incorporating it into next year's budget and making sure that we stop renting
333 and wasting money and throwing it away every year when we're renting at six month
334 periods of time at \$72,000 a year.

335 So, if we can, not rent again after this budget 'cause it's kinda late in the year to
336 incorporate a half a million dollar generator into the budget for this previous year or find
337 that money but for the next year, I definitely want us to incorporate that so that we stop
338 renting.

339 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** Understood. And in the next budget year, we're gonna be
340 coming to Council with a very robust disaster management plan, as COVID and, and
341 hurricane season and the like, have come [stammer] upon us, we're gonna need to look
342 at doing better from an emergency management standpoint.

343 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. Perfect. Thank you, Mr. Curd.

344 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** Yes, sir.

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

346 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Lawson, for teeing
347 that up 'cause that was kinda the line of questions that I had.

348 Mr. Curd or, or perhaps Mr. Bailey, what'..., is this the, I think the fifty-two foot
349 container trailer type generator that we see for special events?

350 **City Manager Evans:** Councilman McCoy, this is Jonathan. It's the generator that
351 we..., it, it fits about into a parking space. It's usually those types of generators are, I think,
352 a hundred and twenty..., a hundred and twenty-five kilowatts. We can look to, to
353 Councilman Lawson's point, we would have to look at a transfer switch and having that
354 built into some of our facilities but it is something that we've discussed most recently that
355 we would look to put into the budget for fiscal year 2021, as a capital purchase, because
356 we can utilize the money in the disaster fund account to, to fund it.,

357 So it's not the, the..., it's not the..., it's not a tractor trailer, it's a small unit that fits...,
358 it's about the size of a parking space.

359 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And, this is solely for six..., a six month rental from June
360 1st to November 30th? Is that what I'm understanding?

361 **Interim Fire Chief Curd:** That's correct.

362 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, sir.

363 **Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Evans, or perhaps Mr. Sherman, how much did we
364 appropriate this year for the City's major disaster fund? Isn't there a certain percentage
365 that we have to allocate every year?

366 **City Manager Evans:** If I'm not mistaken, I think it's half a mill that goes into the
367 major disaster fund. Mr. Sherman, can you confirm that?

368 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah. It's, it's, one and a
369 half. This year, we put in over \$600,000 and based on the preliminary valuations... Oh,
370 I'm sorry, my camera's not on. Here we go...

371 **Unk.:** I'm sorry.

372 [Inaudible comments]

373 **Councilperson McCoy:** Can you... I'm sorry. I heard one point.., did I hear \$1.5MM?
374 One and a half?

375 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, sir. It's...

376 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yes.

377 **City Manager Evans:** ...\$600,000.

378 **Councilperson McCoy:** That we allocated just for the '19-'20 Fiscal Year?

379 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** No. It's...

380 **City Manager Evans:** Per Charter, yes.

381 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** We have.., that's the
382 amount by Charter that we have to put into the fund.

383 **Councilperson McCoy:** Annually?

384 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Annually. So next year,
385 looking at it, it'll be over \$700,000 that we will add to the fund.

386 **Councilperson McCoy:** Why would we.., half that amount next year?

387 **City Manager Evans:** 'Cause the.., based on the taxable value growth, since it's a
388 percentage of what the millage rate is. So, if the, if the values go up, the increment that
389 the City has to put into that fund ends up going up as well.

390 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Mr. Sherman or Mr. Evans, what's the current balance
391 in that major disaster fund, currently?

392 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah. Right now, there's
393 \$6.3MM in the fund. And we have a receivable from FEMA of over a million dollars.

394 **Councilperson McCoy:** And, that receivable is.., how low has that been aging, Mr.
395 Sherman?

396 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** It goes back two storms.
397 So, Irma and Dorian.

398 **Councilperson McCoy:** And, that amount exactly is how much?

399 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah. It's, it's, it's right
400 around a million dollars. I don't have the exact number right in front of me but.

401 **Councilperson McCoy:** And so, if I understand correctly, we set aside a million as
402 receivables in anticipation of a FEMA reimbursement? And if we don't receive that
403 reimbursement, do we transfer that \$1MM out of major disaster into the general?

404 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Well, we, we set up the
405 receivable equal to what FEMA has signed off on and approved. We just haven't received
406 the funds yet.

407 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, if they signed off on, on it and re'.., and approved it,
408 wouldn't that be like constructive receipt? It wouldn't be a need to have a receivable?

409 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** I'm not sure or else, or else
410 I would, I would record it. We have it as a deferred revenue and a receivable on the
411 books.

412 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Well, I, I, I was asking because it doesn't seem
413 practical to rent this kind of equipment when there are dollars available, and then we're
414 gonna find ourself right back here, you know, revisiting this again. And, you know, I, I just
415 wanted to make sure that I understood exactly, you know, what the use was.

416 Last question and then I'll yield back. The.., I guess the trailer, is this something
417 that we use outside or we rent outside of this period? Because I thought I've seen one of
418 these over at Public Safety recently.

419 **City Manager Evans:** The, the generator, I think, it may be.., it has been out there
420 but I think after the, the rental period is over, they come and collect the generator. So, it,
421 it may have been out there for a, maybe an additional length of time until they do pick up
422 the item. But also, I can tell you, Councilman, from my experience, I went through this
423 process in Madeira Beach and it takes about six months to be able to get a generator of
424 that size spec'd out, ordered and installed. And then assuming that you have to go pour
425 another concrete pad in the, in the switches, sometimes it can take longer than that. But
426 there is reimbursements that are available through FEMA when you do look to acquire
427 the generator to some point, some of it's fifty to sixty percent. So, it's a capital expenditure
428 that we're gonna look to put in the budget in fiscal year 2021 so we're not back in situation
429 again.

430 **Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Evans, where's Public.., the Public Safety complex?
431 Which, which District is that located in?

432 [Chuckles]

433 **City Manager Evans:** That is in District 3.

434 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh. Oh, okay.

435 [Chuckles]

436 **Councilperson McCoy:** Alright. Just curious. Alright. Last question. So, is any of the
437 transfers in and out of the disaster fund does come to City Council? Mr. Sherman or Mr.
438 Evans?

439 **City Manager Evans:** Yes.

440 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Alright. I yield to Councilwoman Lanier for a, a motion.

441 **Chairperson Botel:** I, I think we, we have a motion. Councilwoman Lanier, did
442 you wanna make a statement about that?

443 **Councilperson Lanier:** No. We can call the question, please.

444 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Before we do, I wanna say that I was happy that
445 Mr. Lawson raised that issue because I had the same question that, understanding that
446 it would take so long to get it done, I'm glad that we're starting in that process now, given
447 that I think the, the sense from this Council is that we want to purchase one rather than
448 continue to lease it.

449 So, alright. Madam Clerk, would you call the question?

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

451 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

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

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

455 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

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

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

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

459 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

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

461 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

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

463 **City Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER ____-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE
464 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,
465 FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A GLOBAL M4
466 STREET SWEEPER FROM SOUTHERN SEWER EQUIPMENT SALES BY UTILIZING
467 THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONTRACT NUMBER FSA19-VEH17 AND
468 SOURCEWELL CONTRACT # 2020-120716 NAF; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF
469 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME
470 FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 460-32101-564000 FOR THE PURCHASE IN THE
471 AMOUNT OF \$268,287.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

472 **TERRENCE BAILEY, INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, (561) 845-4080**

473 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comment on this Item
474 is now closed. And we do not have any public comments.

475 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson** So moved.

476 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved. Second.

477 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, if I can have Mr.
478 Terrence Bailey, Interim Director of Public Works present this Item.

479 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

480 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes. As you can see from the backup provided,
481 we are replacing our existing street sweeper, that [stammer] that has come to the end of
482 its useful life. This street sweeper is part of our stormwater management system, and
483 programmed to keep dirt and debris out of the stormwater management system, protect
484 our pristine waters and encourage the ecology of our community.

485 And with that, I'll take any questions.

486 **Chairperson Botel:** Questions? [Pause]. Seeing none, we can call the question.
487 Madam Clerk.

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

489 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

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

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

493 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

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

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

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

497 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

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

499 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

500 **7. Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 7.

501 **City Clerk Anthony:** RESOLUTION NUMBER __- 20 A RESOLUTION OF THE
502 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,
503 FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 001 TO THE INTER-
504 LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY,
505 FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA AND APPROVING THE
506 CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM FOR FISCAL
507 YEARS 2021-2023 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS TO INCLUDE
508 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, EMERGENCY PARTNERSHIP
509 GRANT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

510 **Deirdre Jacobs, assistant city manager, (561) 812-6590**

511 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comment on this Item
512 is now closed. And we do not have any public comment.

513 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would anyone like to make a motion?

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

515 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

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

517 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

518 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

519 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, Member of the Board, if I can have the
520 Assistant City Manager, Mrs. Deirdre Jacobs present this Item.

521 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

522 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Thank you, Mr. Evans. Can you all hear me?

523 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

524 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Okay. Thank you. For the record, my name is
525 Deirdre Jacobs. I'm the Assistant City Manager here, with the City of Riviera Beach.
526 Honorable Mayor, City Council persons, Mr. Evans.

527 This particular Item is the result of the City receiving a community development
528 block grant and other federal dollars from the county. As you all are aware, the City is
529 not an entitlement City, so we don't receive funds directly from the federal government,
530 or the state government. It is hopeful that as a result of the Census that we're in now,
531 that the count will realize at least a minimum of fifty thousand persons. At that particular
532 time, we will become an entitlement. But up until that point in time, we received dollars
533 through..., from HUD and state entities through Palm Beach County. What this particular
534 legislation does, is it..., there was..., there is Section 3 language that was inadvertently left
535 out of all of our agreements, and the county is simply asking us if we would insert Section
536 3, Government, as a part of all our agreements with them, whenever we are involved in
537 any type of projects that are funded through federal dollars, by way of the county.

538 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

539 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** If there are any questions, I can take them now.

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

541 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes, Mr. Lawson.

542 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So Ms. Jacobs, the Census has a strong impact on these
543 actual dollars, so my question was, can you explain to us why we actually get these CDBG
544 block funding? And, through the county versus it being appropriated through HUD?

545 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** We don't get them directly. The City of Riviera
546 Beach does not get them directly, just as any other entity would not if they don't have a
547 population of at least fifty thousand persons.

548 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mhmm. So, based on that now, the importance of our Census
549 and what can truly impact this actual..., these dollars that we're receiving, correct?

550 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** What it does is, the Census, by us having a
551 population of at least fifty thousand persons, it provides us with the ability to receive funds
552 directly from the federal and the state governments, as opposed to going through Palm
553 Beach County.

554 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. And, in addition to these funds... So, this comes
555 directly down from the fed, correct?

556 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Yes, sir.

557 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. There's two things that I actually want us to do and I
558 want my colleagues to try to see if we can get support for this, is to see if the fed can
559 reduce this population number down to a number that's feasible for communities that truly
560 need these funding. So right now, if the population density is fifty thousand to receive the
561 funds directly from them, I would say that let's petition our lobbyist in DC to see if they
562 can get that number down, to a feasible number that could actually be impactful for our
563 community. Thirty to forth thousand would be perfect for actual our community, and if we
564 could actually petition our lobbyist to work on that and to go to the fed and say this is
565 where we wanna be, this is where this needs to be to actually get this funding down, I
566 think that's a direction that we should actually be reaching out to our lobbyist in DC.
567 Number one.

568 Number two, I also wanna see that our Census is truly..., is, is truly worked on over
569 the next four..., three to four months because, if we can make an aggressive attempt at
570 addressing the Census, of getting it filled out, of getting it to the residents of... It's an
571 online process. I did it within five minutes. So, if we can really get our residents to actually
572 get that Census filled out and to get an accurate number, 'cause I'm pretty sure we're
573 actually closer to forty..., forth-three or forty-five thousand residents, if not more than what
574 we have projected right now at thirty-five thousand. Just because our residents are not
575 filling out that Census. I really wanna us to kinda make a attempt within the City to push
576 that marketing, and also my colleagues, to get that out because we have our following.
577 Let's really push to get that Census filled out by the residents here in the City.

578 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. Lawson. I actually did a, a study today and
579 found that only 47.7 percent of Riviera Beach residents have answered the Census. So,
580 we're really, really behind here. And we [stammer], I, I agree we need to do a good push
581 to get people to do it. It's very quick to do. I submitted a grant to the League of Cities to
582 see if we could get some funding to help with this and I haven't heard yet..., back about
583 that grant. I don't know whether it's still being funded given the pandemic but I'll check
584 into that and see if we have any money that could come from Leagues of Cities to help
585 us promote the Census.

586 Mr. Evans, I think we have someone onboard who is charged with promoting the
587 Census in the City. Could you [inaudible]?

588 **City Manager Evans:** Yes. We, we ha'..., we have worked with an outside provider
589 to assist us in garnering support and activities associated with the Census. That
590 agreement has since expired but we are looking at additional ways to continue to get
591 participa'..., participation..., participation from members of the community. Our numbers,
592 as it relates to ten years ago when we did the Census are about five percent higher than
593 they were at this time ten years ago, so we're going to continue to move the needle. The
594 good thing about it is that we haven't gotten to the point where the Census takers are
595 visiting neighborhoods, and that's usually when you do get another spike in the numbers.
596 So, we're gonna continue to push out information with regards to people taking the
597 Census because, to the Assistant Manager's point, that's..., if we have the population over

598 fifty thousand, then the appropriations come directly to us. There is discussions, and
599 there have been discussions on the congressional level about modifying the numbers for
600 communities because a lot of the communities that those dollars are intended to impact
601 are within that placement where we stand, so there is discussions with regards to that.
602 And I think it's worth the effort to see if there's any desires from the fed to effectively make
603 that move. And, I think one of the things to our advantage is, [stammer], it is an election
604 year and they're more inclined to do things like that, especially to target funds for
605 communities that can benefit from the allocations versus us getting the money from the
606 county.

607 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any other questions? Ms. Lanier.

608 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. I just.., I, I know that that's a, I mean, that's something
609 that we can try to do to ask the federal government for that type of designation but that's
610 gonna be very difficult given that every.., all fifty states have to agree to that. That's the
611 first thing. I think that what we need to look at is not only, you know, trying to bolster our
612 participation in the Census, but to do something like a supplemental Census. We need
613 to be able to, you know, do our part to get people involved in participating in the Census.
614 So, if we can do that, if we can at least, you know, provide some supplemental assistance
615 to getting that done. Because, I mean, it's, it, it.., something like getting the City, or the, I
616 mean, getting the state or the, or the federal government to change that designation from
617 fifty thousand is going to take every other fifty states to agree to something that, that way.
618 And that's going to take a long time. So, I think in the meantime, [stammer] but there's
619 no harm in asking. But I think in the meantime, we need to be able to do our part here to
620 bolster participation in the Census.

621 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any other questions?

622 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** I have a comment, Madam Chair, Madam Chair
623 with regards to the federal government. We may even wanna start at a, at a state level
624 because there are Sadowski funds, that the county receives as well, that we don't. And
625 those are funds that are used to actually assist with housing activities. That might be less
626 of a challenge as opposed to starting at the federal level.

627 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any other questions? Madam Clerk.

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

629 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

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

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

633 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

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

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

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

637 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

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

639 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

640 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Thank you.

641 **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

642 **Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 8 under discussion and deliberation.

643 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, I believe it was the consensus of the Board that
644 we move Item No. 8 and No. 9 to the end.

645 **Chairperson Botel:** You're, you're correct. Thank you very much.

646 **10. Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 10.

647 **ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (AIPP) DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

648 **JEFF GAGNON, AICP, ACTING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, (561)**
649 **845-4060**

650 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair...

651 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair...

652 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...we don't have any...

653 **City Manager Evans:** ...and Members...

654 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...any public comments on this Item. The acceptance of
655 public comments are now closed.

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

657 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, this Item before you
658 this evening is pursuant to a conversation that Staff had with the City Council concerning
659 Art in Public Places. I will ask that the Assistant City Manager and the Development
660 Services Manager assist in this presentation. Ms. Jacobs.

661 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Again, for the record, my name is Deirdre
662 Jacobs and I am the Assistant City Manager here, with the City of Riviera Beach.

663 This particular Item started with Mr., Councilperson Lawson back in March, I
664 believe, and we were given a directive to come back within sixty days with a product after
665 we performed certain research activities to bring forth so that the Board could consider a
666 proposal for consideration, of adoption or even just ideas to think of to [stammer]
667 brainstorm with regards to developing a Art in Public Places project. At this particular
668 time, it was initially a project that was handled by the Interim Developer', Development
669 Services Director but he's unable to be with us this evening. Still in the interim, we wanted
670 to continue to have the dialog to discuss different ways that we might be able to come up
671 with... Normally, the research has shown that there's an Ordinance that dictates but, in
672 the interim, we could also., we would ask that the Council would allow us additional time
673 to do research where we could come up and bring back to you, in maybe the next thirty
674 days, a Resolution where we could actually come up with different types of environments,
675 physical environments, as well as creating other types of environments where we could
676 come up with standards and protocols, different grant opportunities, our financing
677 arrangements, establishments., or, establishment of board, committees, different
678 standards, even going to the point of doing things internally where we start doing
679 housekeeping items with regards to how we maintain our City so that we are properly
680 positioned to be able to aesthetically improve our community.

