

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 17, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT AT MEETING¹:

MAYOR RONNIE FELDER	MAYOR FELDER
COUNCILPERSON TRADRICK MCCOY, DISTRICT 1	COUNCILPERSON MCCOY
COUNCILPERSON JULIA A. BOTEL, DISTRICT 4	CHAIRPERSON BOTEL
COUNCILPERSON SHIRLY D. LANIER, DISTRICT 3	COUNCILPERSON LANIER
COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON, DISTRICT 5	CHAIR PRO TEM LAWSON
COUNCILPERSON KASHAMBA MILLER- ANDERSON DISTRICT 2	COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON
CITY MANAGER JONATHAN EVANS	CITY MANAGER EVANS
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PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MARCH 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

(The following may contain unintelligible or misunderstood words due to the recording quality.)

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Anthony: I call to order the Regular City Council meeting for March 17th.
The time is now 5:36.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Anthony: Mayor Ronnie Felder?

Mayor Felder: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Tradrick McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Shirley Lanier?

Councilperson Lawson: Here.

Councilperson Lanier: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Douglas Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: City Manager Jonathan Evans?

City Manager Evans: Present.

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

City Attorney Wynn: Here.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Anthony: We will now proceed with our Innovation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilperson Lawson.

[Moment of silence]

Councilperson Lawson: I pledge allegiance...

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

City Clerk Anthony: Members of the Board, before we begin with the presentation Administration of Oath of Office, I have been informed that there will be a presentation to the outgoing Chair and to the incoming Chair. What's the pleasure of the Board? And this will happen after the Administration of Oath of Office.

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. We can do it after.

City Clerk Anthony: Okay. I have one yes and one no.

Councilperson McCoy So, I wanna ask a question. So who's actually presiding at this point? Is it you, Clerk?

City Clerk Anthony: Yes, Mr. McCoy.

Councilperson McCoy Why wouldn't it be the Vice Chair? Or the Pro Tem?

City Clerk Anthony: The Chair Pro Tem is no longer the Chair Pro Tem. That term ended.

Councilperson McCoy Okay. Well, if this is solely a formality so that we can do a ceremonial swearing in, I don't understand why we need to add a presentation at this point. Can that be done at the actual second meeting?

City Clerk Anthony: If that's the pleasure of the Board.

Councilperson McCoy Yeah. Because then, when you actually have a full seated Board, I think it's probably more appropriate to do it in the beginning of the next meeting.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson McCoy, I have no problem with it. It's whatever you and your...

Councilperson McCoy And also, it's a little presumptuous to... Oh, I'm sorry. I was told by the court reporter that I'm, I'm not heard, so I apologize. So.., it's also presumptuous that there would be a outgoing Chairperson and a new Chairperson being elected. So, I just.., I am a little confused how that came up, especially when we have a printed Agenda and you're proposing something that we've never seen or heard before.

City Clerk Anthony: Mr. McCoy and Members of the Board, the way the Agenda is set up, it's the same way it's been done throughout the years of my tenure, that I've been here at the City Council. I did not stray. This is nothing new, under my tenure. As it relate to it being presumptuous about a new Chair and a new Chair Pro Tem, you are correct, Mr. McCoy. It's whatever the plea'.., pleasure of the Board is.

Councilperson McCoy Okay. I just wanted to get some clarification on that.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Clerk, we can do the presentation at the next meeting.

Councilperson McCoy And, and..

City Clerk Anthony: Do the presentation...

Councilperson Lawson: At the next meeting. Before...

City Clerk Anthony: At the...

Councilperson Lawson: ...we start...

City Clerk Anthony: ...next meeting?

Councilperson Lawson: Before we start our next Council meeting, yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Okay.

Councilperson McCoy And, and, Madam Clerk, let me also remind you, the City's Charter only provides that we elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chair. It never set forth a term limit or a time. Unless there's some Ordinance that I don't know about, but in the Charter it says that we shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chair, but there's nothing that says there's a time limit. So, for all intents and purposes, I think the Chair is Mr. Lawson, absent of any kind of Ordinance that you can produce.

City Clerk Anthony: If that is the pleasure of the Board, Mr. McCoy, I, I have no problem with it.

Councilperson McCoy Okay. And I just, you know, it, it's just so funny that I sit here, and I have to prepare and read rules, and then when you get to a meeting, somebody introduces something that completely is foreign. And I'm trying to be a rebel rouser but, like, for all intents and purposes, what's the purpose of preparing for a meeting if somebody introduces something that is not anywhere in any rule or Ordinance?

