1	Riviera Beach City Council Budget Workshop
2	Monday, August 17, 2020
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7	Councilperson Shirley D. Lanier
8	Councilperson Tradrick McCoy
9	Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson
10	Mayor Ronnie Felder
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1	CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. It's 6:01. Calling to
2	meeting the City of Riviera Beach City Council
3	Budget Workshop. Today is Monday, August 17th, and
4	the time is 6:01 p.m.
5	Madam Clerk. Madam Clerk.
6	Are you hearing me? Jonathan, can you hear
7	me?
8	CITY MANAGER EVANS: I can hear you, Madam
9	Chair, yeah. I don't know if the clerk may have
10	froze.
11	CHAIR BOTEL: Oh. I see. That's it.
12	Madam Clerk.
13	Maybe Attorney Wynn can call the roll.
14	THE CLERK: Mayor Ronnie Felder.
15	MAYOR FELDER: Here.
16	THE CLERK: Chairperson Julia Botel.
17	CHAIR BOTEL: Here.
18	Madam Clerk, your sound is not
19	THE CLERK: Okay. I just unplugged my ear
20	phones. Is that okay?
21	CHAIR BOTEL: That's better, thank you.
22	THE CLERK: Okay. So we'll start this again.
23	Mayor Ronnie Felder.
24	MAYOR FELDER: Here.
25	THE CLERK: Chairperson Julia Botel.

1	CHAIR BOTEL: (No audio).
2	THE CLERK: Chair Pro Tem Douglas Lawson.
3	(Absent)
4	THE CLERK: Councilperson Tradrick McCoy.
5	COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Here.
6	THE CLERK: Councilperson KaShamba
7	Miller-Anderson.
8	COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.
9	THE CLERK: Councilperson Shirley Lanier.
10	(Absent)
11	THE CLERK: City Manager Jonathan Evans.
12	CITY MANAGER EVANS: Present.
13	THE CLERK: City Clerk Claudene Anthony is
14	present.
15	City Attorney Dawn Wynn.
16	CITY ATTORNEY WYNN: Here.
17	THE CLERK: Madam Chair, can you hear?
18	CHAIR BOTEL: I can. Thank you. Is that it?
19	THE CLERK: Chairperson Botel, we just need
20	to have you on record saying (audio disruption).
21	CHAIR BOTEL: Here.
22	I thought you called me first. Okay. Is
23	that it? Thank you.
24	THE CLERK: Thank you, Madam Chair.
25	CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

We'll have a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilperson Miller-Anderson.

(Moment of silence. Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

We have no -- Mr. Evans will introduce the purpose of the workshop.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Good evening, Madam
Chair and Members of the City Council. This is a
continuation from the presentation that staff
provided as it relates to the fiscal year 2020-2021
budget. We have departments that are prepared to
share with you their proposed budget, to answer any
questions that the Council may have as we move
forward.

But before we get into the presentation from the Police Department, Madam Chair and Members of the Council, if you can indulge me for a moment. There still continues to be rumors that are making its way through our community with regards to a thought or even an inkling with regards to the City of Riviera Beach looking to contract out its public safety arm, its police department, to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department. And I just want to make the community abundantly clear that that

has not been a discussion, it is not a desire of administration nor the elected officials, nor has it been discussed in any form or fashion.

And so those that continue to perpetuate those types of rumors in our community, it is a scare tactic, it is fear mongering, and it is not something that is going to move our city forward. And if individuals are believing that to be a desire of the Council then you also believe that COVID-19 is a hoax.

And so I just want you to be well aware that this Council, this administration, values its public safety, its departments and its operations. And if anything, what we're trying to do is we're looking to in-source our operations in a fiscally responsible manner.

So I did want to start the discussion that we have not had any conversations nor will we entertain any conversations with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department about the possibility of coming in and providing law enforcement services in the City of Riviera Beach. We work closely with them, as we do with West Palm, but that's not a desire of anyone that's in an elected position or anyone that is in an administrative position in

this agency.

So with that being said, I am going to turn the floor over to our police chief, Mr. Nathan Osgood. And I will share my screen for him to move you through the presentation.

CHIEF OSGOOD: Good evening, Madam Chair,
Mayor, Council Members. And I wish you all a good
night.

Thank you for having me tonight. And I can assure you as a new police chief I do not want to go back to the sheriff's office. I am happy, content being in the Police Department of Riviera Beach.

So, let's start with our budget overview.

The budget modifications -- let me -- I'm sorry, I
got -- do you have control?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: All right, Chief, you have control now.

CHIEF OSGOOD: All right. There you go.

All right. If you can take a look at the budget modifications. First we had to go through some serious unfunding positions. Now we took five positions from the top: Two police officers were vacant, unfunded those. One part-time communications operator. One part-time senior

office assistant, which is vacant. And one part-time crossing guard. We're not filling those positions. That was a cost savings of roughly around \$374,000.

We also unfunded eight positions through the PBA contract. That's three sergeants and five officers. That was roughly around 1.1 million dollars. For a total savings of 1,483,000. That's a total of 13 positions we unfunded going into fiscal year 2021.

You can see our budget to the right. We had a small increase from 20, nearly 21 million to 22 million, 23 million just about. And seventeen thousand five hundred thousand dollars -- correction, 17 million. That came in the way of personnel, police personnel. That takes up the bulk of the cost of our funding for to run the police department.