681 **Chairperson Botel:** So, Ms. Jacobs, are you saying that we're gonna be presented
682 with something at some future date?

683 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** I was asking if the Board would allow us to come
684 back, being that Mr. Gagnon is not here this evening.

685 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

686 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** His particular department was responsible for
687 doing the research. If you would allow us because most of the cities that we did research
688 on, they actually put forth., they had an Ordinance in place, so even before we can come
689 to the point of developing or designing or creating an Ordinance, we would ask that you
690 allow us additional time to come back with a Resolution, where we could do some of the
691 basic things with coming up with standards, guidelines, protocols that deal with different
692 types of financing, establishment of boards and committees, or different forms of arts that
693 we could bring to you for your consideration.

694 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Thank you. I don't think anybody would object to giving
695 you more time. I believe, Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, you correct me, maybe not,
696 we've been talking about this for two and a half years [chuckles] now so what's a little
697 more time? Another thirty days can't hurt. So, that's fine with me. Anybody else object?

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

699 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes, Mr. Lawson.

700 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes. I, I, I don't object to giving more time. We don't have an
701 option right now because Mr. Gagnon's not here, yet there's no presentation so it's not
702 that more time is in place, it's that we don't have a available presentation. And, I just
703 wanna make sure that, within those thirty days, that whoever's gonna be in charge of
704 bringing something back before the Board, that we have, and we've done the, the proper
705 research and vetted the proper individuals throughout the county and state to bring a, a
706 good product for our residents and for our colleagues to just not waste time, because we
707 could've just not put it on the Agenda. But I understand that.., with Mr. Gagnon not
708 showing up tonight for our meeting, that it doesn't allow for us to present an Item tonight.
709 So, Ms. Jacobs, I know there.., I spoke with you briefly and you said that you'd be taking
710 charge with assisting with this project. So, being that this was presented about two
711 months ago, I thank you guys for following up within the timeframe that we outlined but,
712 Ms. Jacobs, if you could follow up with myself, or even my legislative aide, to discuss
713 some additional steps of what's needed prior to it coming back before the Board, I'd love
714 to take a look at it, and then also forward it over to the colleagues as well so that that
715 thirty day mark can actually be hit. 'Cause I don't want us to drag our feet on anything
716 else anymore.

717 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Yes, sir.

718 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And I thank you.., and I thank you for jumping on it, Ms.
719 Jacobs. Thank you so much. And thank you, Ms. Grace, as well.

720 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

721 **11. Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 11.

722 **City Clerk Anthony:** **DISCUSSION CONCERNING RACE, GENDER NEUTRAL**
723 **POLICY DEVELOPMENT.**

724 **DOUGLAS LAWSON, COUNCILMAN, (561) 845-3685**

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

727 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. This looks like it was put on by Councilman
728 Lawson.

729 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. This Item, I'm actually going to
730 allow for, again, Ms. Dawn Wynn and Ms. Jacobs, just to give some background and
731 information on the research that we've been doing in regards to the race gender neutral
732 programs that we can implement. And also, the direction of moving forward with the
733 disparity study. Being that we actually had a discussion of the disparity study, I wanted
734 to find a program and find some processes that we could put in place immediately.

735 So, I'm gonna allow for Ms. Wynn or Ms. Jacobs to kinda present on some of the
736 information and then I'm gonna ask my colleagues to support a, a few directions that I
737 have.

738 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I, if I may to, to provide a little bit of intro with
739 regards to the, the topic as well. Councilman Lawson, obviously, and, and the rest of the
740 Board has talked about how do we establish programs to address some of the challenges
741 with regards to local participation? And it's been something that this Board and previous
742 Boards have discussed for a significant amount of time. We have had productive
743 conversations with a subject matter experts and Staff will provide additional context with
744 regards to those conversations. But, one of the things that we think that we can
745 accomplish, is the establishment of program criteria to be able to effectuate at least the
746 first steps in the process to address some of the inequities that are inherent in, in these
747 types of systems. We believe that the initial phase of the process will be less than
748 \$25,000, within the City Manager's procurement authority. However, the reason that
749 we're bringing this Item to discuss with the Board is that the program that will be
750 developed will have a longstanding fiscal impact and will have a policy implication, and
751 so, we wanted the Board to be briefed on it and have insight with regards to the analysis
752 and the process, prior to bringing something to you. So, we wanted your input and
753 feedback.

754 So, at this time, I'll turn it over to Staff to be able to provide additional context with
755 regards to the conversation.

756 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair, as well, if I could just make another comment
757 in reference to the direction of where we're going. That the Council, if you recall last
758 October, we had a Council presentation from our Interim Permit'..., Procurement Director
759 and, at that time, we were informed that no data was being gathered. And at that time,
760 we faced a ability that we weren't able to actually support a disparity study because no
761 data was being gathered. Since that time, we had a few meetings with Staff and one of
762 the Items, which was included, was a discussion with Mr. Franklin Lee, who actually is
763 working the county, and providing information, consultation and support for getting a study
764 completed from the county and the City of West Palm Beach. We wanna actually utilize
765 small minority and women owned businesses in government contracting. So, when Mr.
766 Lee confirmed that we can't undertake the disparity study without having the data, it was
767 my understanding, when we spoke with our Procurement Director at the time, that they'd
768 begin collecting data. This was October, when we, as a Board, passed a motion for a 5-
769 0 vote to begin collecting data. Speaking with our current Director, the process has begun
770 to collect data, it's just a little bit late. So again, I want us to make sure that we're in
771 charge and on point with staying on top of Staff to begin to do the things that's necessary.
772 But with Mr. Evans, the transition of him coming in at the time and us transitioning into
773 our new permanent directors, we were seeing some drop offs and some of the things
774 being done. But more recently, I've seen that a lot of the information has been consistent
775 with what they're trying to accomplish, what needs to be done and what's being brought
776 before the Board. So, if we do decide to perform a disparity study, at the time, we will
777 have that necessary data. But essentially, we passed that motion in October and it is
778 now June 3rd and the data has just started to be collected in the last couple months. In
779 the last, I'm sorry, last month.

780 So, Mr. Lee is gonna also educate us and talk to us about race gender neutral
781 policies, programs and things that we can implement at a current status, and reviewing

782 and update the Procurement Code, he's gonna look at our initiatives and also determine
783 what we can do as a City to address the disparities within our community. So, what I
784 wanna ask the Council is to entertain the City Manager and allow for Staff to bring in Mr.
785 Lee to actually do a presentation for us, so that if we decided to implement these systems
786 to increase the small..., increase the minority and women businesses here in our
787 community and the City.

788 So, I know Staff has a presentation, they wanted to discuss a few things but that's
789 where I wanna actually bring in whether it's Mr. Lee or anyone that can consult to provide
790 direction for minority businesses in our community.

791 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

792 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Good evening again. My name is Deirdre
793 Jacobs and I'm the Assistant City Manager here, with the City of Riviera Beach.

794 In speaking to Dr. Lee, he has provided with us..., when I say us I mean as Staff,
795 and Mr. Lawson as well, a menu of various types of services that he could provide to us
796 that would still be with under the [inaudible] of the City Manager in order for him to get
797 started with the particular..., or, of our goal of eventually having a disparity study done,
798 and that being analyzed to determine exactly how we're spending our dollars. So, going
799 through the menu, it was basically..., in speaking with him, I spoke to him again this
800 afternoon, if we were to start with just the scope of the work in terms of him coming here,
801 exactly what Councilperson Lawson mentioned, him coming here, here and being able
802 to, to go through what we have in place. From my understanding, we do have an M'...,
803 MWBE policy in place but because it was not put in place as a part of a disparity study,
804 it's not really a, a program that we can actually utilize in a legal fashion. So, if he were to
805 come to us up under a smaller contract just to get us started and help us to, to even just
806 begin to figure out where we need to go, with not only collecting the data but even as far...,
807 going as far as instituting a project that wouldn't be based on any type of race or gender,
808 he's willing to come to assist us. Subsequent to that, we even spoke of ways that we
809 could start collecting the data because it's not as simple as just collecting data, there are
810 different things and process' where we have to determine whether or not the data is
811 uniform, whether or not it has been cleansed, whether or not it's verifiable. So, it's an
812 extremely tedious process but he's willing to come. He's a scholar and, based on my
813 research, we probably wouldn't be able to receive services at the level that he provides
814 pretty much outside of, of his competence with many other vendors.

815 So, he has agreed to come and assist us and if we started either with as simply
816 going through a scope of work with him, for him to just get us started with where we need
817 to be. We truly understand that we're probably a couple of years out with regards to
818 actually even collecting enough data, but still it'll get us to where we need to go to even
819 get started.

820 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Are, are you looking for us to make a motion, Mr.
821 Lawson?

822 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Well, absolutely. I'm looking for a direction to allow for us to
823 contract. Even though it does fall within the, the spending limit of our City Manager, he
824 does want the support of the Council, to know if this is a direction that we'd like to go.
825 And I know some of my colleagues have some questions, especially Mr. McCoy, so I
826 wanna hear from the Council and colleagues first before we make a decision to expend
827 the money to bring a consultant in to implement these programs.

828 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy, did you have.., I didn't see you waving your hand
829 over there. Did you have a question? [Chuckle].

830 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. And this question a.., it's a
831 question and a comment. First, Mr.., Mr.., Councilman Lawson...

832 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Sir.

833 **Councilperson McCoy:** Am, am I correct in understanding that you want to bring him
834 in to as'.., basically, do an assessment of where we are currently?

835 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Well actually, what I would prefer and I'd actually like to bring
836 him in, is to do a presentation to my colleagues to actually let him know what he's going
837 to provide. What.., we've had conversation, is that the current systems need to be
838 assessed. What actually is being.., what data is being collected? What information needs
839 to be provided for a study to be effective, and then what race gender.., what race neutral
840 programs we can actually currently implement that can actually withstand any legal
841 challenge right now.

842 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, a presentation as to what he is going to provide?
843 Is that what I heard you say?

844 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yeah. To review his scope of work and ask any questions that
845 we may have as colleagues, before he's actually retained.

846 **Councilperson McCoy:** I don't particularly agree. For a couple reasons. And not that
847 I don't support this. You know, I enjoy the benefit of having SMWBE designation for Palm
848 Beach County. However, I've not heard anything, today nor in the discussions in the past,
849 that would suggest or even, or even have an inclination that there is some sort of disparate
850 treatment in the City of Riviera Beach. And, that can only be done by us collecting the
851 data. But I do not want to.., us to commit to doing a project of establishing the scope,
852 going out to get someone to tell us about what we're doing and what we should be doing.
853 If I'm not mistaken, I remember when this first came up, we had a very robust conversation
854 with'.., with then Interim Director Ricky Little, who was over Procurement and just today,
855 or actually yesterday, I was reviewing a memorandum that came from the Manager that
856 spoke to Ms. Althea Pemsel's background in, in Procurement and that she's held every
857 position in Procurement and I would not want us to waste money going out for someone
858 to tell us something that we already know.

859 If we haven't collected data, then why do we need somebody else to confirm that?
860 Not to mention, what separates Riviera Beach from West Palm Beach and also Palm

861 Beach County is, if you just look at the level of contracts that the City puts out compared
862 to what West Palm Beach puts out, there is a huge difference. And, I would much rather
863 allow one of our Staff, who's onboard, who the Manager touted about, you know, having,
864 you know, a, a, a litany of experience, have a bite at that as opposed to bringing in
865 somebody from the outside to tell us something that's not gonna get us anywhere. And,
866 you know, I actually had the opportunity of reviewing some of the information that was
867 changed during, I guess, since October with the new vendor information sheet, which is
868 pretty vague but even at that rate, I don't believe any, any person is gonna be able to
869 come in and tell us anything specific that we don't already have the very direct facts to
870 determine ourselves, and especially now that we have someone seasoned like Ms. Althea
871 Pemsel. And I just don't think that it's prudent for us to spend that kinda money on
872 someone to basically tell us what we already have heard before and, you know beginning
873 a process that we've already started.

874 So, unless I, I, I hear something convincing otherwise, I just.., it, it really feels like
875 to me something I seen when the past Council chose to review the, what was that, the
876 Utility Special District for \$25,000 and they came around and when that money was up,
877 there was another \$25,000 that was being asked for. So, you know, quite honestly, if
878 he's doing this for the county, and he's doing this for West Palm Beach, I'm sure, just like
879 I shared with, the, the Manager and the Attorney and the Assistant Manager today, we
880 can also borrow from best practices from other agencies. We don't necessarily need to
881 hire an expert or somebody that who we may believe is an expert when, you know, that
882 is already modeled in other municipalities for us.

883 So, I mean, I haven't seen anything to suggest that we really have a need to hire
884 someone to establish a whole separate arrangement for them to basically tell us the same
885 thing.

886 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Lanier and then Mr. Lawson. Ms. Lanier, just
887 because she's been waiting.

888 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. I, I have to disagree with that, Councilman Lawson.
889 Although Ms. Pemsel may be versed in every area of purchasing and she may.., and I
890 know that she's a very good.., in terms of the job that she does, but we're talking about
891 collecting data, we're talking about methodologies, we're talking about research, statistics
892 and analysis. We're talking about very specific types of how you collect data, how you
893 looked at that data and how you're going to use that data. The people who are working
894 in Purchasing right now, are not statistical analysts. They're not research data experts.
895 They are Purchasing people. And, the data, it's not just going in and just kind of collecting
896 the data, it's about knowing how to analyze that data, knowing what that research.., what
897 research methods to use to be able to analyze the.., to analyze that dat. So, I totally want
898 to move forward with this but I also want to have people who are well-versed and who are
899 experts in statistical data analysis and being able to know how to collect that dat.

900 So, I do want to move forward with it and I want to be able to have someone who
901 is an expert in that area to guide us in doing that.

902 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Miller-Anderson, did you wanna make a
903 comment?

904 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I'm sorry, Madam Chair?

905 **Chairperson Botel:** But she's [stammer]... Mr. Lawson and then Ms. Miller-
906 Anderson...

907 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I just...

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

909 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...want... No, no. I can let her go ahead and I still have my
910 comments. I wanna reserve my comments but... I just wanted to clarify...

911 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** No. I didn't raise my hand. Lawson can go
912 ahead. I didn't raise my hand.

913 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Thank you.

914 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you. I just wanted to clarify. So, so Ms.,
915 Councilwoman Lanier, you do agree that we would need to bring in a consultant then to
916 review and to prepare us for collecting the data and implementing programs, correct?

917 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

918 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Alright.

919 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes. Yeah.

920 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. Alright. Because I, I was, I was confused at first so
921 [chuckle]... I was...

922 **Councilperson Lanier:** Well, no. I...

923 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...thinking you said. You had..., 'cause you originally said that
924 you disagreed with Councilman Lawson so I, I was disappointed...

925 **Councilperson Lanier:** Well, I...

926 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...but I'm glad now.

927 **Councilperson Lanier:** No, no. I dis'... [Chuckle]. I disagreed with him because of
928 the fact that he felt that we didn't need someone of that caliber or at least an expert in
929 that particular area, even though we have very good people working in our Purchasing
930 Department, they are not statistical data analysts and experts in that particular field.

931 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Well, he, he is a good looking brother but he's not as good
932 looking as...

933 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

934 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...Councilman Lawson so... I think that's where the confusion
935 lie because...

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

937 **Councilperson Lanier:** Oh.

938 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...you did say that I agree...

939 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay. Alright.

940 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...with Councilman Lawson. So...

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

942 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...but ei'..., either way, thank you, Councilwoman Lanier.

943 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

944 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And, Council'.., Councilman McCoy, I do understand your
945 concerns but my biggest concern is that having Staff that we have in place, when we
946 instructed Staff ten months ago to actually begin collecting this data and it hasn't been
947 done, I would actually prefer a consultant to come in and to oversee this project, just to
948 make sure it gets put through, 'cause we can no longer kick the can down the road. We
949 have to have people that's gonna hold everyone accountable. So, as of right now, I do
950 believe that.., I do believe that we have the proper Staff in place with the new hires that
951 Mr. Evans has brought in, but I also wanna make sure that they take the right steps
952 necessary so that there's no delay in getting this project done.