So, I would ask that we just get this so we can get our swearing in started. But, it just is a little confusing to be presented with something new, just like the whole recess and all of this other things that's starting today. So.

Thank you. That's all I have.

OATH OF OFFICE

1. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Clerk Anthony: Members of the Board, we will now proceed with the administration of oath and presentation of Certificate of Election to the newly elected officials. The presentation of Oath of Office will be done by the Honorable Judge Maxine Cheeseman. The first newly elected official will be., to be sworn in, will be Ms. KaShamba Miller-Anderson. Representative from City Council District 2.

[Applause and cheers]

City Clerk Anthony: Judge Cheeseman, there is a handheld microphone under the podium.

Judge M. Cheeseman: Oh, thank you. [Pause]. Okay. Repeat after me. Raise your right hand.

I, KaShamba L. Miller-Anderson.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I, KaShamba L. Miller-Anderson.

Judge M. Cheeseman: Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And of the United States of America.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And of the United States of America.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And being elected to represent City Council District 2.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And being elected to represent City Council District 2.

Judge M. Cheeseman: In the City of Riviera Beach.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: In the City of Riviera Beach.

Judge M. Cheeseman: Palm Beach County.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Palm Beach County.

Judge M. Cheeseman: Florida.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Florida.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And the recipient of public funds in this capacity.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And the recipient of public funds in this capacity.

Judge M. Cheeseman: Do hereby solemnly swear.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Do hereby solemnly swear.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And affirm under oath.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And affirm under oath.

Judge M. Cheeseman: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And the State of Florida.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And the State of Florida.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And conform to the statutes.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And conform to the statutes.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And the general laws of the State of Florida.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And the general laws of the State of Florida.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And do all in my power to uphold.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And do all in my power to uphold.

Judge M. Cheeseman: Support and enforce.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Support and enforce.

Judge M. Cheeseman: The Charter and Ordinances of the City of Riviera Beach.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: The Charter and Ordinances of, of the City of Riviera Beach.

Judge M. Cheeseman: Florida.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Florida.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And perform the duties for the office of City Council.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And perform the duties of City Council.

Judge M. Cheeseman: Upon which I'm about to enter.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Upon which I'm about to enter.

Judge M. Cheeseman: To the best of my ability.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: To the best of my ability.

Judge M. Cheeseman: So help me God.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: So help me God.

Judge M. Cheeseman: Congratulations.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Thank you.

[Applause and cheers]

Judge M. Cheeseman: Okay. Repeat after me. Raise your right hand. [Inaudible].
I, Dr. Julie Botel.

Councilperson Botel: I, Dr. Julie Botel.

Judge M. Cheeseman: Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

Councilperson Botel: Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And of the United States of America.

Councilperson Botel: And of the United States of America.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And being elected to represent City Council District 4.

Councilperson Botel: And being elected to represent City Council District 4.

Judge M. Cheeseman: In the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Councilperson Botel: In the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Judge M. Cheeseman: And a recipient of public funds in this capacity.

Councilperson Botel: And a recipient of public funds in this capacity.

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Councilperson Botel: Upon which I'm about to enter.

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Councilperson Botel: To the best of my ability.

Judge M. Cheeseman: So help me God.

Councilperson Botel: So help me God.

[Applause and cheers]

[Pause]

City Manager Evans: [Inaudible] brings out the colors in my eyes.

[Chuckles]

[Inaudible comments and discussions]

2. CITY CLERK REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL CHAIR FOR 2020/2021

City Clerk Anthony: Members of the Board, I will now open the floor for nominations for Chairperson of the City of Riviera Beach, City Council 2021-2022.

Councilperson Lanier: Madam Clerk?

City Clerk Anthony: Yes.

Councilperson Lanier: I'd like to nominate myself as Chair of the Riviera Beach City Council.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I'll second that.

City Clerk Anthony: Are there any other nominations?

Councilperson McCoy: Madam Clerk, I wanna nominate Councilperson Pro Tem Lawson.

[Pause]

City Clerk Anthony: Are there any additional nominations? [Pause]. The floor is now closed on nominations for the Council Chairperson. Can I get a motion and a second for selecting Councilperson Shirley Lanier as the Chairperson for the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach 2021-2022?

Councilperson Botel: So moved.

Councilperson Lanier: Second.

City Clerk Anthony: That motion has been properly moved and seconded. When I call your name, please answer yes for in favor, no if you are not. Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: No.

City Clerk Anthony: **Councilperson Botel:?**

Councilperson Botel: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: No.