The other was in operations. Which is 5 million plus.

And then capital, three thousand dollars.

We took our staff from 178 positions to 166 positions. 167, let's say, the half.

Looking at fiscal year 2021, our goals. And we got a lot of goals coming up, so we have to take

them in baby steps to make them all work. We're going to increase our case closure rate by 25 percent. And those are baby steps. We hope to go further than that. We got means and methods on how we're going to go about it.

Let me give it to you clearly. I am not happy with our case closure rates, where we are with our closing cases. And we're going to have to get a lot of help from the community. We got ways to do it. We're bridging a better relationship between the police and the community where we have to go out and just let them trust us. And we got to find a way that they cannot just trust us, talk to us, give statements when needed, and even talk to the State Attorney's office.

The next thing we're doing, we have biweekly meetings with the State Attorney's office. Those meetings are currently going on as we speak. And we talk to them about all of our violent crimes, and the violent crimes that we are experiencing in the City. And one of their things that they give us, was just not the City of Riviera Beach experiencing violent crimes, it's all of Palm Beach County.

Well, I said, well, I can't police all of

Palm Beach County. I can only police one city at a time. And we're concerned about the violent crimes that's not being prosecuted. So we're sitting down, if we're going to move forward as we go with -- we're going to pursue these cases vigorously; and we're going to put together a task force to work with other municipalities, because our crimes seems to cross city lines with other municipalities.

And so I ask for our constituents, our residents, do not get concerned when you see other law enforcement entities or agencies in the City of Riviera Beach. I can assure you we're working together on most cases.

There are also cases that we just are not privy to when they come to pick up a subject and take them in on a (indiscernible) warrant. There's a level of, we can't share this until we get the person, that kind of stuff. Now I understand that. But as far as doing enforcement action, we are involved in all enforcement action when all other law enforcement agencies come into this City; and it's going to stay that way.

We are also -- as you've seen over the past few weeks, we started deploying bicycles. We

established our Community Policing Unit, which is also you see them out there each and every day delivering food, working with kids, working with the elderly. And now we are out there dealing with and working with our adults, riding bicycles with them, riding in the community.

We're going to get half of our agency in the next year or two trained in the bicycle program.

You just can't -- as simple as it may sound, you just can't get on a bicycle and ride it; we have to go through training.

And so what we do, we ride around the community. And they get a lot of -- we get a lot of positive feedback. I'm sure you guys have heard some of the feedback of riding along with the bicycle program. Our bicycle officers, that is. And there's going to come a time when you're just going to see two and three police officers just pick up their bicycle and ride it up and down your block in your neighborhood, just saying hello. This gets us out of the car and in that close proximity contact that the public needs to see with our police officers.

We're going to develop and implement a nuisance abatement unit. We have nuisance in the

City. We have a quality of life issue. And a lot of it is dealing with property owned by people and they can do something with it. So we have to work closely with our code enforcement unit and the magistrate to file the proper paperwork and to cite individuals who are in violation of codes that we have on the books.

If the people do not come to compliance, we're going to take this paper, our documentations, take them to the courts and look to do more with the property; either force them to clean up the property or force them to abandon that property. And there are some ways that the state has, the laws that work with it. But, again, you know, the City, we're working on strengthening our codes to make these nuisance abatement laws stronger.

We are currently in the process, and we're going to continue the process when we complete a full review of all our policies and procedures. We review our policy and procedures each Monday; we come in and we spend hours going over our policy procedures, making sure we have standards by the state and we get our law enforcement -- correction, our legal advice, attorneys involved, in going over our policy with us. And we have all the expert

minds in the room and we take it, we take time, we go over this. In the process of going through the policy procedures we implemented a accreditation unit because our goal is to be accredited, be an accredited police department in a year's time. That's our goal and we've got to meet it.

We're also going to implement a DUI unit. So with the training classes that we have, we have found some free training classes we can send our officers to so that they can go out and enforce DUI traffic laws. Right now we want to be more self-sufficient, where we don't have to call on other agencies to do a DUI or DRE check on an individual. So now, by bringing in our own officers and we can mobilize them into a task force if needed and they can go out there and enforce the DUIs that we see in the City.

And a lot of the time some of the DUI laws and things is so complicated a lot of our officers don't want to get tied up with them and they would rather just take the person's keys and tell them to go home; when DUIs kill -- drunk drivers kill somewhere in the neighborhood of 30,000 people a year, it's a high number. So I don't think we should be letting drunk drivers go. I really

don't. So that's what we're going to do, and we're not going to be calling in other agencies to do our DUIs in the City when we can do it ourselves.

We're going to implement a software to track internal affairs cases. And with that software it's going to be an early warning system. And that's going to be IA Pro Blue Team. With IA Pro Blue Team, it's a proper line IA system, tracking system, in the nation right now. And that's what we're going to be implementing. We're going to be going to that. And we have to get all of our command staff and supervisors trained on IA Pro Blue Team.

It will keep our officers more accountable, accountable to the people, and it's transparency. So there's no way that -- I'm not going to say no way. There's human error. But we're going to keep track of any little complaint that comes through. And we will be able to see if a person is having a bad week or a bad month, we can move that person around or have a conversation with that person, with IA Pro Blue Team.