953 Right now, we're already about ten months behind, possibly doing the disparity
954 study if we decide as a City to move forward with it. Also, programming could be put in
955 place and that's what actual Mr. Lee, Franklin Lee, can actually provide us that direction.
956 So what he's actually gonna show us is the proper data. 'Cause within our department
957 right now, we do not know the exact data that needs to be collected to complete a study.
958 So, unless we have a professional that has completed a study in our neighboring
959 municipalities, that can actually review our process and our procedures, then I would not
960 trust that we're gonna get it done without having somebody to review and guide us with
961 those steps.

962 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you Mr. [inaudible]...

963 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And so actually, what I'd like to... Go ahead. I'm sorry,
964 Madam Chair, you had a question.

965 **Chairperson Botel:** No. I, I thought you were done. I'm sorry. Go ahead. I was
966 just gonna...

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

968 **Chairperson Botel:** ...call on Mr. Evans but I [stammer]...

969 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Evans, you had..., did you have a comment,
970 sir? Sorry.

971 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, I do. Ms. Pemsel is a..., an exceptional employee and is
972 a great hire for the agency and has, in fact, worked in every aspect of Procurement but
973 she is working about fifty percent capacity because there are so many vacancies within
974 her Department. In addition to, we're having conversations about how do we bring some
975 of these capital projects to the forefront and going to look to have substantive
976 conversations with the Board and moving some of the longstanding capital projects to the
977 forefront, so her time is going to be utilized to bring some of the Utility District projects
978 online, as well as some of the other City projects. And then not having a full Staff in
979 complement, I don't believe that the capacity is there to be able to be absorbed by the
980 existing workforce because there is vacancies that she is attempting to fill but that does
981 take some time. And to move with the expediency that we believe the Council wants to
982 move, this is probably the best option for us to consider.

983 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Miller-Anderson. And then Mr..., and then
984 Mayor Felder.

985 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. I was going to say, this is something that,
986 you know, we've kinda visited and gotten away from and revisited over a couple years it
987 seems. And so, at this time, you know, I do believe we need to try to look outside to bring
988 someone to take a look at it because we've kinda demonstrated we can't do this on the
989 inside at this time. Over the years, it hasn't gotten done, and so, trying to collect that
990 data. Also, on the CRA side, I, I've been working with Mr. Evans and Mr..., the attorney,
991 you all know where I am with this.

992 [Inaudible comment]

993 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** The attorney.

994 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Haygood.

995 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you. Mr. Haygood..., in terms of trying to,
996 to do something very similar on the other side. So, and that has been a struggle as well.
997 So, I would certainly be in support of getting with this gentleman in order to see how we
998 can make this happen, and if possible, we can take a look on the other side because it...,
999 we just haven't been able to get it done on the inside.

1000 So, I support it. Thank you.

1001 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mayor Felder.

1002 **Mayor Felder:** Yeah. Ms. Jacobs, you said it would take, like, two years to get the
1003 data?

1004 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** If.., yes, sir. Actually, we don't know how long it
1005 could take but at a minimum, it may take a couple of years for us to get the data. And
1006 that's...

1007 **Mayor Felder:** There's no way to...

1008 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** ...in order to... I'm sorry.

1009 **Mayor Felder:** That's... Go ahead.

1010 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** And, that's because it's, it's not as easy as we
1011 might think that it is. In speaking to him, you drill down to a very low level. It involves not
1012 only the contractors that we work with but the subcontractors as well.

1013 **Mayor Felder:** And, and going back to Councilwoman Miller's.., we, we've been at
1014 this for years, you said? We've been trying to do this for a couple years?

1015 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

1016 **Mayor Felder:** Okay. And so, Councilman Lawson said we are already ten months
1017 behind, right? From.., with your 5-0 vote to start collecting the data. Is that correct?

1018 **Chairperson Botel:** Right.

1019 **Mayor Felder:** Okay. So, I.., I mean, I, I agree with bringing Mr. Lee in. Is there any
1020 way it can be expedited? Like, if, if, if Council supports this, is there any way you can
1021 have a consult with him to get it kinda [audio skipped]? They just come in and do what
1022 they need to do and it could be expedited before two years? Or is that a question you
1023 have to have with.., you have to [inaudible]...

1024 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Lawson, if you wanna respond, and then Mr. McCoy is
1025 looking to speak. Mr. Lawson.

1026 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Well, Mr. Felder, the issue with even trying to expedite is the
1027 data that needs to be collected. This is, this is not a easy task for us and it took the City
1028 and the county about ten years for them to complete it, 'til they brought in the proper
1029 consultant. So, that's why I don't wanna get held up on the hurdles that they went through
1030 and kind of, you know, take the same steps and the same direction. But, it's essentially
1031 that we have to just start collecting the data.

1032 I spoke with Staff, Ms. Jacobs, about possibly having our current Department going
1033 back and back dating information and data and making sure that they get everything
1034 updated based upon what Mr. Lee or whatever consultant we bring in, allows for us to
1035 review and update some of the information and the data, but the problem is, is that it may
1036 not be s'.., it may not hold up in court if we go after doing a study and that data wasn't the

1037 exact, correct data that was needed to be done. So, everything needs to be implemented
1038 properly within our Tyler system and it needs to be correctly gathered so that all the data
1039 can reflect if there's a disparity within our community. The last time that this data was
1040 looked at, it was a few years ago and I believe that only eighteen percent of the dollars
1041 that were being spent in the community were actually going to minority/women
1042 businesses, which is unacceptable when we have sixty-five percent minor'..., sixty-five
1043 percent African American and eighty-five percent minority in this community. So, that's
1044 where my concerns are in regards to the disparity. And as of right now, we cannot say
1045 what is the disparity 'cause we just do not know, we're not collecting the data.

1046 So, I'd rather we expend the money to understand where these dollars are going,
1047 and if there's a disparity, allow for us to implement an MBE program, and then allow for
1048 us to make sure that our minorities and our women based businesses are collecting the
1049 proper fair due that they actually need within this community.

1050 **Mayor Felder:** I, I support your decision to bring Mr. Lee in to get this, this process
1051 started. And just to Council, let's, let's be the Board to get this moving and so we can
1052 direct some of those disparities that we know that's out there. So, I support you one
1053 hundred percent, Mr. Lawson.

1054 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. McCoy.

1055 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, Councilman Lawson, I, I, I think you just said what I've
1056 been looking to hear the whole entire time and that's that we have not been collecting this
1057 data, and there's a difference. And, please understand me, Members, when I, I say this,
1058 I specifically wrote down what you said the first time, Councilman Lawson, you said, 'Mr.
1059 Lee's gonna give us a presentation as to what he is going to provide.' That's different
1060 than what you just said. So, let'..., let's be clear and I think you gotta clarify for me, and
1061 also the Members of this body, as to what that means to collect the data. If we haven't
1062 been collecting it, that's one issue. If he's gonna help us implement a plan onto how to
1063 collect it, then I think we need to explain exactly what that looks like. Again...

1064 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mhmm.

1065 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...I enjoy the benefits of being a SMWBE through Palm Beach
1066 County. But...

1067 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mhmm.

1068 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...it seems like to me, and unless you are a contractor like
1069 [stammer] or, or in the construction industry, most people doesn't understand what that
1070 means to collect the data. So can you explain what that means, to collect the data, and
1071 what that looks like in terms of contracts? Because, we're talking about contracts or are
1072 we talking about vendors in general? So, you have to really be distinct and I think before
1073 we commit to something like this, that we understand exactly what the intention is before
1074 we even draft the scope. Are we looking at the number of capital projects that we do or
1075 are we looking at the number of widgets that we buy as a City Council and are those from
1076 minority vendors?

1077 So, I mean, just saying it is one thing but before we even engage in a, a further
1078 conversation about the scope, clarify exactly what that means to collect the data.

1079 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Correct. Understanding what actual information is going to
1080 come from each business in regards to them being women based, minority based, the
1081 years of business, their bonding capacities. These are certain information that is needed
1082 to determine if there's a disparity with where money is being spent. But again, this is just
1083 based upon conversation that I've had with different professionals in the field. That's why
1084 I asked my Council to listen to Mr. Lee so that you can direct these questions to the
1085 professional because if our Council and our Staff, and if our colleagues don't understand
1086 what that is, we can allow for us to ask these questions to bring this professional in. And,
1087 I don't think it's a waste of time or money when we've been asking for this information to
1088 be collected for months and we haven't collected or gathered any of the data, up until this
1089 day. Right now, we have to., in addition to collecting data to complete a disparity study,
1090 that's not the only scope of work that he's gonna complete. He's also gonna create and
1091 establish programming that we can implement immediately, that can take effect
1092 immediately. So, there's a larger scope of work that I want Mr. Lee to come in with and
1093 that's why I want my colleagues to support bringing him here.

1094 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Follow up.

1095 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

1096 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mhmm.

1097 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, programming, that's a, I guess a, a, a better explanation
1098 but...

1099 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, sir.

1100 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...here's what I was looking for specifically.

1101 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mhmm.

1102 **Councilperson McCoy:** Does, does what Mr. Lee offer gonna deal directly with the
1103 capital projects that we put out to bid or...

1104 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mhmm.

1105 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...is this gonna deal more or less with whether or not we're
1106 purchasing the City's office supplies from a minority vendor? Like, what is the level of
1107 detail that we., should we expect from going into an agreement such as this? Because,
1108 I'm still not clear.

1109 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, sir. What I'm gonna do is I'm gonna ask, ask Ms. Dawn
1110 Wynn if she could jump in and to give some insight, 'cause she has been speaking with
1111 Mr. Lee and actually discussed with him a possible scope that he could present.

1112 So, Ms. Wynn.

1113 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yes. Good evening everyone. In your backup, you have Mr.
1114 Lee's curriculum vitae and the samples [audio skipped] scope of work. He submitted this
1115 to us as pretty much what he calls a menu of services, what we would go through, we
1116 would pick and choose, or you all would go through and pick and choose what services
1117 you think fit for the City and the goals that you have. So, for instance, we already know,
1118 we've discussed this tonight, that we don't have the ability to conduct a disparity study
1119 because we don't have the data. So, collection of data is one area. I believe that Ms.
1120 Pemsel stated that she has started doing that with the vendors that are starting to apply
1121 for whatever work she's putting out on the street. However, when you go through Phase
1122 1 of the scope of work that Mr. Lee submitted to us, it's a race/gender neutral policy.

1123 **Chairperson Botel:** May I interrupt you?

1124 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible]...

1125 **Chairperson Botel:** We don't ha'...

1126 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...backup.

1127 **Chairperson Botel:** We, we don't have that backup. That backup was not
1128 provided to us which may be part of the problem because...

1129 **City Attorney Wynn:** Okay.

1130 **Chairperson Botel:** ...we were not privy to the information that perhaps you and
1131 Mr. Lawson...

1132 **City Attorney Wynn:** Okay.

1133 **Chairperson Botel:** ...have been privy to. Thank you.

1134 **City Attorney Wynn:** I, I can send that out to all of you. I thought I did that at some
1135 point but I apologize if I haven't, and I'll make sure I do. So, in what he submitted to us,
1136 for instance, the first thing is essential rise bidder registration system. That's what we've
1137 just discussed. To review our Procurement Code, which we know needs to be amended
1138 anyway. I believe it hasn't been amended since 2012, but he would look at it with a view
1139 to race/gender neutral policies. And then there are other programs that we can put in
1140 place. For instance, increasing the [inaudible] threshold for bonding, because we know
1141 that bonding for a small business is sometimes difficult. Sometimes upfront pay or quick
1142 pay, so that they don't have to wait forty-five days for payment because that's difficult for
1143 small businesses, to be able to have a forty-five day period before they get money to be
1144 able to pay, pay their employees. Those types of programs is what he would come talk
1145 to you all about and, I guess, a workshop or a presentation, and then you would get a
1146 better idea of what services he offers that we could implement right now, that don't require
1147 a disparity study.

1148 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. I'm sorry, Mr. McCoy, did you have a question
1149 again?

1150 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I...

1151 **Chairperson Botel:** It's hard to tell.

1152 **Councilperson McCoy:** No. That's it. I'm done. I just wanna see that information
1153 because I'm sitting here wondering what exactly what we're talking about. I guess, if we
1154 get it...

1155 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

1156 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...and we can have this, you know, I guess when we revisit it
1157 again, that may arise some more clarification.

1158 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. I wanna say...

1159 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** So, Madam Chair?

1160 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

1161 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** This is Deirdre Jacobs again. I do want to make
1162 it clear that Mr. Lee will not be responsible for actually collecting any data for us. He can
1163 assist us with establishing the specific data that we would need to collect, or we would
1164 farm out to another contractor to collect. He could simply come and assist us with looking
1165 at our Procurement policies and seeing where we are as far as, I think we have a WMBE
1166 program in place that's not constitutional at this time. So, he can go through different
1167 types of procurement, regulations or standards or policies that we have in place and assist
1168 those.., assist us with administering those, in the meantime, being that we need to wait
1169 until the data is actually collected in order to, to conduct a disparity study.

1170 **Councilperson McCoy:** Did I hear you correctly saying we have a WMBE program
1171 that's not constitutional?

1172 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Yes, sir. And it was put in place without any type
1173 of disparity.., any type of process to.., in order to make it constitutional. In order for those
1174 programs to be constitutional, you have to have the data that's necessary to make sure
1175 that they're actually legitimate. And that was never done here.

1176 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. I... Mr. McCoy, anything else? [Pause]. Okay. I'm
1177 very supportive of collecting the right data so that we get the right res'.., the right solution.
1178 And I know that if it's gonna take us a long, long time to do, we certainly wanna get started
1179 sooner rather than later. But, I don't think having a disparity study is enough. I think we
1180 need to go further than that. In working with the Workforce Development Taskforce that
1181 I've been involved with for the last two years, it's very clear to me that we do not have the
1182 level of training available to our citizens to allow them to participate in the kinds of projects
1183 that we have. And I would like us also, as a follow on, maybe not tonight to have that

1184 discussion, but as a follow on to this to discuss how we can engage with the School
1185 District, for example, to provide more vocational training in our area. Right now, if you go
1186 over to North Tech on any given day or in the course of a year, they only have a hundred
1187 and twenty-five seats there to, to do construction training and how many of those do you
1188 think are Riviera Beach residents? Five, last year. I mean, that's, that's a disgrace. We
1189 need to be training our people to be able to take advantage of some of these contracts
1190 that we offer.

1191 So, that would be another discussion for another day, I know, because I know we
1192 wanna get through this evening's meeting by 8:45, but I do hope that after we proceed
1193 with this topic, we'll go even further and begin to explore ways in which we can provide
1194 training to our citizens so that they can take better advantage of the contracts that we
1195 offer.

1196 So, Mr. Lawson, did you wanna make a motion and then we can entertain it?

1197 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair. What I would like to see, and I'd like to
1198 make a motion if I could get the support of my colleagues first and foremost, is to bring in
1199 Mr. Franklin Lee to discuss the programs and to discuss his scope of work at the next
1200 meeting, if he could join us virtually, or if he can actually, if we'll be in person, to go over
1201 the steps of what he's gonna provide within the scope of work because I wanna make
1202 sure that my colleagues get to review, are comfortable with, proceeding with bringing this
1203 program in. And, at the next meeting, that we can add this to the Agenda to allow for us
1204 to move forward with hiring him as a consultant.

1205 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Anything else on this topic?

1206 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Stammer]...

1207 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Um...

1208 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, is there a motion?

1209 **Chairperson Botel:** I think Mr. Lawson just said he... Well, go ahead Mr. Lawson,
1210 would you clarify?

1211 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Well, as, as of right now, I don't, I don't think we need a
1212 motion. I think we just need to go ahead and add it to the Agenda for the next meeting.
1213 Ms. Wynn, if you could clarify, do I need the motion to allow for Mr. Lee to see if he can
1214 join and have it added to the Agenda for the next meeting? And get the scope to the
1215 Council?

1216 **City Attorney Wynn:** I think you should because, if he's present, it will require an
1217 expenditure of funds to bring him here.

1218 **Chairperson Botel:** So, Mr. Lawson, would you like to make a motion?

1219 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, ma'am.

1220 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

1221 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I, I make a motion that we... [Pause]. Go ahead, Madam...,
1222 Ms. Miller-Anderson.

1223 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So, did I hear correctly that this is under the
1224 \$25,000 from Mr. Evans?

1225 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

1226 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair.

1227 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Every'..., everything will be? So we don't have
1228 to go through any type of procurement process to bring him on?

1229 **City Attorney Wynn:** That's correct. And, and, you know, we wouldn't necessarily
1230 have to go through a procurement process anyway. Mr. Lee is uniq'..., uniquely familiar
1231 with our area. He has done disparity studies for Palm Beach County, or he's justified the
1232 disparity studies for Palm Beach County, for the School Board and, I believe, for the City
1233 of West Palm Beach. So, he's already familiar with our area. We wouldn't wanna bring
1234 in someone, even with the same expertise he has, because then they would have to still
1235 learn the background of Palm Beach County and how we do business here.

1236 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. I just wanted to make sure...