City Clerk Anthony: That motion is approved with Councilpersons McCoy and Lawson dissenting. Councilperson Shirley Lanier, you are the Chair for the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach 2021-2022. You may proceed.

[Applause and cheers]

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, you may proceed with the rest of the Agenda.

3. NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL CHAIR REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL CHAIR PRO-TEM FOR 2020/2021

Councilperson Lanier: The next Item on the Agenda is the newly elected City Council Chair request for nominations for the City Council Chair Pro Tem 2020-2021. Can I get nominations for this Pro Tem position?

Councilperson Botel: I would like to nominate KaShamba Miller-Anderson.

Councilperson McCoy Madam Chair, I nominate Councilperson Douglas Lawson.

Councilperson Lanier: Those are the nominations. Nominations are closed for the position of Chair Pro Tem 2020-2021. Can I get a motion and a second for KaShamba..., Commissioner KaShamba Miller-Anderson as the Council Chair Pro Tem for 2020-2021?

Councilperson Botel: So moved.

Councilperson Lanier: Second.

City Clerk Anthony: Chairperson Lanier, are you seconding that motion?

Councilperson Lanier: I am.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I can second it. But she can too as well.

City Clerk Anthony: Okay. Who would we like to, to reflect on the record for the second?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I'm fine with it.

Councilperson Botel: It's difficult to hear you, Claudene. Thank you.

City Clerk Anthony: Okay. So, the motion has been made by Councilperson Botel: and seconded by Councilperson Miller-Anderson.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Am...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: ...I correct?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Okay. Selecting Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson as the Chair Pro Tem for the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach 2021-2022. As I call your name, please say yes if you are in favor. No, if you are not. Councilperson McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: No.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: **Councilperson Botel:?**

Councilperson Botel: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: No.

City Clerk Anthony: Chair Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: That motion is approved with Councilpersons McCoy and Lawson dissenting. Congratulations, ladies.

[Applause and cheers]

4. COMMENTS/REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Councilperson Lanier: We will now move onto the fourth Item on our Agenda, comments/remarks by the Mayor and City Council. We can start with the Mayor.

Mayor Felder: Just thank you... Just wanna thank Dr. Botel, Ms. Miller for your hard fought. Congratulations on your win. Let's keep moving forward.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Anything by, who's on the end? Councilman McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy Thank you, Madam Chair.

I just want to say, and think I probably should say this on the record, just in the event that there's some belief that me and Dr. Botel may have violated the Sunshine law. She reached over and told me thank you for the card. I said, 'You're welcome. And by the way, those flowers that you have were recycled from my mom's funeral.'

[Chuckles]

Councilperson Botel: They're still lovely.

Councilperson McCoy And, and I'm certainly kidding about that. But, thank you so much, Dr. Botel, for the opportunity to serve with you. And, as well, Chair Miller-Anderson'.., Vice Chair Miller Anderson, thank you as well. It's been a pleasure. And, it's really unusual that I say welcome back to the City Council. So, thank you and I appreciate serving with you. And all the best.

Thank you.

Councilperson Botel: Thank you so much.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Dr. Botel?

Councilperson Botel: I have nothing at this time. But, but actually I do. I wanna thank everyone who came out and voted. I, I can't just say I don't have anything to say when I have so much thankfulness and gratefulness in my heart. So, thank you to everybody who came out and supported me. It was a tough fight, but we were victorious. I would say in a big way. And, and I appreciate every single person who volunteered, who got on the phone, who jumped all over Singer Island like a crazy man. Oh, I see him out there. [Chuckle]. Thank you, John. And everyone else who supported me. Thank you so very, very much from the bottom of my heart.

Thanks.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. Commissioner Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Thank you, Madam Chair.

I just wanted to say congratulations to our.., my colleagues, continuing to serve, move this City forward. Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, Councilwoman Botel, congratulations, victorious and let's continue to move this City in a great direction.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Thank you.

I just wanted to say thank you. It's pretty unusual, to have not had to run a race. I think I've already said it before, I am very appreciative of the community that have supported me over the years and continue to support me. My whole intent on being on the Council is to do the business of the community and the City. And, I always wanna operate in the, the notion of doing what's best for the City.

I know that there were some individuals that were considering running against me, and I hope those same individuals are considering working along with me, as we continue to move the City forward. There's a number of things that we've been working really hard on and I do believe that we're getting to that point of being able to allow the community to be proud of the things that we're doing in the City.

And so, I just want to say thank you. I'm beginning my sixth year. I'm, I'm very humbled by it. Sometimes I ask myself why.