There's been a lot of talk in the country over police reform. And the police reform -- and so with that, and speaking to Councilwoman

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Miller-Anderson, a police advisory board is a very sought after -- I guess a tool that we can bring to the City of Riviera Beach. And I wouldn't necessarily call it a police advisory board, it's more of a citizen review board.

Basically what that would do, give us transparency between our open investigations and to where the public don't have to think -- or they won't think that we're hiding criminal investigations; or what happened on that traffic stop, where the guy allegedly -- I'm making this up This is not real -- where the officer cursed the individual out, did you look into that; yes, it was looked into, it was unfounded. Well, when we put together the citizen review board, the citizen review board would get a chance to look at the evidence that we looked at and close it out, so therefore we don't have to have anyone from the community guessing it was handled improperly. That's what the citizen review board would do.

And then we're going to develop several programs to work with our youth. In these programs we're going to go right into -- there we go. We go with the PAL program -- now how did that happen? Well, we'll move on.

We know PAL is very dear and near to the heart of many of our residents, of our Council members -- there we go -- so this is the logo we came up with. The logo itself is the national PAL emblem; and then we just added a little color to it, the gold band around it, and the red white and blue lettering. And we added Riviera Beach Police and Parks. Because in order to get the PAL working properly, we have to work with our Parks & Recreation Department facilities.

So for an example, Parks must continue to work with the youth and the leagues, basketball, football, and whatever programs they have. But the Park & Rec needs a lot of help. And here's where police can merge and work closely with the Park & Rec. And we're going to bring that to PAL. We're going to put a logo on each of the buildings.

(Audio disruption) we're going to put these logos on our building, and also YAP also. We're going to put these logos on. And as we put them on, we're going to be inviting people.

Now, how we're going to get them. There are some things in PAL that we're going to bring -- everybody knows PAL is the Police Athletic League. Well, PAL is going to be more than that; it's going

to be the police activity leagues. There's other activities that we're going to do and get the community involved in, such as chess. What about lacrosse, canoeing, baseball, snorkeling, golf, and even video games. Then we got swimming that we can teach, and martial arts.

So we're going to get the community involved because, guess what, we know the community have, you know, expert chess players in the community.

Golf. We're going to get them all -- excuse me -- involved in helping teaching our kids these programs. And then by year one, year two, we can move into doing tournaments. Even tennis and baseball, we're thinking about bringing it.

So as we're going forward with PAL, we can put together a police -- I'm sorry. Go back -- a police advisory board. Now with the advisory board, their job would be to help work along with the police and the foundation and the 501(c)(3) to help raise money for PAL. And as we raise the money for PAL, we can come up -- so we're not putting a strain on the City, we're putting it on the advisory board for to come up with money, we can raise money for PAL, and it doesn't cost the City or the residents too much money out of their

pocket.

Now, another thing I left out with PAL, we have to get our insurance through the Boys and Girls Club of America. And as I said before, with the Park and Recreation facility the youth age out by the age of 13, I think, no later than 14; and PAL, we can take them up to 18 or 19 years of age. And our insurance will cover that, up until 18 or 19. And again, that will be through the Girls and Boys Club -- Boys and Girls Club of America.

And last but not least, we talk about capital project. And your capital project, I should have gone through this earlier, but we're looking for a hundred thousand dollars to increase our cameras in our City. We got cameras that we need; and also our cameras that go down, we have to pay for restoring the cameras.

And for PAL, we're asking for a budget of a hundred thousand dollars.

Now we're going to take our first directive from PAL, from the police department. We have police officers here in the City who came up in the PAL program; they have been pushing for the PAL program for the past five to ten years. And so I said, okay, let's sit down.

Now a lot of these brilliant ideas that we come up with is not just me sitting at the top saying this is a great idea. I sat down with our police command staff and all of the officers and we asked, hey, what's a great idea, what would you like to bring -- what would you like to bring forward to the City. And PAL came up from everybody. Everybody liked the idea with PAL, including my Council members.

And I thank you. That concludes my report. Any questions?

CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

Madam Clerk, would you please let the record show that Councilwoman Lanier has joined us.

I think Councilwoman Miller-Anderson had a question.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: McCoy was first, and then I'll go.

CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. Councilman McCoy.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chief, if you can clarify a few things. You said you're asking for a hundred thousand. And then I heard you say we were going to rely on the advisory board. What exactly does that mean?

You're asking for us to fund a hundred thousand to

kick-start it?

CHIEF OSGOOD: Yes. Let me explain that. So the advisory board's job is to go out and raise money for PAL. We got to pay for programs. A lot of it is going to be in-kind service. But there's other things that we need to buy. I'm looking to buy different computers. We have to buy -- we don't have lacrosse in the City. I would like to start teaching kids lacrosse and getting the coach in. Getting the baseball, snorkeling, getting some of the gears in to help teach the kids certain things.

And we also -- we're going to use a police officer as a PAL director. But there are some things that we may have to pay for, such as administrative support staff.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Right. But I guess a better question is, where is at in your -- I guess it would be on the support services side, where is that already accomplished that, the hundred thousand that you're saying is going to be kick-started by the general fund.

CHIEF OSGOOD: No, it's not in there yet.

That's just a wish list on the capital project, if that's what you're asking, sir.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Councilman, if I may assist on that particular question. I think that the hundred thousand dollar request is for certain things that the Chief has asked for as far as equipment, computers, et cetera, so they would be capital items.