1237 **Chairperson Botel:** Are we...

1238 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...that we di'..., we're..., it was a fair process, we
1239 weren't required to have to go out to, at least put it out there.

1240 **Chairperson Botel:** So he would be considered...

1241 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** And it is under...

1242 **Chairperson Botel:** ...sole source? I'm sorry. Go ahead.

1243 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, he's not a sole source.

1244 **Chairperson Botel:** That's what I'm asking. That's a question, I guess.

1245 **City Attorney Wynn:** He's not a sole source, but we've talked about [inaudible]
1246 source with Ms. Pemsel and then we could also possibly piggyback.

1247 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

1248 **Councilperson McCoy:** So...

1249 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, so is there a motion being made or, I mean, how are we
1250 gonna do this?

1251 **Councilperson McCoy:** I would like to...

1252 **Chairperson Botel:** I think Mr...

1253 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...ask a question since we...

1254 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr...

1255 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...we were kinda really...

1256 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy.

1257 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...doing it just on the fly.

1258 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy, go ahead.

1259 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, [sigh]. Councilman Lawson, are we bringing him here with
1260 his scope of service to decide if we're gonna give him a job? Is that what I'm hearing?

1261 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I'm actually comfortable with the conversation, so I would
1262 actually like, and out of respect for my colleagues, I'd like for us to bring him here to
1263 discuss what, what direction he can do, but honestly, I'd like to make a motion just to go
1264 ahead and to contract, contract Mr. Lee and to move forward with him consulting for the
1265 City. So that...

1266 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Well [stammer]...

1267 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...would be my motion.

1268 **Councilperson McCoy:** Let me, let me...

1269 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I'd like to make...

1270 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...ask a question. Again.

1271 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead, Mr. McCoy.

1272 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, absent of at least myself, the Chairper'..., well, everybody
1273 on the Board except for you and the Attorney, perhaps Ms. Jacobs, [inaudible], you're
1274 asking us to enter into a, a, agreement with him?

1275 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Well, I'm, I'm asking Mr. Evans to move forward, which is
1276 within his spending limit, to proceed with bringing a consultant in to create programming
1277 and to provide documentation, and to review our process of collecting data with a
1278 consultant in the City. So, essentially...

1279 **Councilperson Lanier:** So...

1280 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...we're looking for the support of our colleagues but I would
1281 love for us to go into contract, so I'm just asking if I can have the support of my colleagues
1282 to go into contract with Mr. Lee.

1283 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Stammer], so...

1284 **Councilperson Lanier:** If, if you made a motion, I'd like to second it.

1285 **Chairperson Botel:** Well, excuse me.

1286 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm, I'm trying to understand...

1287 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy's [stammer]...

1288 **Councilperson McCoy:** If, if I can...

1289 **Chairperson Botel:** McCoy has more questions.

1290 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...have a little bit of latitude...

1291 **Councilperson Lanier:** I understand that but didn't., but has not Mr. Lawson made a
1292 motion yet? Is there a motion being made?

1293 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair?

1294 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** There was some confusion there. There, there
1295 was...

1296 **Councilperson McCoy:** Right.

1297 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...technically a little bit...

1298 **Councilperson McCoy:** There's a lot of...

1299 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...of confusion.

1300 **Councilperson McCoy:** Because when we....

1301 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So, let's just...

1302 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...started off...

1303 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...clear that up first.

1304 **Councilperson McCoy:** The conversation, Ms. Wynn...

1305 **Councilperson Lanier:**1 I'm just asking a question. Is there a motion on the floor?
1306 That's all I'm asking.

1307 **Chairperson Botel:** Not quite. We're still trying to get to the right language of the
1308 motion so that we can all agree to it. So, Mr., let's let Mr. McCoy...

1309 **Councilperson Lanier:** [Stammer]...

1310 **Chairperson Botel:** ...have one more ques'...

1311 **Councilperson Lanier:** The, the Clerk...

1312 **Chairperson Botel:** One more...

1313 **Councilperson Lanier:** ..has her...

1314 **Chairperson Botel:** ...question.

1315 **Councilperson Lanier:** ...hand up.

1316 **Chairperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

1317 **Councilperson Lanier:** The Clerk has her hand up.

1318 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, there is no motion on the floor. I believe
1319 Councilperson Lawson is trying to make a motion, however, Councilperson McCoy wants
1320 further clarification, so there needs to be a consensus amongst the Members as to
1321 whether or not Councilperson Lawson can go ahead and make his motion. And after that
1322 time, Councilperson McCoy can proceed with his questions. If the Board so desires.

1323 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Councilman McCoy, will you allow Mr. Lawson to
1324 make his motion and it be seconded, and then we can have discussion on it?

1325 **Councilperson McCoy:** Sure.

1326 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Lawson.

1327 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you. Colleagues, if we can move forward with bringing
1328 in... I'd like to make a motion to move forward with hiring Mr. Franklin Lee and soliciting
1329 his services based upon a.., preparing us for a disparity study and reviewing our current
1330 data collection information to move forward, and assisting us with programming that can
1331 actually be legally upheld in court currently, since we do not have a program in place.

1332 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

1333 **Chairperson Botel:** Now we can have discussion. Mr. McCoy.

1334 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, it, it seems like we just basically unilaterally agreed
1335 to something that only Councilman Lawson has in his head, and obviously Ms. Wynn,
1336 because it was very clear that Ms. Wynn stated that he has offered a list or menu of
1337 services but now we're already agreeing... And I think as a courtesy, to be a lawmaker
1338 in this body, I at least wanted to know what exactly are we gonna be engaging this person

1339 in, as opposed to entering into a commitment before you even extend to, to a Member of
1340 the body, what exactly are we doing. And again, I don't know if our, our., Ms. Miller-
1341 Anderson is still a MWBE but I certainly support it but at least allow me to understand
1342 what exactly we're doing as opposed to just starting a conversation and all of a sudden
1343 we're now committed to hiring somebody, when we started off saying he had a menu of
1344 services. And even still, at this point, I'm not even clear., the only thing I got was
1345 preparing for a disparity study and reviewing the data. So, I mean, is there no longer a
1346 menu, Ms. Wynn?

1347 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy, Mr. Evans has a comment he wants to make so
1348 let's let him do that, please.

1349 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, I think to address
1350 Councilman McCoy's concern, what Staff can do is to bring in the gentleman to present
1351 to the Board and on your subsequent Agenda have the punch list of items and services
1352 that can be provided, and then we can also have a draft contract that's provided as well
1353 so the Board will get all the information. We will incur the cost as it relates to
1354 transportation to be able to come into the City but that's something that we can do, and
1355 then bring that all back in a completed package to address some of the concerns that
1356 Councilman McCoy has raised. If that's...

1357 **Chairperson Botel:** So, Mr. Evans...

1358 **City Manager Evans:** ...the Board's pleasure.

1359 **Chairperson Botel:** ...are you... Are you suggesting, Mr. Evans, that Mr. Lawson
1360 modify his motion such that it only involves allowing us to bring in., is it Dr. Lee or Mr.
1361 Lee? [Pause]. Dr. Lee? [Pause]. Somebody. And that would be the extent of the
1362 expenditure, just to bring him in and provide us with a scope of services? Mr. Evans?

1363 **City Manager Evans:** The motion that I think, would be to effectively to bring Dr. Lee
1364 to present to the City Council with regards to a longer term engagement with respect to
1365 some of the items that were articulated as it relates to creating programs that are legally
1366 defensible. So, just bri'... I, I can bring him in. That, that's not something that I would
1367 definitely need the Council's authorization. You will get all the subsequent information at
1368 your next meeting that will be able to delineate exactly what the role is. So, just support
1369 of bringing Dr. Lee in to be able to present to the Board concerning disparities and eq'...,
1370 inequities in procurement processes.

1371 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Lawson, do you wanna just modify., just so that we get.,
1372 clean this up, do you wanna just modify your motion to reflect what Mr. Evans just said?

1373 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair. I'd like to modify the motion to reflect that
1374 we allow for Staff to bring Mr. Lee in to review the scope of work in the direction with the
1375 disparity study, and the programming that he's gonna provide for the City to possibly go
1376 into a consulting contract with Mr. Lee.

1377 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Lanier, do you wanna modi'.., do you wanna accept that
1378 second?

1379 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

1380 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Madam Clerk.

1381 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1382 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

1383 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

1384 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1385 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

1386 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

1387 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

1388 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

1389 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

1390 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Thank you.

1391 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote. Item No. 12...

1392 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

1393 **Councilperson McCoy:** Ma'.., Madam...

1394 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

1395 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Chair?

1396 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

1397 **Councilperson McCoy:** So...

1398 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** [Inaudible]...

1399 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...just so I...

1400 **Chairperson Botel:** To many people at once. First Mr. Lawson and then...

1401 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Go ahead.

1402 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Mr. McCoy.

1403 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Go ahead, go ahead, Mr. McCoy, 'cause I wanna make a, a
1404 statement.

1405 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I just would ask that, that information that you guys have
1406 concerning Mr. Lee be shared to us so we can kinda have an idea where.., how we even
1407 arrived here. Because it seemed like I'm the only one that was kinda left out in the cold.

1408 **City Attorney Wynn:** I forwarded that to all of you.

1409 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Lawson.

1410 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair, I just.., I wanted to make a quick statement for
1411 my colleagues, because, just the discussion of disparity and the disparity study, it's kind
1412 of, you know, just worked up a, a lot of different energy with us and I completely agree
1413 with Councilman McCoy. And the frustration is that we, we continue to just drag our feet
1414 when it comes to certain things and I want us to be effective and efficient with everything
1415 that we're moving forward with and I, I, I thank you, Mr. McCoy for hold us accountable
1416 with the process. Currently serving, you know, in the fifth position for the last fourteen
1417 months, it's been a learning process. So, I wanted to kind of address something that's in
1418 reference to this study and equity within our community while we're within the topic, if my
1419 colleagues can entertain me for three minutes.

1420 Essentially, last week we witnessed a senseless murder, just of another black man
1421 here in our country. And, I came to my colleagues to address the disparities and the
1422 continued problem of racism and systematic oppression that we, you know, we're
1423 challenged with on a daily basis. It's been fifty years since we had the passage of the
1424 Civil Rights.., over fifty years since we had the passage of our Civil Rights Act, and
1425 although we've made progress, evidence such as Ferguson, Eric Gardner, Ahmaud
1426 Arbery, Trayvon Martin, Corey Jones, George Floyd, it's a harsh wakeup call that long
1427 has entrenched our social divisions. So, although we have a vast majority of our law
1428 enforcement and officers that are truly here to protect in our City and our county and our
1429 state and perform their duties, it shows that this is just not the case, with certain officers.
1430 We can't continue to ignore it and stand idle and believe that there's not a problem within
1431 our community and throughout this country. And I understand that the injustices that
1432 black men face all over this country, and I understand them firsthand. So, the community
1433 is currently hurting right now and it's far too long that men like George Floyd have lost
1434 their lives and many black men have their lives.

1435 So, what I'm asking is my colleagues to take on these challenges, and these
1436 enormous challenges addressing racism, economic inequality, violent social injustice and
1437 disparity within our government. And within our government contracting. We have to
1438 take an in depth and honest look at what's going on, and the influence of racism in our
1439 community. And we must hold each other accountable. Like, Councilman McCoy, he
1440 was not wrong for just wanting the information to make these decisions, 'cause he's in
1441 complete support of it. So, we have to hold each other accountable and continue to work
1442 forward with this. So when I say enough is enough, it has to be enough that we, as the

1443 elected, have to take a stand and we're currently, like I spoke at the County Commission
1444 meeting, that we're at a crossroads right now.

1445 So, what I'm gonna ask right now, based upon what I'm seeing with the discussions
1446 and the support with moving forward, is that if we can discuss and bring back up the REI
1447 training that we spoke about a few months ago. I believe Councilwoman Botel has taken
1448 that training before, and another one of my colleagues is taking that training but what I'm
1449 gonna ask my colleagues get support.., support behind me when it comes the REI
1450 training, racial equity training, and that anyone in a supervisor position level,.. Anybody
1451 that's responsible for people, on our City level, gets trained through that REI training. And
1452 I wanna offer up, I'm sorry but I wanna offer up an additional motion and I'd love for my
1453 colleagues to support and second this, to allow for the City Manager to request REI
1454 training for all individuals of supervisor positions.

1455 **Chairperson Botel:** I would love to be able to second that myself but given that
1456 I'm the Chair, I can't so I will beg somebody else to second that motion.

1457 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second. I have some comments...

1458 **Chairperson Botel:** I, I...

1459 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...[inaudible].

1460 **Chairperson Botel:** Just one second and I'll, I'll call on you. I did take the racial
1461 equity training. As a matter of fact, I've taken it three times and every time, I learn more
1462 and more about the effects of white privilege, the, the effects of institutional racism. It's,
1463 it's a fantastic training. I learned about redlining, I learned about.., one of the things that
1464 struck me so powerfully was how the men who came back to this country after serving...

1465 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair? Point...

1466 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

1467 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I, I... I mean, I heard.., I understood and heard
1468 everything that Mr. Lawson said, I'm just trying to make sure that we're on... I know we're
1469 kinda going into another direction, so are we.., are we finished with 11 and moving into
1470 12 or are we doing public comment?

1471 **Chairperson Botel:** [Stammer]...

1472 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** What are we doing right now?

1473 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Lawson made another motion and I was just expressing
1474 my support for it.

1475 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I know, but was that along with the disparity
1476 study that we were talking...

1477 **Chairperson Botel:** I think that..., it was under the... It was under that umbrella.

1478 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1479 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And with under the...

1480 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I just...

1481 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...the disparity and under the umbrella of the disparity study
1482 and the, the race/gender neutral programming, and the discussion.

1483 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1484 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** This is part of the...

1485 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1486 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...discussion that I wanted to make. It was a comment...

1487 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1488 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...that I wanted to save for comments but based upon...

1489 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah.

1490 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...our, our, our discussion, I wanted to move forward. So, with
1491 that point, that is actually something that was on my mind [inaudible] wanted to discuss.

1492 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Well, I, I don't., somebody., did
1493 someone second it?

1494 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Someone did.

1495 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1496 **Chairperson Botel:** I think Mr. McCoy did.

1497 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Alright.

1498 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy, did you wanna say something?

1499 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, question for the gentleman from the [audio skipped] 5th
1500 District. So, Mr. Lawson, who would be presenting this?

1501 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Well, the REI training is not actually being presented, it's
1502 actually a course that's being done by REI. They would come in and actually do the
1503 program and do the course for our department heads, our Staff, anybody within
1504 leadership position. And that's why I would ask anybody that supervises anyone within
1505 our City, needs to take this training.

1506 **Chairperson Botel:** I agree.

1507 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So I...

1508 **Councilperson McCoy:** So...

1509 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...would instruct... Go ahead, Councilman McCoy.

1510 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, is this something that [pause]... Ms. Mi'...

1511 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** You can't do it, Councilman...

1512 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...KaShamba Miller-Anderson's gonna be doing.

1513 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...McCoy. [Chuckle].

1514 **Councilperson McCoy:** I mean, like, who's doing it?

1515 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Ms. Miller-Anders'..., Ms. Miller-Anderson can't do it. There's
1516 an organization that...

1517 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

1518 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ... that.., there's an organization that Mr. Evans can reach out
1519 to , to solicit. And I'd actually love for all of our department heads to complete this training
1520 within the next three months. It is an in-depth training, that is a two day training. I've
1521 actually taken it twice, and I appreciate Council'..., or, Madam Chair Botel for learning and
1522 experiencing and going through with it and I would definitely love for more of [inaudible]
1523 to see that this is something that's necessary. Me taking this training and experiencing,
1524 as a black man in the community, was completely different because, of course, I've
1525 experienced racism. I've [stammer] experienced the different things that individuals that
1526 are dying for on a daily basis. But what I wanna also do is.., I still had to learn so much
1527 just by sitting there through that course. So, if we can allow for leadership, and individuals
1528 within leadership to continue to take this course, they'll understand the divide, the
1529 systematic racism that's in place.

1530 And, Mr. Evans, if you can do the research that's necessary to allow for us to train
1531 all of our.., all of our leaders, our department heads, and everybody in a supervisory role.

1532 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

1533 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Ms. Miller-Anderson.

1534 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So, as everyone knows that Dr. Robinson is, is
1535 a huge supporter of this and she has always encouraged all of the elected officials to take
1536 it. So, those of you who have not participated in it, you may want to look at doing so. I
1537 did take it a few times as well, and so, it, it is an eye opening experience. And, I think we
1538 should start with us for sure.

1539 **Chairperson Botel:** I agree.

1540 **Councilperson McCoy:** My only suggestion, and I know Ms. KaShamba Miller-
1541 Anderson is a educator, I thought maybe she was experienced enough to, you know, go
1542 ahead and take it. But, I., my, my only suggestion is, can we bring it to Riviera Beach?