Councilperson Botel: [Chuckle].

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Because, you know, some days are very hard. There's a lot that we deal with when we're up here and in this position. But I think having been born and raised in the City of Riviera Beach, still living in the City of Riviera Beach, being a team mom, has provided me with a mental toughness that just can't be taught. And so, I'm here. Nobody's make me go anywhere, nobody is gonna provide any threats to make me go anywhere...

[Audience exclamation]

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And that, that's my dad out there. And, I would say between him and my mom...

[Applause]

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I don't think they could've created a tougher person, because the two of them combined together, you, you gotta know the two to know that whatever they produce has to be just as tough as them. And so, I, you know, I can't forget my husband that's out there, Joe. He.., if I'm not tough some days, he's gonna make sure that he's tough for me. And so, I appreciate him always being there for me. And my brother and sisters that are out there. And my son. I saw on of them. I don't know if the other one made it or not. But, I appreciate all of you. You see me when I'm at home and you talk with me on the phone, you know that doing this, this job is just not easy. But, like I said, it's not something we can't get through. And I look forward to continue to work with my colleagues. I have grown to have a, a great friendship with you all, and I know that we will continue to work together for the betterment of the City.

Thank you all so much.

[Applause]

Councilperson Lanier: Before my remarks, are there any remarks from the City Manager or the City Attorney?

City Manager Evans: Congratulations to the newly elected, elected officials. And, we're glad to have you back on the Board and to the existing Council. I think we've got a lot of, great, exciting things ahead for this community and this next year is gonna be an exciting one for Riviera Beach. So, congratulations. Looking forward to working with you all to move your agenda, and some of these projects, forward that have been on the shelf for a long time. So, we're excited about the future and the prosperity that all our residents are going to see very soon.

Thank you.

City Attorney Wynn: Yes. Good evening everyone. I don't know why Mr. Evans always takes my words.

[Chuckles]

City Attorney Wynn: Congratulations , Dr. Botel. Congratulations, Mrs. Miller-Anderson. I look forward to working with the Board, and continuing all the great work that we have before us.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. And I'd just like to say that, congratulations to Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Botel on their victories in this past election. And I'd truly, truly like to thank the citizens and the people who live in the City of Riviera Beach. Everything that that we do here is about the people who actually live in the City. We are moving this City forward for the people who live in the City. And I want to be clear, as the Chair of this Council, that everything that we do, is for the people who live here. And, I hate to say it, but no one else. But the people who actually live in this City.

So, I want to start out working with anyone who has anything to say about how we do business. If you want to work with us, we are willing to do that. People, you know, they say different things, and they say well, we should be doing this. Call us up. We are willing to work with anyone who wants to move this City forward. We are always, always welcoming to anyone who wants to be able to help the people who live in this City.

And again, congratulations to the two Commissioners on their wins.

5. RECESS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING UNTIL COMPLETION OF UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING AND CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Councilperson Lanier: And, at this time, we're going to reconvene.. We're gonna close this meeting out and we're gonna start with our Utility District meeting, and then we'll come back for our City Council meeting. And...

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: That would be recess the City Council meeting and convene your Utility Special District meeting, if that's what you all.. The word re'.., recess... You need to recess and not close it out.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. Very good. So, I will recess this meeting until our next meeting. And with that being said, this meeting is recessed.

[Gavel]

[Inaudible Chamber discussions]

City Manager Evans: So, for, for those that are in attendance, for the public, just for your edification, I, I just want to provide just a couple announcements. The Board is going to recess and going to closed executive session, which is a session where the Board discuss pending litigation, or ongoing litigation. So, they are recessed. They will be in there with a court reporter and the records will be provided once the litigation is resolved. They will come back and convene as the Utility District, and then handle the rest of the business. So, it may be thirty to forty-five minutes.

Thank you.

[Chamber chatter]

[City Seal is displayed]

[Before meeting discussions]

6. SPECIAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

[Inaudible discussion]

Councilperson Lanier: We're gonna have to..., before we convene our utility District meeting, we're gonna have to go back and revisit or meeting for swearing in the Oath of Office. There were..., there was a part on the Agenda that called for comments during our swearing in oath of office, and we want to revisit that because there may have been people who wanted to speak in regards to the oath of office and the swearing in, and we wanted to give them an opportunity to make any comments, your three minute comments that you wanted to make during that time. But, we wanted to give the public an opportunity to do that, and you wouldn't have to wait until public comments for the next meeting.