As it relates to any personnel or operational elements, those would be funded out of the operational budget and personnel, et cetera, with existing staff complement.

But the hundred thousand dollars that's being requested to be programmed, it's for more so the equipment, the chess boards, all those other things as we look to roll out the program.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: All right. Okay. So my next question is regarding the slide that we have on the screen. I see the reduction of eleven and a half FTEs, specifically the five police officers and eight sergeants. It doesn't say whether or not those positions are vacant or are they filled currently.

CHIEF OSGOOD: I'm sorry, I should have wrote that in there. They are vacant positions. We're not going to fund them.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Okay. All right. The

FTE for the department is 166. What's your current sworn officer complement compared to our non-sworn? What is -- what are those numbers?

CHIEF OSGOOD: 120 -- we have 120 sworn.

That includes the police chief, assistant chief, and so forth. And now 46 and a half.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Okay. So if that's what we tentatively have budgeted, do you know how many of those are filled?

CHIEF OSGOOD: All of our positions are filled.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Okay. In the DUI unit, what costs would come with us implementing something like that?

CHIEF OSGOOD: We found some free -- that's a great question, Councilman. We found some courses that are free. So it's not going to be much of a cost at all. A little equipment from here and there. Maybe a hundred dollars to get the guys some different equipment that says DUI. But it's not a big cost at all.

We found a lot of training courses that right now are local, you don't even to travel for it, that are free for the officers.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Okay. Looking at the

line item for support services, communications has no dollars budgeted for it and last year we had 244,000. What's the difference, and why do we have such a -- why did we cut it all together? If I'm reading that correctly.

CHIEF OSGOOD: For communications? (Audio disruption).

CITY MANAGER EVANS: I can speak on that.

And Mr. Sherman, correct me if I'm wrong. The communications, the way in which it was budgeted previously has been actually allocated to the IT Department. So the money has been transferred to another department and been removed from the existing budgets that it used to be in in subsequent budgets -- or previous year's budgets. Is that true, Mr. Sherman?

MR. SHERMAN: Yes, that's true.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Okay. Final question.

Mr. Evans and Mr. -- I'm sorry. Mr. Evans and

Chief Osgood. So from the actual operations side,

I'm just looking at the salary and wages of 9.5

million dollars. Is there a breakdown any further

to kind of classify what that looks like, you know,

from the various departments, being it

administration, from captains on up, specialized

units like the community policing, those kind of things? Is there a breakdown further that would kind of -- I guess the different divisions within the police department, you'll be able to see, you know, which division, you know, has the most resources go to it as far as wages.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: We can certainly provide that breakdown. And Chief, correct me if I'm wrong, then there is a lot of special pay based on special units. And so, you know, you may have somebody that is on the SRT team but also is someone that is on another special FTL field training, officer training, so there's additional compensation to that. So it's really hard to break down, you know, a sergeant's salary, especially if they're involved in multiple things.

We can attempt to break it down as best as we possibly can. But there are those anomalies where individuals are compensated based on, you know, other operational elements that they're facilitating in the department.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Okay. And I understand that.

Actually, Madam Chair, if I could just be indulged for two more questions.

1 So in respect to what you just said, City 2 Manager, is it possible to have an organizational 3 Because, you know, I had a thing that's 4 also been discussed in the past, I know at least 5 for the past few years that I paid attention, the amount of top level police department staff that we 7 And I want to see what that looks like relative to the budget. Like, if we got a 9.5 9 million dollar operations budget, I'm curious to 10 see if 4 million of it is in, you know, in the 11 chiefs, the assistant chiefs, the majors and the 12 I want to see what we have budgeted for captains. 13 those top level positions, everything above a 14 sergeant, that's generally not encompassed in the 15 collective bargaining agreement of PBA. 16 CITY MANAGER EVANS: Okay. 17 (Audio disruption.) 18 CHIEF OSGOOD: I'm sorry. Go ahead, 19 Mr. Manager. 20 CITY MANAGER EVANS: No, we can certainly 21 provide you with that information for positions 22 above a sergeant in the command staff, and then 23 below, to give the breakdown with regards to 24 personnel costs.

Okay.

And last thing,

COUNCILPERSON McCOY:

there's a -- someone in the department is getting -- that will be getting a 401(a), which is unusual, and I'm just interested to find out what that is and what that represents along the operation side.

So that's all I have. And you can get me that info, I guess, at a later time.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Any further -COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

Oh. I'm sorry. I can go now?

Okay. All right. Well, I am very happy to hear about the PAL program. That is actually something I had spoken with our previous chief a couple years back, and the support -- in order for it to happen, the support definitely has to be there in the policy agency as well as the Council. And so I'm hoping that everyone -- it sounds as if Chief Osgood has had conversations with most of you and this seems to be something that you all are willing to support.

I definitely believe it should be something to kind of complement our Parks and Rec. And so working hand to hand with Parks and Rec is certainly going to be key in order to make this happen.

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And then with Chief Osgood bringing on the fund raising events for the advisory board to kind of head that, that will definitely take a little bit off of the City so there is not an extra burden on our budget.