1543 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, we should...

1544 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah.

1545 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Stammer]...

1546 **Chairperson Botel:** Absolutely.

1547 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** They can come to us.

1548 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Absolutely.

1549 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

1550 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** They'll, they'll come to us and provide the training.

1551 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah.

1552 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** It's a classroom training that they'll send their, their class, their
1553 teachers in and.., well, Mr. Evans can schedule with them to allow for us to take the
1554 training right here in the City.

1555 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. That, that's it. I, I love the idea.

1556 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. The.., when I took it, the, the first time I
1557 took it, it was over there at Riviera Beach Prep. So, they will come wherever you...

1558 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

1559 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Or they can come to the City Hall if we want.

1560 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

1561 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And [stammer], if I could amend the motion to add that we put
1562 a timeframe on that, to allow for that training to be completed within a certain period. I
1563 did say three months but being that I'm looking for all the department heads, all Staff,
1564 everybody in leadership to take it, I would actually give Mr. Evans a little bit longer time
1565 to allow for this to be done. So if we could do it over a five month period, I think that will
1566 allow for the entire department to take it. Especially law enforcement. I love my law
1567 enforcement, I love all my officers and the work that they're doing, but I just wanna make
1568 sure that we're all on an even playing field when it comes to equity, when it comes to
1569 equality, when it comes to justice within our community.

1570 So, that's why I would love for all the department heads to take it, and all law
1571 enforcement, and all of my elected officials.

1572 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

1573 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

1574 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Could Mr. Evans.., when he.., whence he looks
1575 into that, can he get back with us on the cost of it. I know that there is a cost, it's not free.
1576 So, if they can get that information and provide it to us as well, and then maybe we can
1577 identify how we wanna roll it out for, for that...

1578 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Absolutely.

1579 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...timeframe. Okay.

1580 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And [stammer].., and as Councilwoman Miller-Anderson
1581 stated, Dr. Robinson is a, a strong advocate for that. So, if we can follow up with Dr.
1582 Robinson as well. She's a, a great resource for us to utilize to bring that programming in
1583 and get it set up for you, Mr. Evans.

1584 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk is reminding me that we have a motion on the
1585 floor, I think. Yes, Madam Clerk.

1586 **City Clerk Anthony:** And, it's 7:32, so it's time for public...

1587 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh...

1588 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...comment as well.

1589 **Chairperson Botel:** Would you like to call this question first and then we'll take
1590 public comment.

1591 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1592 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

1593 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

1594 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1595 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

1596 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

1597 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

1598 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

1599 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

1600 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

1601 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

1602 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, I... Can, can we move to reduce public
1603 comments, 'cause we..., we're, we're looking at about an hour and I don't know how many
1604 we have to...

1605 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk, how many public comments do we have?

1606 [Pause]

1607 **City Clerk Anthony:** We have one public comment for Item No. 12 and three
1608 general public comments.

1609 **Chairperson Botel:** I, I...

1610 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** That's twelve minutes. That's fine.

1611 **Chairperson Botel:** I think, I think we'll be okay. Yeah. I think we'll be okay.

1612 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – 7:30 P.M. – NON-AGENDA ITEM SPEAKERS**
1613 **(Three Minute Limitation)**

1614 **Chairperson Botel:** So, public comments.

1615 **Chairperson Botel:** **PUBLIC COMMENTS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO**
1616 **ISSUES, MATTERS OR TOPICS PERTINENT TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.**
1617 **PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED RULES OF**
1618 **DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS.**
1619 **PUBLIC COMMENT SHALL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. UNLESS THERE IS NO FURTHER**
1620 **BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WHICH, IN THAT EVENT, IT SHALL BEGIN**
1621 **SOONER. IN ADDITION, IF AN ITEM IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 7:30 P.M., THEN**
1622 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SHALL BEING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT ITEM**
1623 **HAS BEEN COMPLETED.**

1624 **ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO COMMENT PUBLICLY ON ANY**
1625 **MATTER, INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, SHALL SUBMIT THEIR**
1626 **COMMENTS BY EMAIL TO THE CITY CLERK CLAUDENE ANTHONY AT**
1627 **PUBLICCOMMENTS@RIVIERABEACH.ORG. The EMAIL SHALL CONTAIN THE**
1628 **APPLICABLE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS, ALONG WITH THE PRECISE WORDING**
1629 **TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD. EXPLICIT LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE READ.**
1630 **EMAILS WITHOUT APPLICABLE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS WILL BE READ UNDER**
1631 **THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION. BE ADVISED, PUBLIC COMMENTS**
1632 **WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR EACH APPLICABLE ITEM AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**
1633 **COMMENT SECTION UNTIL CLOSURE IS ANNOUNCED BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

1634 **OR THE CITY CLERK. ANY AND ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES AND SUBMITTED**
1635 **COMMENTS ARE AND WILL BE PUBLIC RECORD. THE CITY CLERK OR**
1636 **DESIGNEE WILL READ THE PUBLIC COMMENTS INTO THE RECORD AT THE**
1637 **APPROPRIATE TIME FOR NO MORE THAN THREE MINUTES.**

1638 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk.

1639 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comment during the
1640 general public comment is now closed. Ms. Hall.

1641 **Ms. D. Hall:** The first public comment comes from Tina White, tinatires@gmail.com.

1642 I am in Council Lanier's District as a homestead property owner since 2014, and
1643 small business since 2018, located directly across the street from the City's Public Works
1644 building at 1411 West 13th Street, Unit 104B. I am the only African American woman who
1645 is a Michelin, B.F. Goodrich, UniRoyal, [inaudible], General and Continental Tire dealer
1646 in the United States and I sell tires to the City of West Palm Beach including police fleet,
1647 PBCL School District, Solid Waste Authority, Sims Recycling and PBCO Fleet, yet I was
1648 denied any tire business by the Acting Public Works Director Terrence Bailey in 2019.
1649 The City of West Palm Beach police fleet switched their fleet from Goodyear Pursuit Tires
1650 to B.F. Goodrich Pursuit and are saving \$10.26 per tire by doing business with Tina's
1651 Tire. I sell all on-road and off-road tires that the City of Riviera Beach purchases for Public
1652 Works, Utility, Police and Fire and can provide onsite installations. I would appreciate the
1653 elected officials creating business opportunities, and forgivable loans, for small
1654 businesses located in Riviera Beach that are not in the CRA District, the same as you are
1655 for small businesses in the CRA District.

1656 Respectfully, Tina M. White.

1657 The next public comment comes from Marybeth Coffey,
1658 marybeth.coffey@gmail.com. First, given tonight's Agenda Item No. 12 regarding the
1659 purchase of the property at 2129 North Congress, I would like to say something about
1660 facility maintenance and rep'., repair. Facility maintenance and repair is not sexy when
1661 it is fundamental to keeping our City facilities open and operating and keeping work teams
1662 together. Just because a building was built in the 1970's, it's not reason itself for a
1663 building to be falling down around its occupants and making it., its occupants ill.
1664 [Stammer].., it is a result of not taking care of the City's facilities we have in the same
1665 manner as we would our homes and automobiles. We all know little problems become
1666 big problems when not addressed at once. We must do better, whether it's a Firehouse,
1667 the Police Station, City Hall or the Library.

1668 Second, reference discussion of the generator. Isn't an economic analysis lease
1669 versus purchase required for all large purchases, or leases, rentals? If not, why?

1670 The final public comment comes from Fane Lozman. Email address
1671 sp500prda@yahoo.com. These comments are from Fane Lozman. Over a year ago,
1672 then Chief Building Official Ladi March was illegally fired because she refused to rescind
1673 a fence permit that she issued to me and a dock permit that she issued to my neighbor.

1674 Ms. March's firing was orchestrated by Jeff Gagnon and Councilperson Julie Botel. I
1675 recently had to retain an attorney because the City has hired the Torcivia Law Firm to
1676 threaten me with a legal action over my fence that was put up with a valid, legal permit
1677 because Botel and Gagnon want my fence removed. A further investigation into Botel
1678 with information gathered from the City Manager's office, ref'.., reflects an unsettling truth,
1679 mainly that Botel met with the principals of CAP, the outside firm that was hired to fill the
1680 position of Chief Building Official with one of CAP's employees after Ladi March was fired.

1681 Botel promised to retain the CAP firm indefinitely at a great expense to, to the City
1682 taxpayers if CAP would agree to prevent any development on my property or on my
1683 neighbor's. This deal also included seeing to it that my fence was removed, and my
1684 neighbor's dock permit revoked. The significance of Botel's and Gagnon's illegal actions
1685 that were later approved by the City Manager are reprehensible because the Assistant
1686 Building Official, Mr. Bovellet Richards, a fifteen year employee of the City, has a state
1687 license to be the Chief Building Official. The taxpayers are being ripped off by needlessly
1688 paying hundreds of thousands of dollars to a company, based out of Miami, instead of
1689 making Mr. Richards the interim or permanent Chief Building Official.

1690 The elected City leaders are the final policymakers of the City. The current
1691 Councilpersons have ratified not only Botel's illegal actions, but also those of two other
1692 policymakers, the City Manager and City Attorney. By doing so, they are now all parties
1693 to the multiple instances of illegal retaliation that have been directed at me, which are all
1694 blatant violations of the personal protections afforded in the United States Constitution.
1695 There is certainly a legal action for this type of retaliatory behavior. It is [stammer]
1696 unfathomable that after paying me an \$875,000 settlement in connection with the
1697 retaliatory false arrest and illegal seizure and destruction of my floating home, a
1698 settlement that only covered retaliatory actions through the winter of 2015, that the City's
1699 elected leaders and its senior Staff will continue their pattern of retaliation for the past four
1700 and a half years..

1701 The public can rest assured that I will continue the fight, with the support of many
1702 westside residents to cleanup Riviera Beach, a City that is still a cesspool of political
1703 corruption.

1704 Madam Chair, that is the end of public comments.

1705 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Item No. 8, I believe. Yes? Yes.

1706 **City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 12.

1707 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, I'm sorry. We're gonna go back after. Okay. Sorry.

1708 **12. Chairperson Botel:** No. 12.

1709 **City Clerk Anthony: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONDUCT**
1710 **NEGOTIATIONS FOR A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE OPTION TO PURCHASE**
1711 **AND/OR AN AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2129**
1712 **N. CONGRESS AVENUE.**

1713 **JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANAGER, (561) 812-6590**

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1715 **City Clerk Anthony:** The acceptance of public comment is now closed. And
1716 Madam Chair, we do have a public comment.

1717 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Would someone like to make a motion on this topic?
1718 Before we...

1719 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair...

1720 **Chairperson Botel:** ...do the...

1721 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...this is, this is a discussion item. However...

1722 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh yes. Okay.

1723 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...a Resolution did accompany as part of the backup for
1724 consideration by the elected officials.

1725 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Evans.

1726 **City Manager Evans:** Alright. Madam Chair and Members of the Board, thank you
1727 for the opportunity to present to you the item that we discussed back in April, with regards
1728 to the potential acquisition of 2129 North Congress Avenue. We named the presentation
1729 Reimagine Riviera Beach, and that's gonna be a slogan that we look to utilize as we go
1730 through and bring some of our facilities into the 21st Century.

1731 So [pause]. Alright. So, just to give some context and some background, we did
1732 have the conversation with the City Council back in April, and talked about the possibility
1733 and the feasibility of acquiring the parcel at 2129 North Congress Avenue to temporarily
1734 relocate the Library services, as well as Youth Empowerment. Based on the conversation
1735 that City Staff had with the Council, it was recommended to look at three primary elements
1736 before we were to move forward with [stammer], with potential acquisition of the property,
1737 looking at the CRA property that is on the corner of Blue Heron and Broadway, looking at
1738 satellite campuses and then discussing the transportation and traffic related concerns.
1739 We did have a productive conversation with the Library Advisory Board concerning this
1740 site and the conversation was very fruitful. The Library Advisory Board liked the possibility
1741 of moving into that facility and being a home for the Riviera Beach Library in the interim.
1742 I think it's important to note that this is just going to be a temporary home for the facilities.
1743 This does not get us out of the situation where we're going to look at long term capital
1744 expenditures with regards to the construction of the new Library, because we believe that
1745 the Library in a development project, coupled with City Hall, can create a lot of synergy in
1746 our redevelopment initiatives.

1747 So, moving on, we're gonna talk about the CRA property, satellite camp'...
1748 campuses, transportation and then we'll get into some of the potential renderings of what

1749 the space would look like, the procurement process and then open it up for questions and
1750 discussions.

1751 So, we had an opportunity to take a look at 2600 Broadway. We had a discussion
1752 with the CRA Director, and we talked about the site. And the site is intended to be utilized
1753 for new CRA offices, local businesses, coworking spaces and a potential entrepreneur
1754 business accelerator program. The facility's about twenty-five thousand square feet, built
1755 in the 1950's. When we had conversations about the feasibility of moving the Library into
1756 that space, there is substantial capital costs that would have to be incurred by the City
1757 where we thought it was cost prohibitive, in the event that we were to utilize that space.
1758 Based on the conversation that it would necessitate new roofing, electrical, mold
1759 remediation and then you would have to effectively put in additional shor'.., additional
1760 infrastructure to shore up the second floor, because books and collection, those have a
1761 significant amount of weight to it and it cannot accommodate the volume and the
1762 collection that we do have.

1763 The property was purchased for \$2.2MM and based on conversations with Staff,
1764 the rehab of that facility would be anywhere between two point.., or \$3.2MM to \$3.5MM,
1765 hence why we said it would be advantageous in the event that we were to identify that
1766 location as a spot to demolish that structure and to go with new construction and build it
1767 out to be able to accommodate exactly what we would look for in a Library. Also, one of
1768 the challenges that you do have is restrictive parking and, it's on a bu'.., busy intersection,
1769 so that provides some challenge with regards to ingress and egress, as well as pedestrian
1770 access, et. cetera.

1771 So, we also had the discussion about satellite campuses and traditionally, satellite
1772 campuses provide a augmented service but it doesn't get you out of having a main
1773 campus, that it is utilized to support the principle campus. When we looked at satellite
1774 campuses, traditionally they are small locations. We are limited with regards to the places
1775 that we would be able to identify as satellite locations within our community, as there is
1776 not an abundant amount of space in equal geographic areas within our community.

1777 Also, the development of the collection, making sure that if a patron visits one of
1778 the lo'.., locations looking for a specific book and it's at another satellite campus, it
1779 provides some challenge with regards to the ability to get the book to that individual and
1780 you may have to send them to an offsite location. Additionally, with the satellite campus,
1781 you have a limited seating capacity and ability to utilize computers. And we have seen
1782 that the use of computers in libraries have transitioned to more so community centers, to
1783 where they have become the HUB for retraining, as well as applying for any state or
1784 federal assistance programs. Wi-Fi internet connectivity, obviously, having multiple
1785 locations, that's gonna incur additional cost associated with that. And then, looking at
1786 having the appropriate theft protection equipment, looking at \$25,000 at least, to be able
1787 to acquire that for multiple locations.

1788 And then, looking at the Staff limitations. If we do go to a satellite campus model,
1789 we will see our personnel costs increase because you would want to have a librarian at
1790 each of those particular facilities. And at this particular moment, we do not have the luxury

1791 of having, you know, four or five librarians that we can move to alternative fac'..., or,
1792 satellite campuses.

1793 So, getting into the transportation, we believe that the location has great
1794 transportation assets in a close proximity, bus route 20 and 30. We believe that it's a safe
1795 passageway to..., from the school, as well as the surrounding area that we would look to
1796 accommodate if there is activities, looking to hold our crossing guards a little later on in
1797 the evening to help accommodate to make sure that there's no issues with regards to
1798 cro'..., crossing Congress or Blue Heron, for that matter. So, we would make sure that to
1799 accommodate the pedestrian traffic, that we would look to augment it with some additional
1800 crossing guards to make sure that people have a safe way to get to the Library.

1801 Youth Empowerment can still assist in the transportation to the new location, as
1802 well as, that new location does provide us additional access onto Congress, which is
1803 going to allow for us to have more impressions. And we have about twenty thousand trips
1804 per day, so conceivably, we can see a situation where we can get new users to utilize our
1805 Library services.

1806 And so now, we talk about Reimagine Riviera Beach. Before we get into the
1807 nuances associated with that, I want to let you know, for some Council Members that do
1808 not have a library card, Staff took the initiative and you all have library cards that will be
1809 delivered to your office. We will not name those that did not have a library card but every
1810 City Council Member, including the Mayor, has a library card. And so, we thought it was
1811 important to do that as part of our presentation.

1812 So, as we get into the...

1813 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** No, let's name them.

1814 **City Manager Evans:** [Chuckle]. I have, I have my evaluation coming up so I'm not
1815 gonna name it for...,

1816 **Unk.:** Go ahead. [Chuckle].

1817 **Chairperson Botel:** ...I, I don't think it's a smart... I don't think it's a smart
1818 employment decision. [Chuckle]. But, if we, if we look at the, the front, the entrance and
1819 the exterior, we see an area that we can really spruce up and beautify and have the
1820 community excited about the entryway and let folks know that you have in fact arrived.
1821 Going into the Library area, obviously, we would look to do some changes and
1822 modifications to make it more welcoming, to make it bright, utilizing a lot of the, the
1823 furniture and fixtures and equipment that's there. There would just be some slight
1824 modifications to make the space a little bit more conducive to Library services.

1825 This area here, as we talk about the interior, your youth or adult zone, we look to
1826 create areas where it's not your traditional Library where you have tables and individuals
1827 sit at tables, similar to that of a college setting, more of a, a free flowing space, a space
1828 that people can feel comfortable in and it gives you that feeling that you are in your living
1829 room. And so, we're looking at maybe making sure that we have some modern features

1830 to it, areas where you can have..., where the young people can have beanbag chairs and
1831 those types of things. And obviously, we know that it's gonna take a little bit of time for
1832 us to get to that point 'cause we are looking at the impacts of COVID and, and what
1833 services look like. But, nonetheless, we have seen that the demand and the need for
1834 digital services has ex'..., has increased exponentially, and we've also discussed the
1835 feasibility and the possibility of a lot of internet based services and how we can do
1836 trainings, et. cetera.

1837 This particular spot is very exciting for us, the opportunity to utilize the laboratory
1838 space. You see the current space and, and what the future can look like. It gives us the
1839 opportunity to do some of the STEM program, to really utilize some of the tools that are
1840 already in the existing facilities to help our young people, as well as individuals that may
1841 be in a class or a program through the Library to utilize that space to where we can have
1842 very unique and interesting initiatives that are born out of that space. So, we're excited
1843 about having that. I think that adds an'..., another amenity and another tool that Ms.
1844 Grimsley can utilize to help train the next generation of our workforce here in the City of
1845 Riviera Beach.

1846 There is currently already a classroom space. We would look to possibly modify
1847 that to make it a computer lab or an interactive space. So, when we can..., we can look
1848 to hold trainings, we can look to provide additional computer access because that is the
1849 biggest demand that you're seeing in the Library services, the use of computers and
1850 utilizing that particular space for that, I think, would be a, a great benefit and an asset to
1851 the City.

1852 So, when we looked at the options concerning the property, we looked at an option
1853 to purchase the property or an opportunity to lease the property with a, a purchase option.
1854 One of the things that... And to delineate the difference, if we decided to go with a lease
1855 option to purchase, our intent is to have the property owner make the tenant
1856 improvements and then we then occupy the space. By them doing it, it's allow'..., it, it will
1857 be more expeditious for us to move into that space and it would allow for a significant
1858 amount of time to be shaved off the de'..., the, the deadline for the moving into that space.
1859 If we go through a regular purchasing process, then we would have to follow up with a
1860 public solicitation for the construction side of it and that may slow up us occupying that
1861 space. However, with the lease option, I do want to communicate that we can put in some
1862 elements as it relates to local participation to make sure that local contractors are utilized
1863 as part of this procurement process, to ensure that our folks are the ones that get an
1864 opportunity to create the space that we're looking for.

1865 Right now, we're estimating the cost for build out to be anywhere between
1866 \$200,000 to possibly \$300,000, depending when we get in there and start specing out
1867 specifically what's gonna be in all the spaces. The projected cost for the purchase and
1868 renovation is roughly about \$2.1 to \$2.7MM, and we project that we would be able to have
1869 a ribbon-cutting or opening of the Library towards the end of 2020 or 2021.

1870 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair, can someone please mute their
1871 mic 'cause that noise is kinda getting on my nerves. Somebody with a call..., somebody
1872 calling in or somebody has their mic on.

1873 **Chairperson Botel:** Please turn your mic off.

1874 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** If everybody can mute their thing.

1875 **City Manager Evans:** Some of the key takeaways is that we believe that this
1876 particular site is cost effective, as you've seen earlier that the CRA property would take a
1877 substantial amount of resources to make that property available, in addition to, it will
1878 probably take about eighteen months before we can even consider getting into that site.
1879 If we were to go with the remodel route, and if you were to go to reconstruction, you're
1880 looking at significantly longer with regards to that. Economic recovery, we believe that us
1881 moving into that space will allow for us to be..., to provide services, especially digital
1882 services as it relates to the facility we have now, we can't accommodate some of the
1883 things that we would like to accommodate because of the age of the building and that
1884 building still has sub'..., substantial issues with regards to flooding.

1885 The other side of it is, is the multipurpose nature of it, is the use with YEP, as well
1886 as the Library, there's some additional synergy that can be created as a result of that
1887 relationship. The location, we believe, is ideal as it gives us a presence of a City facility
1888 north..., or, of our..., or, not north but west of our City and gives us an opportunity to engage
1889 folks that traditionally have not been engaged in City services and gives us a presence
1890 besides just our Fire Station that we have off of Military Trail. And, the readiness of the
1891 site. We believe that with a couple of tweaks and modifications, we can get into the site
1892 fairly quickly.

1893 And so, we believe that all the things that the Council has asked us to effectively
1894 go back and accomplish, we have accomplished. We did look at the facility spaces
1895 throughout the City. We even broached the subject about anyone interested in granting
1896 us the space to utilize and the answers were an emphatic no because of the state of the
1897 economy, that everyone is looking effectively to have a generate revenue and profit as it
1898 relates to the properties and the assets they own. So, we did do our, our homework and,
1899 and wanted to come back with the Board. And what Staff is going to be requesting this
1900 evening, is to have the ability to proceed forward with the negotiation phase and bring
1901 back a option that we think is best suitable for the City to look to acquire that particular
1902 site.

1903 Also, I do wanna provide additional context with regards to the things that we are
1904 working on. And, let me stop sharing my screen here. [Pause]. Oh, there it is.
1905 [Inaudible]. Alright. One of the things that I think is germane to the conversation is City
1906 Staff has also looked at the lease arrangement that we do have at the Port Center that
1907 we pay approximately close to \$500,000 a year to utilize that space, and we have the
1908 Reentry Program there, we also have the Civil Drug Court, Human Resources,
1909 Procurement, and then Law Enforcement. We are looking about the possibility of, in the
1910 event that we find other parcels that we can acquire with a situation that we can move

1911 operations into other facilities, to effectively get away from the lease payments as much
1912 as possible. So there's some other parcels that we are discussing and, for the sake of
1913 this presentation, I do wanna..., I do not wanna communicate the locations of some of
1914 those parcels as, you know, it does provide for an additional challenge when property
1915 owners know that the City is interested in additional properties. But, to let the Council
1916 know, we are having discussions about what can we do to effectively move operations
1917 out of the Port Center? How do we address some of the challenges that are in the City
1918 Hall facility? Because based on the estimates that I've gotten from Staff, to be able to
1919 have the City Manager's office suite be able to be occupied by Staff, it's gonna be a
1920 substantial capital investment and we don't wanna have a situation where we continue to
1921 put good money into a facility that is willfully inadequate.

1922 So, we're looking at this holistically. Staff is requesting a meeting with each of the
1923 Council Members individually, and then looking to schedule a workshop with you on
1924 Saturday..., a Saturday in June to be able to have a more in depth conversation about the
1925 long term plans for our City facilities. But, we are talking about it, we are looking at it
1926 holistically and we do wanna get some shovels on the..., in the ground and move forward
1927 with the progress of this particular project.

1928 So, I stand prepared to answer any questions the Council may have.

1929 **Chairperson Botel:** Questions?

1930 **Councilperson Lanier:** I have a question.

1931 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Lanier.

1932 **Councilperson Lanier:** This, this is..., this is..., so you're saying that you wanna put the
1933 Library and YEP into this building? This is what you brought to us before.

1934 **Chairperson Botel:** That is correct.

1935 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. I, I had a problem with this before as well. I had a
1936 problem with this because I don't think that the Library should be in that particular location
1937 given the fact that the last time we had this conversation that, you know, there was a kid
1938 who was killed on Congress at, at MLK, there was a kid who was killed on Congress at
1939 Blue Heron. Those types of incidents that happened in that corridor, given the fact that
1940 the Library and YEP are basically shuttered at this point, there is... I mean, what we
1941 should be looking at that building for is the, the people who are in the Port building, where
1942 there was a case of COVID-19. That we should be looking to relocate those people, that
1943 the people who are in City Hall where water is being intruded, should be able to get to
1944 that building. But to bring in a Library and a program that is basically shuttered at this
1945 point to, to, to do this work for a program, who knows when we're gonna be able to be
1946 operational, for kids to be able to congregate, or people to be able to come to the Library
1947 and congregate that way? It's gonna be a minute before that happens. And I understand
1948 that we have to plan for when that does happen, but I think that the most pressing people
1949 that need to be removed or need to be in a different building, are the ones who are at the

1950 Port Center and the ones who are at City Hall. And that's just my two cents and I did not
1951 like the Library or the YEP in this program from the beginning.

1952 **Chairperson Botel:** Anyone else? Ms. Miller-Anderson.

1953 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I just wanted to make a comment about, I
1954 believe we were in San Antonio at one of the conferences and they had a tour, and they
1955 had satellite libraries in partnership with the, I think it was the Boys & Girls Club. And
1956 then they also had a gym. So, they were finding ways how to identify satellite branches
1957 and putting them in empty spaces. I mean, this is not..., that's not exactly how this is but
1958 just being open to, you know, putting them around the City and allowing people to have
1959 smaller branches within their neighborhoods.

1960 And so, I mean, I'm in full support of it but I understand what you're saying, Ms.
1961 Lanier, in terms of, you know, we have other buildings that need to be looked at. But, the
1962 Library, we knew before that even shuttered down that that was in a bad state and I know
1963 a lot of people, you know..., constantly asked about what we're gonna do with the Library
1964 and, you know, we were talking about the, the grant that we had not too long ago but I, I,
1965 I do think this is something that will be down the line. Obviously, we can't move into it
1966 tomorrow, but I, I support it. I mean, you're gonna have traffic everywhere but I would
1967 imagine that we would have some things in place in order to make sure that area is safe
1968 for the kids to get [inaudible] this area here, Blue Heron and..., by Wells can be dangerous
1969 sometimes but I fully support it with no problems.

1970 Thank you.

1971 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Anyone else? Mr. McCoy.

1972 **Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Evans, if we were to move YEP, what would that building
1973 be..., well, what ideas do you have of repurposing that building where they currently are,
1974 are located at now?

1975 **City Manager Evans:** We would look to maybe utilize that building for additional
1976 recreation space for..., whether it's recreational offices or utilizing it for program space to
1977 continue to make, you know, to really make the Lindsey Davis Center a senior center.
1978 And so, there may be additional opportunities for programmatic space in that building.

1979 **Councilperson McCoy:** You spoke of, I think, over \$2MM to retrofit this 2129 Congress
1980 location. And...

1981 **City Manager Evans:** It, it's two... It's \$2MM for the ..., about \$2.1 for the acquisition,
1982 to purchase. The, the renovations are about \$200 to \$300,000.

1983 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh. Oh, I'm sorry. So, the last time that we had this, did we
1984 have an appraisal?

1985 **City Manager Evans:** Yes. We do have an appraisal on the property. Yes.

1986 **Councilperson McCoy:** And where...

1987 **City Manager Evans:** And, and the...

1988 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...are we...

1989 **City Manager Evans:** ...property ... The, the property did come in and appraised
1990 out at I think \$2.1 to \$2.4MM.

1991 **Councilperson McCoy:** Do you know if there was an appraisal done for I, I guess not
1992 even an appraisal but a study? I, I guess this is probably..., I shouldn't be asking you this
1993 question but, do you know if there is a study or a recent study on the property at Blue
1994 Heron and Broadway, that currently is owned by the CRA, as far as the best use? Highest
1995 and best use for that particular corner?

1996 **City Manager Evans:** I'm not aware of a, of a study. I can, I can certainly find out
1997 but I'm not aware of a study what the highest and best use would be for that particular
1998 spot.

1999 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. I, I like the idea of..., I mean, the, the depiction of the
2000 Library really looks good. I, I mean, you know, I don't even know..., I think I've seen
2001 something about the School District laying out a plan about how and if the restart of school
2002 was gonna happen next year but I think certainly we need to have a Library. My only
2003 suggestion and my only..., I would like to have security guards, and that's it. And I think
2004 we all understand what I mean when I say all we need is security guards because I want
2005 it to be a comforting environment where, where one..., where a kid can go in and not really
2006 have to ask what this device means when you walk into a Library because I've not seen
2007 that in any other Library. But, I'm okay with that.

2008 But, we really have to do something and I think our options are very much limited,
2009 so I support that idea of moving forward with that.

2010 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Anyone else? [Pause]. I support it as well, Mr.
2011 Evans. I think we need to move expeditiously to get you started on negotiations. I, I think
2012 the Resolution that was included in the backup indicates that that's what you'd like to be
2013 able to do, you want us to authorize you to conduct negotiations for a lease agreement
2014 with the option to purchase. Mr. Lawson, did you have a comment?

2015 **Pro Tem Lawson:** I did, Madam Chair. Mr. Evans, thank you so much for the
2016 presentation and I understand Ms. Lanier's concerns with the location of the Library and
2017 YEP. What timeframe did you say that it would..., that we could possibly have that Library
2018 there, in that location?

2019 **City Manager Evans:** We anticipate towards the end of the calendar year. So, if
2020 we're able to close and, and bring something before the Board, I, I would say, hopefully,
2021 we'll be looking to open that the first of the year.

2022 **Pro Tem Lawson:** And then how long [stammer]..., then, you were saying that that's not
2023 gonna be a permanent facility?

2024 **City Manager Evans:** We're gonna still look at having the conversation and
2025 discussions to move forward with a permanent location for the Library. Now, in the event
2026 that, as we go through the different iterations of what we're gonna do with the City facilities
2027 and the community and the Council says that that's an ideal facility and we look to put
2028 YEP in another spot or what have you, or if it works, that, that may be a permanent home
2029 but we're going in there with the intent that we are gonna build a new Library for City of
2030 Riviera Beach.

2031 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. The investment purposes and the business purposes is one
2032 thing. I really understand, and echo, Councilwoman Lanier's concerns which is the safety
2033 and security with the kids because if we're trying to just make that our HUB with YEP and
2034 the Library, we're gonna be attracting a lot of kids there, so I think it is [stammer]..., I'm,
2035 honestly, I'm torn in regards to the location because I think it's a great location for the City
2036 to invest into, to purchase. I think it'd be a great location for us to, to have as a staple for
2037 future dates as we look for a permanent location, and also get our Library up and running
2038 because, as of right now, our..., the Library's not sufficient and, and not functional for
2039 where we're at right now. So we have to do something about a location. I know you've
2040 been looking all over the City to find one.

2041 So, honestly, I'm, I'm, I'm truly just torn in regards to the location 'cause I think that
2042 it's a great investment for the City. I am also concerned with the safety, but I know that's
2043 something that you would definitely address just to make sure it's a safe environment for
2044 the kids and that transportation, and that kids gaining access to the location are gonna
2045 be protected. So, it's, it's, it's a difficult decision for us to, to move forward. I would be in
2046 support of moving forward with the space, with the intention of setting up and preparing
2047 for a more permanent location that's gonna be conducive to our, our, our downtown area,
2048 our City Hall rebuilt, something that's gonna be more in line with what we're trying to build
2049 over the next three to five years.

2050 But, I think that we have to do something immediately and it'd be a great
2051 investment for us as a City to have, and to actually locate our, our children there for the
2052 time being.

2053 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. Lawson. Anyone else? Mr. McCoy. [Pause].
2054 [Chuckle]. Thank you. I don't think that our viewers at home could see what Mr. McCoy
2055 just did but he held up his library card, so..., that we could all understand that he is a patron
2056 of the Library.

2057 I have a couple of questions, Mr. Evans. What, what capacity, just out of curiosity,
2058 what's the capacity of that classroom?

2059 **City Manager Evans:** That classroom, pre-COVID, can probably hold about, I would
2060 say about forty, forty-five people easily. Post-COVID, you're looking at a classroom space
2061 of about fifteen.

2062 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. I'm asking because I'm thinking if we wanted to do our
2063 Palm Beach State College courses there, in the future, as...

2064 **City Manager Evans:** Yeah.

2065 **Chairperson Botel:** ...close to the Public Works building, that might be a good
2066 place to do it.

2067 The other question I have is, can the modifications that we made to make it a
2068 temporary Library, how, how difficult will it be to change that from the Library, once we
2069 get a re'..., permanent Library and the City Hall Complex, how difficult will it be to change
2070 it into office space again? Is that something that you're considering when you make those
2071 modifications?