The other thing is regarding the citizen review board, that as you know has been quite a big topic in the past few months. And you know, in speaking with, you know, many people in the community, as well as the officers, Chief Osgood, Mr. Evans, you know, it certainly needs to be a program or a board in which we're able to accomplish a couple of things. One, we know that our officers work very hard. We certainly need So in my mind defunding is not an option for them. me because I do know that we need our police officers. Now, utilizing the funds, utilizing our other funds to create programs is certainly something that we're trying to do at this point. But I do understand, too, that transparency needs to be there, so I think it's very important that we provide an outlet so that we have the transparency but at the same time we're working with our officers and community. It goes hand in hand, you can't have one without the other.

So, I'm very pleased with it, I hope to see this happen, you know, fairly soon. And while we've been working on the committee, these are some of the things that we've had discussions on. But as you all know, everything has to come through the Board. And so some of these ideas have cropped up over the last few months, but it takes for the Council to be able to support it. So I'm, I'm just excited that we're able to have this conversation. So hopefully everyone will be on board with it to see this successfully go through, that would be great.

So thank you so much, Chief Osgood and Mr. Evans and Council.

One thing I did have a question about was the -- I know you mentioned -- I think Councilman McCoy just asked about the positions. My question is, would we benefit from having more officers to do any other specialized tactical teams, or some type of team, by keeping some of those positions? Or is that not needed, we're able to do what we need to do without keeping those funded?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Well, I will, I will answer that question for the Chief. Any time you ask a chief if they can do with more officers,

they're going to say yes.

But I can tell you, what we're looking to do as we look to move forward, these positions are unfunded but they still remain in the actual budget complement. So if we're successful in moving forward with the fire assessment we're discussing, the first positions that would conceivably come back, that would reduce the burden on the general fund, will be public safety. So it would be these officer positions to help address some of the challenges we do have in our community. So that's something that if the economic conditions improve, or additional revenue streams or state revenue ends up balancing out in the next fiscal year, these will be the first positions to come back online.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And then the technology with the cameras, so the hundred thousand dollars provides the -- what is it? The -- where you save backing it up and -- what is that hundred thousand for?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: It's the real -- it's additional cameras for our real time crime center. We have, you know, such a technologically advanced police department, and so this is now to deploy additional cameras throughout our community; but

also to, you know, replace some of the ones that are getting up there in age.

Chief, you wanted to add some additional elements to that?

CHIEF OSGOOD: That's correct. I mean, you really answered it. But, Councilwoman, these are for the real time crime centers. The cameras will be put out throughout the City. These cameras are very, very useful in helping us solve crime and collect evidence for people who commit crimes, that we present together packages for the State Attorney's office. We have collected a lot of great evidence from our cameras.

Now, the problem with the cameras, like all technology, they go down; and we have to make -there is nothing wrong with the cameras as far as based on the faulty equipment; you know, just shelf life, they go out. And weather beaten or whatever, you have to replace them. So we need to keep our technology running.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. And we have certainly been leading in that area. A lot of agencies are now coming around to where we have been for a while. So that speaks to the agency's goals of trying to, you know, maintain their

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technology standpoint throughout our county because we have definitely been leaders.

So I think that's it. But I appreciate the presentation and you bringing forth some of these items.

And the nuisance abatement, I can't leave that out as well. That has been one of the things that we've talked about. A lot of people are talking about the quality of life, you know, in their neighborhoods, with a number, whether they're convenience stores, or whether they're people that are committing crimes in their neighborhoods, and just nuisance homes. I'm so excited to see that we're being able to revise our nuisance abatement to give it some teeth, so that we're able to follow through and get some of these individuals who are in our cities who are not there for the right reasons. So, thank you so much. That's it.

CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

Councilwoman Lanier, do you have any questions?

COUNCILPERSON LANIER: Yes, I have questions.

I wanted to ask -- first, I thank you for your presentation, Chief.

I wanted to talk about or ask about the

community services portion of your budget. When we talk about working with youth, trying to prevent crime because, you know, crime (audio disruption) dealing with crime, a big part of it is preventing crime, of course you know that. The PAL program.

And then you also, I remember you had this program over at the marina, in regards to providing for other community based organizations, some months ago, the Hope Dealers program presented to Council in regards to providing services to the City of Riviera Beach in that capacity as well.

I understand that the Parks and Rec's program deals with children. I understand that the PAL program goes up to the age of 18 or 19. But this particular program would be a perfect complement to these programs, the Hope Dealers program goes up to the age of the 21. And it also deals with socio, emotional trauma driven activities that are for the prevention of crime with these young men.

I know that, Chief, we often talked about some of the shootings that we had in the City, which encompassed that age group, we talk about how to get these kids formed into a different direction; and I want the Board to consider the Hope Dealers program as a complement to these other

Parks and Rec's and PAL's program, because it does (audio disruption) with a later age for these young men. And it also provides a prevention piece in terms of, you know, looking at childhood trauma, looking at socioeconomic issues for these young men.

So I'm hoping that because of your fund raising arm, because of your funding that there is -- that you said you have for community services, that this program could also be considered as a complement to the programs of the community outreach that you hope to accomplish in the next year.

MAYOR FELDER: Thank you, Councilwoman. Excellent question.

So I guess we're -- as far as Hope Dealers and some of the other programs that were mentioned in that little summit we had a few weeks ago, we have what we call (audio disruption) funds available. And if you go on to the City of Riviera Beach, there's an application process that you fill out for it.