2072 **City Manager Evans:** Yes. Not, not very difficult because that's one of the things
2073 that we talked about, utilizing this as flex space. So, if we..., let's say we decide that City
2074 Hall and the Library are gonna be the first projects they get up and running, as we move
2075 the Library into that space, we may move another department, or maybe move City Hall
2076 into that space to be able to move forward with the construction and the demolition and
2077 construction of a new City Hall facility.

2078 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. And, the last question I have is not necessarily pert'...,
2079 pertinent to this building but, I'm wondering about Citywide broadband, particularly
2080 because our kids are gonna probably continue to be in some sort of remote learning
2081 environment, for who knows how long to come and I suspect that there may be a lack of
2082 access to the internet on the part of some community members, and I'm wondering if
2083 that's something that Staff can look into. You know, no, no pressing urgency but at some
2084 point, could Staff look into how we might be able to provide internet access on a broader
2085 basis for members of our community?

2086 **City Manager Evans:** Absolutely, Madam Chair. And we, we can actually do better
2087 than that. At your next regular meeting, we had a productive conversation with Palm
2088 Beach County, as well as the District, to talk about broadband, the internet service, for
2089 the students in our community, as we know there is a digital divide. The county was
2090 allocated, you know, of course, \$261MM from the CARES Act and \$10MM had been set
2091 aside for the purposes of addressing those inequities as it relates to the digital divide in,
2092 in technology. And so, Riviera Beach is a community that they want to partner with. We
2093 had a conversation, as early as this week. We're looking to put them on the Agenda.
2094 There is very minimal fiscal impact to the City, to the tune of probably about \$15,000 a
2095 year in annual costs. They will be responsible for the installation of the infrastructure, the
2096 maintenance of the network, actually providing the young people with the technology
2097 devices to connect and the, the, the repeaters in their home. And so, we'll be able to
2098 bring you guys something to consider with regards to partnership with the county and the
2099 School District at your next regular meeting in June. And then, the great thing is, there's
2100 a deadline on the construction, it has to be done by December. So, by the first of the
2101 year, conceivably, you're having a situation where we're gonna have internet connectivity
2102 for most of our students in Riviera Beach. As well as, we're having the conversation as

2103 to how we can light up, with internet, our parks and public gathering spaces as well,
2104 especially even on the beach, we wanna look to expand internet connectivity on the beach
2105 so when people use our hashtag that they're on Riviera Beach, we can get some traction.

2106 So, we're.., that's actually going to be coming to you all at your next regular
2107 meeting.

2108 **Chairperson Botel:** That's great. \$15,000, that could come right out of District 5's
2109 budget, like, no problem.

2110 **City Manager Evans:** That's...

2111 **Pro Tem Lawson:** [Inaudible].

2112 **City Manager Evans:** ...absolutely correct.

2113 **Chairperson Botel:** [Inaudible]...

2114 **Pro Tem Lawson:** I'm gonna instruct.... I'm gonna instruct Mr. Evans to give me some
2115 of you guys money immediately, because we need to go ahead and split this down. This
2116 is just unfair, guys. I'm gonna need some of these funds, okay?

2117 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle]. So, Mr. Evans, there is a Resolution in the backup.
2118 Would you like somebody to make a motion?

2119 **Councilperson Lanier:** I, I need to say something.

2120 **Chairperson Botel:** Sorry, Ms. Lanier. Go ahead.

2121 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. I would like to say that, you know, I, I support this but
2122 not for Library and YEP. I support purchasing the building, I support moving forward with
2123 it but not for these particular City departments.

2124 I also wanted to ask, you know, saying that, I wanted to ask what is happening
2125 and.., the City has a significant amount of money that they're spending in the lease at the
2126 Port Center. Going forward, how are we going to recognize that? Or, how are we going
2127 to move forward with getting people out of that leased building?

2128 **City Manager Evans:** We, we have a plan that we're working on and I believe that
2129 Ms. Gamble is looking to schedule individual sessions with each Council Member to
2130 discuss our plan with regards to addressing all the challenges we have with regards to
2131 our facilities. So, we'll look to have individual conversations with you all and then bring it
2132 back for a group discussion at a workshop in June, so we can provide you a little bit more
2133 details offline. I just don't wanna communicate our, our strategy as we look to acquire
2134 some of these additional parcels that can really be the, I think, the catapult necessary to
2135 get us moving forward with some of the capital projects.

2136 **Chairperson Botel:** Anyone else?

2137 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

2138 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. The Resolution as it reads, indicates that we would
 2139 give you permission to conduct negotiations for the proposed purpose of developing a
 2140 temporary space for City services, such as the Library. So I guess that could mean that
 2141 you, you could consider other uses for it. So, right now, you're just looking to pass this
 2142 Resolution that allows you to enter into negotiations. Right?

2143 **City Manager Evans:** That's...

2144 **Chairperson Botel:** So, does...

2145 **City Manager Evans:** ...correct. And that, and that would...

2146 **Chairperson Botel:** ...anyone...

2147 **City Manager Evans:** ...have to come back to you.

2148 **Chairperson Botel:** Would anyone care to make that motion? Ms. Anthony.

2149 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam, Chair, two things. I need to read the heading into the
 2150 record, as well as we do have a public comment on this Item. And, the time is now 8:16.

2151 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2152 **City Clerk Anthony:** So... Okay?

2153 **Chairperson Botel:** Let's hear the public comment, and then we can read the
 2154 Resolution into the record.

2155 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes. [Pause]. We can't hear you. [Pause]. Okay. Just a
 2156 moment, Madam Chair. Let me get the public comment.

2157 The public comment comes from Marybeth Coffe at marybeth.coffe@gmail.com.
 2158 Marybeth Coffe, 2640 Lake Shore Drive, Library Advisory Board member.

2159 A decision of relocating the Library needs to be made sooner rather than later.
 2160 [Inaudible] to allow the current facility to continue to deteriorate which jeopardizes the
 2161 health and safety of both employees and patrol, not to mention, additional damage to the
 2162 collections and equipment. Although I have not been in the facility at 2129 North
 2163 Congress, I have studied the floor plans, viewed the renderings and spoken with your
 2164 Interim Library Chief and City Staff, and I believe this facility is the best fit for both the
 2165 Library and YEP. I prefer a straight purchase if the City can afford it and that it can
 2166 [stammer]..., it can be considered a permanent home for the Library, until Library uses
 2167 demonstrates that it needs a larger facility. Although the location is well positioned for
 2168 those coming by bus or car, I do have public safety concerns for those walking. The City
 2169 Manager assures me that this will be addressed. I also believe a synergy can be
 2170 developed in the Library and YEP being collected.

2171 Please approve the Resolution to allow negotiations for purchase to commence.
2172 Respectfully submitted.

2173 Madam Chair, that ends public comment.

2174 The Resolution heading reads: A Resolution of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm
2175 Beach County, Florida authorizing the City Manager to conduct negotiations for a lease
2176 agreement with the option to purchase and/or an agreement to acquire the real property
2177 located at 2129 North Congress Avenue, Palm Beach County Parcel Control Number
2178 56434230160000100 for the proposed purpose of developing a temporary space for City
2179 services, such as the Library Department and Youth Empowerment Program and
2180 providing for an effective date.

2181 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy, is that your indicat'...

2182 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, so moved.

2183 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2184 **Chairperson Botel:** Would someone care to second Mr. McCoy's motion?

2185 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Second.

2186 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. Lawson. Madam Clerk.

2187 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2188 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2189 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

2190 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2191 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

2192 **Councilperson Lanier:** No.

2193 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

2194 **Chairperson Botel:** He said yes. I read his lips.

2195 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

2196 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

2197 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2198 **City Clerk Anthony:** That motion is approved with Councilperson Lanier
2199 dissenting.

2200 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Now, we have not too much time left. So let's see
2201 if we can quickly get through Items No...

2202 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Didn't you say something about Declaration of
2203 the Curfew or something after No. 12?

2204 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2205 **City Clerk Anthony:** The Item No. 12A, 13, whatever you want to name it, there
2206 was., under the discussion by Mayor and City Council...

2207 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2208 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...the Item regarding the extending the curfew, as requested
2209 by Mayor Felder.

2210 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Should we deal that first and then go back to the other
2211 two? I guess we better.

2212 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved. Do we need a...

2213 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Second.

2214 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...presentation?

2215 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Second.

2216 **Chairperson Botel:** Did you wanna make the... Mr. McCoy, are you clear about
2217 what you moved? What motion you moved?

2218 **Councilperson McCoy:** We're extending the... I'm not. I'm sorry.

2219 [Chuckles]

2220 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam, Madam Clerk, could you please just read the, the...,
2221 read it to the...

2222 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I was trying to keep in mind that I see some...

2223 **Chairperson Botel:** I know.

2224 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...people are still at Public Safety.

2225 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. You're still... Say that again.

2226 **Councilperson McCoy:** We have...

2227 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Don't worry about it.

2228 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...people that need to get home before the curfew.

2229 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Right. Okay. So, this... Madam Clerk, could you just
2230 read it so Mr. McCoy can make the motion.

2231 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay, Madam Chair. Hold on.

2232 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** She's gonna read the whole Resolution? The
2233 whole thing?

2234 **Councilperson McCoy:** Alright. So, so...

2235 **City Clerk Anthony:** Just the title.

2236 [Inaudible comments]

2237 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, what is it, [inaudible] 12?

2238 **Chairperson Botel:** Just the title.

2239 **City Clerk Anthony:** **EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF STATE OF**
2240 **LOCAL EMERGENCY CURFEW.**

2241 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

2242 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Second.

2243 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** My second still stands.

2244 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Madam Clerk.

2245 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2246 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2247 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

2248 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2249 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

2250 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

2251 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

2252 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

2253 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

2254 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2255 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

2256 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2257 [Background noise]

2258 **Chairperson Botel:** What is that noise? [Pause]. Okay.

2259 **8. ITEM NO. 8**

2260 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk, No. 8.

2261 [Pause]

2262 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. Madam Chair, my papers are currently out of whack
2263 here.

2264 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. It says:

2265 **Chairperson Botel: SELECTION OF THE CITY'S VOTING DELEGATES OF**
2266 **THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUES OF CITIES.**

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2268 **CLAUDENE ANTHONY, CITY CLERK , (561) 845-4090**

2269 **Chairperson Botel:** So, we need to select someone as a voting delegate for the
2270 Palm Beach County League of Cities. I'm the.., I'm on the Board now of the Leagues of
2271 Cities. Mr. McCoy, did you wanna make a recommendation?

2272 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I, I thought I was a delegate already but I don't.., do we..,
2273 are we renewing it? Unless somebody else wants to be on it, I don't see why, you know,
2274 we can keep my name on it unless somebody else wants to do it.

2275 **Chairperson Botel:** That's fine with me. I, I'm gonna be going to the meetings
2276 anyway also, so we can...

2277 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Wait a minute. Are we confusing what we're
2278 doing here because which one is this for?

2279 **Chairperson Botel:** Right now, it's No. 8.

2280 **City Clerk Anthony:** No. 8 is for the selection...

2281 **Chairperson Botel:** The voting delegate.

2282 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...of the City's voting delegate.

2283 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I know. But is the voting delegate the person
 2284 who is selected from the committee as being the regular person? Is that the same thing?

2285 **City Clerk Anthony:** As indicated in the backup information, Madam Chair, if I
 2286 may?

2287 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

2288 **City Clerk Anthony:** Normally what the elected officials have done is chosen the
 2289 person that was the representative as the voting delegate. As you can see from No. 9,
 2290 that you all, if you get to it, that you all may be changing who is the City's representative.
 2291 So...

2292 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. So, right now, I see that Ms. Miller-Anderson was the
 2293 regular Palm Beach County League of Cities person to be on top of that, with Mr. McCoy
 2294 as the alternate.

2295 And my only suggestion is that, since I'm on the Board now, the League of Cities, I don't
 2296 mind being the voting member, 'cause I have to go to the meetings anyway.

2297 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Right. But that doesn't mean anything. You can
 2298 still have two different people.

2299 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. Yeah. You could.

2300 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Right. So...

2301 **Chairperson Botel:** And Mr. McCoy...

2302 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...if Mr. McCoy, he's the alternate currently, is
 2303 he, is he wanting to move up to the regular or is there anyone else that wants that?

2304 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm okay with being the alternate.

2305 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Alright. Well, I'll remain at regular then.

2306 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2307 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay. So, as this time, I need a selection for the voting
 2308 delegate. Will that be you, Ms. Miller-Anderson, according to the Board?

2309 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2310 **City Clerk Anthony:** Can I get a motion, please?

2311 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

2312 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I make a m'... Second.

2313 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2314 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2315 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

2316 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2317 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

2318 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

2319 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

2320 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

2321 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

2322 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2323 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

2324 **9. City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Item No. 9 is the:

2325 **City Clerk Anthony:** **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPRESENTATION ON VARIOUS**

2326 **BOARDS THROUGH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR 2020__2021.**

2327 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, I move to table that. I mean, that, that's not of

2328 an urgent nature.

2329 **Chairperson Botel:** Right.

2330 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** There are a couple... We can but let's.., so, the

2331 TPA... And the only reason I'm bringing up the TPA is 'cause, I know, my husband, he

2332 participates on that and we need to make sure that we have people that are representing,

2333 or at least communicating with each other, if no one is gonna be able to participate.

2334 Because we have not been represented most of the time. So...

2335 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. That's...

2336 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** That's a very important board. You know, the

2337 others, obviously, we can kinda maneuver around with and wait until the next time but

2338 they're, they're constantly having meetings. So, is that one that we could, at least just

2339 address that one and then the others we can come back to?

2340 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm fine with that. Ms. Lanier, your currently listed as the TPA

2341 representative. Is that something you.., that's difficult for you to get to those meetings?

2342 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yeah. They have 9:00 a.m. meetings on Thursdays and that
2343 meeting is very difficult for me to attend, having to work. That may be something that Mr.
2344 Lawson can do, as, as he is the alternative..., alternate.

2345 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Lawson, do you mind switching to be the regular and Ms.
2346 Lanier can be the back'..., the alternate?

2347 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Well, I was gonna ask if any of the other colleagues wanted to take
2348 on as the..., as the actual permanent. But, if no one else wants..., no one can actually
2349 attend the meetings, I have no problem going to the actual primary.

2350 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. So, do we need a mo'..., do we need to make a
2351 vote on that or can we just accept our recommendation as...

2352 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Is, is Ms. Lanier gonna stay as..., I mean, is she
2353 gonna switch with alternate? Who's gonna be the alternate now?

2354 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Lanier, can you... Or, Mr. McCoy, do you wanna
2355 volunteer there? I see you raising your... Mr. McCoy can be the alternate then. So,
2356 Lawson and McCoy.

2357 Are there any other changes to the representation that we've had in the past on
2358 these boards? Everybody's...

2359 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah.

2360 **Chairperson Botel:** ...[inaudible]?

2361 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I do. I think...

2362 **Chairperson Botel:** You do? Okay.

2363 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...this needs to come back. We don't have to
2364 do it tonight...

2365 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2366 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** But we can bring it back the next meeting.

2367 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2368 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Because we do...

2369 **Unk.:** Yes.

2370 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:**this is something that's done...

2371 [Inaudible comment]

2372 **Chairperson Botel:** Right. Every time...

2373 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** This is something that's done every time we
2374 change Chair.

2375 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. Yeah. Okay.

2376 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** At least bring it up.

2377 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. So, Madam Clerk, will you put it on the Agenda, please,
2378 for the next meeting?

2379 **City Clerk Anthony:** I will. Can I get a motion to...

2380 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

2381 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Second.

2382 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy just... Thank you.

2383 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2384 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2385 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

2386 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2387 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

2388 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

2389 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

2390 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

2391 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

2392 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2393 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote. Madam Chair, I will put the [stammer] the
2394 balance of the boards on the next Agenda.

2395 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2396 **DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

2397 **Chairperson Botel:** Discussion by City Manager.

2398 **City Manager Evans:** Yes. Madam Chair, Members of the Council, I just wanted to
2399 talk about a couple of things very briefly. I've had the opportunity to speak with
2400 Councilman McCoy and the committee that is spearheading the Small and Medium
2401 Business Assistance Program and we're looking to build out a more robust forgivable loan
2402 program, similar to that, that was rolled out at the CRA. We have identified additional
2403 funding streams and we are looking at mirroring some of those elements that are
2404 contained in the CRA's policy, but also, some lessons learned from the county's policy to
2405 ensure that we actually target the businesses that were impacted, associated with
2406 COVID. So, as we look to develop the program and bring it to a point where we're
2407 comfortable with what the language and the application process is, certainly we would
2408 bring it back to the Board. One of the things we're also looking at is the feasibility of
2409 having an independent firm review the applicants to ensure that appropriate
2410 documentation is, in fact, provided once the program details are solidified, and then
2411 ultimately going ahead and, and putting out some grants. We haven't decided on the
2412 number yet, but we did define', we did find a, a funding stream that can effectively assist
2413 with that. So, I just wanted to bring that to the forefront of, of the Council's mind and we'll,
2414 we'll be bringing that back. The committee's meeting again tomorrow and we should be
2415 able to nail down some more specificities and then share it with the balance of the Council.

2416 With regards to hurricane season, everybody in South Florida is obviously acutely
2417 aware that June 1st begins hurricane season and we're already seeing some activities in
2418 the Gulf of Mexico. City Staff is already starting to take precautionary steps and measures
2419 to prepare for hurricane season. In the mask distribution that we'll be doing to the
2420 community over the next couple of days, we have a letter that is provided that actually
2421 outlines all the things that individuals need to have for hurricane season. And so, that's
2422 gonna be something that I think is important that people are proactive. As you're dealing
2423 with a pandemic, as well as hurricane season, it just adds for additional complications if
2424 you are not getting your material quickly.

2425 The other thing I do want to see if the Board would give additional consent to the
2426 Mayor to be able to extend the curfew as needed. Other communities have extended
2427 their curfew indefinitely, as things have ebbs and flows. Obviously, we are getting new
2428 information from multiple sources on a regular basis and our curfew, with the extension
2429 that was provided this evening, is set to expire on.., at Sunday at 9:00 p.m. And so, we
2430 do want to have the flexibility for the Mayor to continue the curfew, if necessary, until we
2431 believe that it is safe for us to go back to normal operations. And then, that's working in
2432 collaborations with the other municipalities that are effectively doing the same thing. And
2433 so, the actionable Item, Staff is requesting that the Council consider giving the Mayor
2434 additional authority to extend the curfew as needed, based on intelligence that's being
2435 provided, that is intended to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

2436 And, Madam Chair, that concludes my comments.

2437 **Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Evans, can we go ahead and do that now? Because, I
2438 mean, we won't, we won't be...

2439 **City Manager Evans:** Yeah.

2440 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...coming back for two weeks. So, can I move...

2441 **City Manager Evans:** Yeah.

2442 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...that we give the, the Mayor indefinite authority, relative to
2443 extending the local State of Emergency?

2444 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Second.

2445 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Madam Clerk.

2446 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2447 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2448 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

2449 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2450 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

2451 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

2452 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson? [Pause]. Pro Tem Lawson?

2453 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes. I'm sorry.

2454 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

2455 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2456 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

2457 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2458 **COMMENTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY**

2459 **Chairperson Botel:** Comments from City Attorney? [Pause]. No? Okay.

2460 **City Attorney Wynn:** No, thank you.

2461 **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2462 **Chairperson Botel:** City Council committee reports. Do we have any committee
2463 reports?

2464 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Excuse me. Madam Chair?

2465 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Who's speaking?

2466 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** This is, this is Mrs. Jacobs. I was slow on
2467 turning my camera back on. I...

2468 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes, Ms...

2469 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** ...just wanted to make a comment.

2470 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. [Inaudible].

2471 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Can, can you all hear me?

2472 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2473 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** There was a pretty, like, energetic discussion
2474 that dealt with the Racial Equity Institute and it was my intention to speak at that particular
2475 point, but it started moving really fast. Usually Mr. Evans is pretty quick on his feet but
2476 he probably doesn't remember, because it's been such a long time, but back in January,
2477 he actually assigned that specific task. And we had the event set up for March 30th and
2478 the 31st and it was cancelled because of COVID-19.

2479 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Thank you.

2480 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** So, we were already on target to have that
2481 training to take place.

2482 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2483 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

2484 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2485 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you so much, Ms. Jacobs. I, I knew that we spoke about it at
2486 the beginning of the year and I knew that COVID had kinda put a little halt to it. And
2487 timeframe wise, if we can allow for us to get it as quickly as possible, get the training
2488 done. I know we gave us a timeframe to allow for all of our departments to get done, but
2489 I, I, I don't wanna make it an optional training as well. So, when you..., when you're
2490 working with it, Ms. Jacobs, I believe you're gonna be assigned to the project, this is
2491 gonna be a mandatory training for all of our Staff.

2492 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Actually, it was a manda'..., mandatory training
2493 and they were charging us, I think it was about \$10,000 for forty persons.

2494 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. Okay. So, I guess once we get the reschedule and then..., I
2495 know that was gonna be in person, once we get all the details rescheduled, [audio
2496 skipped] to bring it back before the Board. So if you can go ahead and move forward with
2497 kind of getting the pricing details, timeframe, and bring it back to us. I wanna just get that
2498 done.

2499 So, thank you, Ms. Jacobs, for taking on that initiative.

2500 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Oh, no problem. It was scheduled to be held in
2501 the Council Chambers, so we'll probably have to come up with another place for it where
2502 we could have a larger work area.

2503 **Pro Tem Lawson:** If we could reach out to the CRA and speak with our, our Director
2504 there, I think the Marina space would be sufficient. Based upon the, the training I'.., both
2505 trainings I went to, the space would be sufficient inside our Ballroom.

2506 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Yes, sir. Thank you.

2507 **Chairperson Botel:** That's it? Thank you. Any other City Council committee
2508 reports? [Inaudible]...

2509 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair.

2510 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

2511 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I did attend the TPA meeting. And, the
2512 TPA.., what I, what I have noticed is that we really have to be as involved as possible
2513 because transportation, with the development in our community, as we're developing our
2514 Broadway, Blue Heron corridors, and starting to create more.., bring more people into our
2515 community, we're gonna need to make sure that we're engaged in working with the TPA.

2516 The last meeting, and the last few meetings that I've actually attended, we haven't
2517 had much of an impact or influence, as Ms. Miller-Anderson did state earlier. So, I
2518 definitely wanna make more of a point. There was a lot of discussions in reference to the
2519 voting abilities for West Palm Beach and their cross reference, their ability to be on the
2520 board and vote for certain items because of their involvement. And there also was a
2521 discussion about State Road 7 again.

2522 So, the long term plan, which is normally anywhere between seven and ten years
2523 that they look out, they look out towards, is what they discuss. So, we need to just
2524 implement programming, especially if we're gonna be developing and rebuilding our City
2525 Hall, if we're gonna be building new fire stations, police stations, and if we're gonna be
2526 doing Phase 2 which is on the CRA side, but we definitely wanna be impactful when it
2527 comes to TPA. So, myself and Councilman McCoy, as the representatives now, we'll just
2528 try to be more impactful with the TPA and influencing them into allowing us to be a part
2529 of the development of transportation.

2530 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any others?

2531 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam [stammer]...

2532 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes, Mr. McCoy?

2533 **Councilperson McCoy:** I want to just ask a question of the Attorney and the Manager.
2534 And it's quasi relative to the Small and Medium Business Committee. I was interested in
2535 asking Administration if we could potentially offer a, a reprieve on penalties relative to
2536 Business Tax Receipts. Not the actual fee or the Certificate of Use, but in reviewing some
2537 things today, I determined that a lot of businesses don't have BTR's because they're
2538 expired but, also keeping it in mind that we were under a State of Emergency for a
2539 hurricane, we had computer outages, and also, even this year that six month period
2540 would've been interrupted.., that 150 day period was interrupted by the, the closure of
2541 City Hall. So, you know, the penalties are provided for in the Code, and I wanted to see
2542 if that, just the penalties alone, and also the requirement of having to go back through the
2543 entire process, if that could be considered for our next meeting?

2544 **Chairperson Botel:** I think that's a...

2545 **Councilperson McCoy:** And that's if it's even legal, Ms. Wynn.

2546 **City Attorney Wynn:** We can look into it.

2547 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. The recipients of the CRA grants all have to provide
2548 proof of Business Tax submittal and, and I think that a couple of them are having
2549 difficulties doing that, so it would be really good if we could take a look at that.

2550 Thanks, Mr. McCoy.

2551 **Councilperson McCoy:** But if that's the case, I mean, it, you know, I... If it's something
2552 that can be done, if.., is that something that can be done? I mean, it is an Ordinance that
2553 sets forth these penalties but what, what kind of action would have to take place if we
2554 decide, Ms. Wynn? Is that a action of the body or.., to grant a reprieve?

2555 **City Attorney Wynn:** I need to take a look at the Ordinance, Mr. McCoy. I wasn't
2556 sure.., I didn't know you were bringing this up tonight or I would've been prepared for it.
2557 But, I'll take a look at the Ordinance and report back. I'll...

2558 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you...

2559 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...send you all an email. It'll be before the next... It'll...

2560 **Councilperson McCoy:** On'...

2561 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...be this week.

2562 **Councilperson McCoy:** Only the penalty.

2563 **City Attorney Wynn:** Penalty and...

2564 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible]...

2565 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...not... And no re'.., and, and not having to reapply, correct?

2566 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes, ma'am.

2567 **Chairperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

2568 **City Attorney Wynn:** Does that include late fees?

2569 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I think..., yeah. It says...

2570 **City Attorney Wynn:** Late fees and...

2571 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...penalties and...

2572 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...penalties. Right. Okay. Thank you.

2573 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, seven minutes. Okay. Anyone else on committee
2574 reports? Okay.

2575 **STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

2576 **Chairperson Botel:** Statements by the Mayor and City Council, starting with Ms.
2577 Lanier.

2578 **Councilperson Lanier:** I don't have much to say except that we want to continue to
2579 support our City Administration and Ms..., and employees who work for the City. And, I
2580 don't wanna get into the whole thing about the Floyd and the protesting. We know how
2581 things are going and I just hope that we, as a City, can understand and recognize what is
2582 on the table here, that we can move forward to make sure that our residents are safe and
2583 that they do have the opportunity and feel that they..., fell like they have the opportunity...,
2584 if they want to protest, then they can protest.

2585 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mayor Felder.

2586 **Mayor Felder:** Yes. I'll be, I'll be brief. Yes, colleagues, I'm asking for you to support
2587 the Mayor's Office, working..., I'm asking Mr. Evans, working alongside the City Manager's
2588 office to create a Community Collaboration Council. What that council will consist of is
2589 the Riviera Beach Community Collaboration Council will be established to ensure that
2590 City departments directly respons'..., responsible for Public Safety, particularly, the Police
2591 Department, Fire Department, EMT's and any security detail contracted by the City, as
2592 well as Parks & Recreation Department, have the proper support of the municipal
2593 government. It is designed to provide citizen oversight of grievances by any resident
2594 against any department. The Riviera Beach CCC provides a credible independent forum
2595 where complaints can be addressed. The Council promotes public confidence in City
2596 departments and lessens the possibility that, that future occurrences or complaints or
2597 unrest will occur. The Riviera Beach CCC will be a public forum where all work'..., people
2598 working and living in Riviera Beach, as well as visiting our community, are welcome.

2599 I'm asking Mr. Evans, by our next meeting, if we can put something together to
2600 bring to the Board for your consideration. And your support will put this Council together.

2601 Thanks.

2602 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Ms. Anthony's trying to get my attention. [Pause].
2603 She's alright. Ms. Miller-Anderson? Do you have anything to say?

2604 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, given that we're all limited on time tonight,
2605 obviously we all can't say probably what we want to say, but I do just want to throw out
2606 that several of us are part of the Palm Beach County Black Elected Officials and we did
2607 have an opportunity to go before the Palm Beach County Commissioners on yesterday,
2608 and providing them with some asks. So, what we'll be doing is reaching out to all of the
2609 elected officials, every elected official in Palm Beach County. But, as black elected
2610 officials we want to make sure that we as a City and being that we're majority black, that
2611 we do start here first. So, without having to go into a whole lot tonight, just understand
2612 that there will be some policy changes, or things looking into. I did speak with Mr. Evans
2613 in terms of looking at our policies, our policing policies and other policies to see about
2614 how we can make things better. And, as I said before, it's the Black Elected Officials, so
2615 all of us were invited to the meeting on Sunday, and to participate in the meeting on
2616 yesterday.

2617 And, you know, I just want everybody out there to be safe and continue to, you
2618 know, ask for what we, we need. I think right now is a great opportunity to make some
2619 positive changes. We seem to have everybody's attention with this particular situation
2620 that's going on, and I think we all are on board with trying to make things better. So, I just
2621 look forward to bringing some of that, as well as I'm sure the rest of you, bringing some
2622 of this to the, to the Board.

2623 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. It looks Mr. Lawson dropped off. Mr. McCoy.

2624 **Councilperson McCoy:** Brief. Thank you, Councilwoman Lanier, from the 3rd District,
2625 for setting the, the, the path in honoring our high school graduates. Boy, did we have a
2626 really great time. Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, Councilman Lawson and Chairwoman
2627 Julia Botel in honoring our graduate, Brandon Peoples, this Saturday. We really surprised
2628 him., And, let me tell you, that was probably one of my best times of being an elected
2629 official, just to see the joy on his face, and to see the tears of joy. So, that was really,
2630 really great to be a part of that. So, thank you, Councilwoman Lanier for starting that
2631 initiative in the City. And thank you Members for joining me on that. And thank you Mr.
2632 Manager for your supporting having our, our first responders there to support him as well.

2633 That's all I have. And everyone be safe.

2634 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Lawson.

2635 **Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to thank my colleagues for
2636 the support of the initiatives coming forward. I know it wasn't an Agenda Item and I know
2637 how Ms. Miller-Anderson's a stickler for things, making sure it's on the Agenda and
2638 holding us accountable. And, this was one of those moments that I appreciated the
2639 support of us moving forward with pushing with the potential of establishing the disparity

2640 study, with us., allowing for us to provide some race neutral, some gender programming
2641 in our City. And then also, the fact of getting the racial equity training.

2642 As you guys know, as Councilwoman Botel just stated, we did actually get out to
2643 speak at the county and discuss some of the initiatives that we wanna bring forward. As
2644 black elected officials, with the organization BEO, we did speak...

2645 **Unk.:** [Inaudible].

2646 **Pro Tem Lawson:** ...on behalf., we did speak on behalf...

2647 [Chuckles]

2648 **Pro Tem Lawson:** We did speak on behalf of the organization. I'm gonna correct that
2649 in a minute, don't worry. [Chuckle]. We did speak on be'., we did speak on behalf of the
2650 Black Elected Officials here in the community and the things that we need here in this.,
2651 in, in our City. And one of the benefits that we're actually allotted is Home Rule. So, as
2652 the electeds from Riviera Beach, we are able to implement policy and procedure. That's
2653 what we started with tonight. So, I'm, I'm excited for what we have going on and the
2654 movement that we're making, and the support that we have as a team moving forward.
2655 Listening to the voices of our residents, and our residents are allowing for us to move
2656 forward.

2657 So, thank you colleagues. I'm gonna allow for Dr. Botel to have the last one minute
2658 to speak. I'm gonna take another ten seconds just to talk, just so that I can leave her
2659 thirty seconds.

2660 [Chuckle]

2661 **Pro Tem Lawson:** And... [Chuckle]. Go ahead, Councilwoman Botel. Thank you so
2662 much, Madam Chair and colleagues. I appreciate all of you.

2663 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. Lawson. I just wanted to say to Mr. Evans, if
2664 it's alright with you, I would like to set up a meeting with Chief Osgood so that I have a
2665 better understanding of the kinds of training that our police officers receive, particularly
2666 with regard to de-escalation of situations and on how they are trained not to be so much
2667 soldiers, but to be peacekeepers. I really wanna understand that and, and know that if
2668 there are recommendations [inaudible] change, we can bring that to Council.

2669 And the last thing is, I saw President Obama today speaking from the My Brothers
2670 Keepers meeting and I would really like it if we, as a City, could take a look at perhaps
2671 becoming a part of My Brothers Keepers alliance. I took a look at their website and there's
2672 not a single city in Florida that's a member of that alliance. And it's really a very safe,
2673 supportive way for us to begin to address the needs, particularly of young men of color.
2674 And I think that it's, it's something that we should take a look at. So, I'm just asking that
2675 perhaps before the next time we get together, not, not the next time, but sometime in the
2676 not too distant future, we take a look at that and maybe see if that's something that we
2677 could get involved with.

2678 **ADJOURNMENT**

2679 **Chairperson Botel:** If there is nothing else, and I think there is nothing, I call this
2680 meeting adjourned. Thank you.

2681 **Councilperson McCoy:** Good night.

2682 [End of video]

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2684 **City Employees, Public Comment Speakers and Others**

2685 Interim Fire Chief John Curd Interim Fire Chief Curd

2686 Finance and Administrative Services Director Finance and Administrative
2687 Services

2688 Randy Sherman Director Sherman

2689 Interim Public Works Director Terrence Bailey Interim Public Works Director

2690 Bailey

2691 Assistant City Manager Deirdre Jacobs Assistant City Manager Jacobs

2692 Deborah Hall Ms. D. Hall

2693 Tina White

2694 Marybeth Coffey

2695 Fane Lozman

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