And the Hope Dealers was -- one of the gentleman who I spoke to, it sounds like a really interesting program that can help the youth here in

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the City of Riviera Beach. It sounds like something that we could use. So we left with a positive meeting. We thought it worked out well.

And, again, I'm not going to turn down any help from anybody who wants to help our youth in the City of Riviera Beach. I'm not going to turn them down. So I'm saying welcome, come on out.

COUNCILPERSON LANIER: Okav. Just a follow-up to that. I wanted to bring this program up because, as I said before, you know, we want to really focus on the prevention side of crime as We want to catch these young men before they well. become part of a gang, before they commit a crime. So programs such as these, the PAL program, the Hope Dealers program, being a part of Parks and Rec, we'll be able to address some of those issues. And I'm hoping that the Council can indulge me and consider that program as part of a complement to some of the crime prevention programs that the police department is trying to accomplish.

CHAIR BOTEL: Is that it, Councilwoman Lanier?

COUNCILPERSON LANIER: That's it.

CHAIR BOTEL: Councilman McCoy.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Two things. In response to Councilwoman

Lanier's, I think it's a great idea. However, I

would love to defer that to one of our budget

workshops toward the end, because I don't want to

commit to something of that sort when we haven't

even exactly seen, you know, where we're going to

have to make some other cuts in some of our other

departments.

And I know -- obviously, I think this kind of came up after I said my first comments but -- and I was looking through the budget to see -- and maybe this is probably going to come out when Parks and Rec present. But where is there some commonalty in the budget with those park services, that would kind of align with some of the same initiatives that Chief Osgood is suggesting to go forward.

So I would definitely love to have that conversation. I just kind of want to see it a little bit later in the game when we can figure out, you know, where we are.

And lastly, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Evans, when we made these projected numbers did we account for what that estimated roll over would be for these -- for the tentative budget? Or are we operating just off of, you know, just general, just based off of

tax roll estimates and other sources?

CITY MANAGER EVANS: The -- as part of the budget it's always contemplated that some monies go ahead and roll into the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. So staff is incorporating that into -- and any revenue that is experienced, or excess revenue that's experienced, goes into the general fund. But that's something that we won't know what that number is until close to the end of the fiscal year and when all the other journal entries are entered in.

So we'll have situations whereby staff will receive a commodity or a good or a service, you know, on September 30th, and the invoice may not come until October 15th, and then we have to put a journal entry and backdate it. So we won't know what that number is until closer to, you know, maybe late October or November.

Is that correct, Mr. Sherman?

MR. SHERMAN: Yeah. If we even know that soon. It takes us 30 to 60 days to get a good handle on the closeout.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Okay. All right. Thank you so much.

CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

Thank you, Chief. I want to also thank you for instituting the PAL program. You and I have spoken on a number of occasions about it and you know how near and dear to my heart that is. And so I'm happy to see it getting off the ground.

Where in the budget is the recap program? Is that part of services? Excuse me. Support services? Or is that part of your operations?

CHIEF OSGOOD: That's part of support services. And recap, I think we have two full-time employees and the rest will be part-time and volunteers.

CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. So that's not going away, that's going to be in the budget?

CHIEF OSGOOD: No, we really believe in recap. And so while I have you on the line, say a prayer for Mr. Argent (phonetic) Marshall. He is in the hospital right now. But he's doing well, he's recovering. We communicate -- I communicated with his son today. He's our victim advocate manager.

CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you. We'll say a prayer.

I also want to be sure that the two Singer Island officers are still in the budget. Chief.

CHIEF OSGOOD: They're still in the budget.

And they're doing an excellent job for you.

CHAIR BOTEL: They are doing an excellent job. And we continue to raise kudos to those officers, as well as the other officers. And I try to send that information along to Mr. Evans when I receive the good news. It's always nice to hear good things about your officers, when they're said by people.

I have just a couple of questions about the budget. In the overtime section on operations side, you're going from an actual in 2020, almost 700,000, down to 400,000. Do you have a plan in place to reduce overtime? Is that your goal to reduce it that drastically? And how are you going to do it?

CHIEF OSGOOD: I got a radio, bad communication right now. I'm going to defer that.

It's going to be a challenge. We're going to try to monitor our overtime. It's a challenge.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: Well, and one of the things that we're doing, because the overtime budgets both in police and fire are extremely high, so we did have the internal conversation that at what point is it, if we have a million dollars in overtime in each of those departments, where is the

break point where it's cheaper to add additional personnel and do some staffing modifications to alleviate the cost the City has in savings.

So we actually, as it relates to the police department -- Chief, if you can share a little bit about the reserve officer program and how that's been successful to ensure that individuals are still certified -- keep their certifications with the state, but also you get a lot of value from more seasoned officers that can assist in doing some of the ancillary duties and responsibilities to free up our regular officers to be able to provide service to our community.

CHIEF OSGOOD: Thank you, Mr. Evans. I will be happy to speak about that.

See, when police officers retire (audio disruption) career, police officers (audio disruption) they want to continue to work.

And where I came from, we had somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 reserve police officers.

And at first they were working for one dollar a year. And then they changed it, we put in the budget to pay them \$19.46 a year (sic), somewhere in that aspect. I think I have budgeted, I did the math, to bring in police reserves at \$15 an hour.

And they're already certified officers that have been to the academy who have the same arrest procedure, the same training, and even more so with the bringing of a ton of experience, that they can come and supplement the officers we have on the job, that's going to help with the backfilling on a lot of our officers.

For an example, we had to give up some positions in overtime. So now I can bring in a police reserve, who can come in -- right now we're paying overtime on every shift. Any time you run short, especially with the amount of officers who have to go out either on annual leave, sick leave, whatever, and this is a high time where we're losing people to a sick leave, we have to pay overtime to keep our staff at the minimum requirement, to make sure we have the proper protection on the street. This is places that we can get our reserve officers in to help us out.

We currently have three reserves on book that come in, not a lot, but they're certified, they're trained, they come in, and they come in and work with our police on matters such as -- we had to activate our emergency field force unit, and sometimes they just come in and backfill slots on

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There is no difference in their training.

They have been on this job, so they know how to provide the same police service as one of your already sworn Riviera Beach police officers. We got a lot of guys lined up who are ready to come on. Guys and ladies.

CHAIR BOTEL: Thank you.

CITY MANAGER EVANS: And Madam Chair, if I may just speak on an experience that we had when we were experiencing the civil unrest in our community and some of the protests that was occurring, we actually have a reserve officer that's an attorney, and he was able to brief our officers on the constitutionality of what the individuals are doing, how to interact with them, how to govern themselves in that particular situation. And so it was an invaluable experience that myself and I'm sure the officers received, with somebody with that depth of experience and knowledge, that has been a law enforcement officer and has gone on to be an So that's the type of quality and attorney. caliber of individuals that we would bring in to serve in those particular capacities.

CHAIR BOTEL: That's great.

I have just one or two smaller items that -it looks like you're reducing the training and
employee development line to 3500, when it had
been, the last adopted budget was 23,000 and the
actual was about 13 or 14 thousand. I mean I don't
want to see the police department defunded or
unfunded at all. And in fact, I would think we
would want to put more money into training and
employee development. Unless that's somewhere else
in this budget and I'm not seeing it.

But I certainly think that, you know, the most important things we can do for our police department is to bring (audio disruption) well trained to deescalate situations and handle, you know, risky situations in the appropriate manner.

So, is it somewhere else in this budget you've got money for that or --

CHIEF OSGOOD: (Audio disruption) training, because of what we're going through with the COVID phase, most of our out-of-state travel training and training classes have been shut down. One way that we can do a savings there, and we can probably get it online, you don't have to travel and that saves us a little money.

CHAIR BOTEL: That makes sense.

1 And the last couple refer to -- relate to -well, you've talked about the IT. I understand 2 3 Is it the fleet -- let's see. Where was it? The difference 4 Repairs and maintenance. Oh. 5 between professional services and contract services, has this changed from about 53,000 in the 7 adopted budget for professional services (audio 8 disruption) but you've also -- so you've got a 9 decrease there, but you've got an increase in 10 Is there some sort of a wash in contract services. 11 here, that I'm just not aware enough of or --12 Councilwoman, I have to get CHIEF OSGOOD: 13 back to the drawing board. (Audio disruption) 14 because I know contract services, these are funding that we need to maintain. So we have to move money 15 16 around to make this number work. 17 CHAIR BOTEL: Okay. Probably you're taking 18 something out of professional -- you decreased 19 professional services to such an extent, I wondered 20 if just something with contract services (audio 21 disruption) but it's not important for tonight, so 22 just let me know. 23 Mayor Felder, did you have any questions? 24 No? 25 Thank you. Okay.

1	Anyone else?
2	I think that's it. Thank you so much, Chief,
3	it was a good presentation. We appreciate it.
4	CHIEF OSGOOD: Thank you.
5	CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. Evans.
6	CITY MANAGER EVANS: All right. At this
7	time, Madam Chair, I will ask for Mr. Bailey to
8	provide the presentation for Public Works, Fleet
9	Management and Storm Water. Mr. Bailey.
10	MR. BAILEY: (Audio disruption) as you can
11	see
12	CITY MANAGER EVANS: You have a lot of
13	feedback.
14	COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Somebody
15	cutting grass out there, or blowing something?
16	CHAIR BOTEL: It sounded like his microphone
17	wasn't really picking up with any strength.
18	CITY MANAGER EVANS: It may be your headset.
19	We can barely hear you.
20	What we'll do is we'll skip Mr. Bailey and we
21	will go into the next presentation and give him
22	time.
23	So at this time I'm going to turn the
24	presentation over to Dr. Johnson, our Utility
25	District Director, and give him the opportunity to

get his camera started; and I'll get the slides queued up.

And Dr. Johnson, I have given you control to be able to advance the slides as well. So you should be good to go.

DR. JOHNSON: Good evening, Mayor, Council.

I'm Dr. Jimmie Johnson, and I am your new Utility

Executive Director. Just come to talk to you a

little bit about our budget this afternoon.

As you already know, the Utility District is -- has four main divisions: Administration, Engineering, (indiscernible) prevention compliance, and special projects.

The distribution is led by Mr. Larry Brown.

The water plant superintendent is led by Mr. David

Danskin -- Danford. Sorry. Excuse me.

And the waste water collection system is led by Mr. Jackson.

What you see here on this slide is that overall there is a 3.21 percent change in the budget from the current fiscal year to the (audio disruption) with 2020-2021. And mainly on the personnel side, is there a reduction. We're reducing staff by 3.28 percent. So we're going from 61 to 59. And that's explained in the budget

modification section.

We are unfunding three positions; two of which are vacant, one of which is filled.

Backflow technician. We're going to be spreading those duties to one of the positions that is being reclassified.

The assistant water plant superintendent is a vacant position, will be vacant position. The current person that's in that position is being promoted to the water plant superintendent.

Our aim is to reclassify the water and sewer superintendent by escalating those functions up.

Water and sewer should not be intermingled with the same equipment, same personnel, because those functions are different, and regulations require that we be careful with any kind of spreading of contaminants.

We also plan to reclassify a few other positions that we'll be coming back to you with a little bit later.

Also, our goal for the utility, the upcoming year, is to rebrand the Utility Special District, because there is such -- this perception that the district is not taking care of its customers. So we want to rebrand the utility by media outlets

like social media, on the government channel
putting out different programs that shows our
operations, that shows the improvements.

I was on the phone with a customer the definition of the phone with a customer the definition.

I was on the phone with a customer the day before yesterday and she was wanting an explanation about the water. And I was ready to (indiscernible) that some of the issues that we're experiencing are common issues in the United States. It's just not isolated to our area. A lot of cities that are providing groundwater actually have some of the same issues.

So we told her that we were going to be doing certain things in the utility to improve color. We are going to be doing certain things in the utility that will help put out a better quality product, and also better services to our customers.

One of those things that we're doing to do that is we're going to continue to upgrade, in the physical year 2021 goals, is we're going to continue to upgrade the infrastructure that will meet the regulations as required.

And also in our budget, that's already built into it, is a six percent rate increase on the water side. And that's based on the rate study that was conducted two, three years ago.

We're going to move forward on the environmental assessment for the new water treatment plant. We don't want to find any Indian (indiscernible) out there, or anything like that that will delay this project from actually moving forward.

We'll continue to upgrade the security of the waste -- of the water system based on the American Water Infrastructure Act that was passed in 2018, which is built up off of the (indiscernible) assessments that have occurred for water utility systems. So we're going to be looking at putting motion detectors, cameras, at places that we actually provide water services, because of some of the threats that are out there to damage the water supply or cause a water supply interruption.

We're going to continue to upgrade the SCADA system. And this is the systems that's used to operate pumps, motors, operate levels of tanks and wet wells and lift stations. And that's important.

We are going to continue to address the consent order. We're instituting inside of the Special Utility District certain meetings that we can have updates that we can stay on the top of projects. We're going to make sure that we're not

over-promising and under-delivering as it pertains to our capital projects. Then we'll be coming back to you a little bit later for a presentation or a workshop on capital projects.

Because we're eliminating the position for backfill technicians -- and as I said, we'll be coming back to you a little later to discuss the reclassification of positions -- that backfill program is actually going to be ran by one of the office staff. We're looking to manage that program rather than just piecemealing attacking the program, because we want to protect the water supply. And I think part of some of the experiences that we're having is the water supply is not being protected with the right backfill prevention devices.

Any questions, Council?

CHAIR BOTEL: Mr. McCoy.

COUNCILPERSON McCOY: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Mr. Johnson, thank you for the presentation, and nice meeting you. I think I've seen you around but I didn't get a chance to formally meet you.

A couple things -- get my notes up here. The six percent that is factored into the -- I guess into this budget for revenues, it would appear that

that money is, I guess, is not specific. Is not necessary to support specifically any kind of capital projects, that's going to support operations? Or I guess that may be a Mr. Sherman question. But I'm trying to find out, the six percent, are we -- this rate study that was conducted, was that because of the increase in operations?

MR. SHERMAN: Yeah, this is Randy Sherman.

It's a combination. If you recall, when the rate consultant made the presentation back in June, you're looking at a number of factors when you're looking at the rate structure. So part of the six percent is building towards paying some pay as you go capital. It's also built towards getting to your, what they've termed a 2023 bond issuance for the water treatment plant. So that's where part of that money is going.

And then the balance of it, as you noted, is to cover increasing costs in the operational costs. So your operational costs are increasing, you need some money to handle that, but you also need to start doing some additional pay as you go projects until we issue the debt. And then the projects would be funded out of the debt. But your revenue

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1 stream at that point would be high enough to cover 2 the debt payment. So you in essence take what 3 you've been using for pay as you go over the next 4 five years and then using that revenue extreme to 5 then convert that pay as you go to debt service. So it's a combination of the two. 7 DR. JOHNSON: Mr. McCoy, we do an analysis to make sure that our CAP fees are current. 9 analysis to make sure that the customers that are 10 asking for certain things, that we're not actually 11 losing money when we go out to perform those 12 services. 13 COUNCILPERSON McCOY: 14

Okay. All right. So looking at your slide here, is there a comprehensive USD budget sheet that doesn't necessarily break it down into the various divisions? Because it's easy to see on this screen but when you want to look at specifically across

all the different divisions, is there a line by

line sheet that can be provided at some point?

DR. JOHNSON: I'm going to say yes. Mr. Sherman can confirm that. But this is just basically the overview of the main changes that we've had in the budget. But generally there is a detailed breakdown for each department, for each