So, right now, we're gonna start with the public comment. And these public comments, it can be anything of course, but it's from the special.., it is from the meeting that we just previously had in regards to the swearing in of individuals, the oath of office, Chairs, Pro Tem and that nature. So, if there's anyone that wants to make a public comment in regards to that particular Item, or it's public comment so you can anything you want, you can do so at this time.

Madam Clerk.

City Attorney Wynn: And Madam chair, can you announce that we're reconvening the Regular City Council meeting.

Councilperson Lanier: We are reconvening the Regular City Council meeting at this time to take our comments..., or special comments that were supposed to have been made during that meeting and they were not, so we want to give people the opportunity to do that.

Is..., Madam Clerk, do we have comments for that meeting?

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have public comment cards. The individuals did not indicate that they were special comments under the special comment section. It's the pleasure of the Board whether or not we take these public comments now or...

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. We can go ahead and take those comments right now.

City Clerk Anthony: Okay. Madam Chair, Members of the Board, the acceptance of public comment cards for this..., for special comments is closed.

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. Public comments for this special section is now closed.

City Clerk Anthony: Lloyd Brown, John Miller, Madeline Irving.

And Madam Chair, Members of the Board, the clock will be operated by our media Staff.

[Inaudible comments and chuckles]

City Clerk Anthony: They didn't...

Councilperson Lanier: Is the media Staff...

City Clerk Anthony: ...provide me with...

Councilperson Lanier: ...aware of that?

Unk.: [Inaudible].

City Clerk Anthony: They didn't provide me with the computer, and they have it up on the screen, so.

Unk: [Inaudible].

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. Alright. Very good.

[Chuckles]

Councilperson Lanier: Very good. Our first comment comes from who, Madam Clerk?

City Clerk Anthony: Lloyd Brown, John Miller, Madeline Irving.

Unk. Audience: I wanted to speak., I wanted to be during regular comment [inaudible].

[Inaudible discussion]

Councilperson Lanier: Alright. Very good. We can, we can move along. You can go ahead, Mr. Brown.

Mr. L. Brown: Alright. Well, I was just... How ya doin'? I know you know my name, so I ain't gonna tell you that.

But anyway, you know, I was thinking about these people who came in, you know, that we brought in here. We had trusted them, you know, to do things and it seems like all this time it., none of those things that they promised have been done. You know, for me, like, when you lose your trust in somebody... Like, with me, you almost have to walk on water before I trust you again. And then another thing too, when you lose first thing about trust, you, you never have the same attitude or feeling and trust the person again.

So, it's like, if ya'll don't start trying to straighten out things, the people, I'mma tell ya, they talk to me all the time. And I was looking at this thing about the water bill. I didn't really know anything about it and what was going on. But, I was thinking, if it's gonna help to raise the water bill, you know, to improve the water system, that's okay 'cause I think grandmothers and grandfathers are not really worried about paying a high water bill, they're worried about their grandkids getting killed in these parks and these recreation centers. You know? 'Cause that never happened when I was coming up.

And see, the only reason I have my headphones on is because I don't wanna think about what somebody else is talking about. You know? I wanna keep my own subject. Oh, I still got a lotta time left too. That's good.

I just wanna talk about the housing. You know what? You should never let anybody come in Riviera Beach and bring low housing without that place having a washer and a dryer. 'Cause, how many women you know on housing can afford to feed their kids and do all that. Then, you got a place, they're gonna have a lease, right? And the lease is gonna say, well, you're gonna have to cut the grass and keep the yard straight. How many women coming out of Stonybrook and Broadmoor got a lawnmower, edger, weed eater? See, the City should do something about that.

And, you know what? You need to walk around, or go around and go in some of these house, 'cause you got a lotta slum lords. I'mma tell ya. I done'., I ride around, I look at this. I done' seen people move in and outta houses three and four times, and every time they move in these houses, they gotta almost damn near reconstruct the house. And that, I mean, that's really bad.

I feel like if you give a person a place that they can rent to own..., 'cause if I drove your car, I'm gonna drive the hell out of it, but in my car, I'm gonna take it easy 'cause I own it. If you give a person the opportunity to get into someplace... And I know none of those girls on housing are gonna be able to get in there on Broadway, so that's out of it. So, they got to go to these houses that these people in the City are building, or they are remodeling.

There's some houses on 32nd Street been there since I was in elementary school. And these houses are rented out now. I mean, the majority of the houses over there where I'm at, are rental houses. So, if you're gonna bring a house in here and you want me to rent it, and I'm on housing, then you're gonna have a washer and a dryer. You should make sure they have a washer and dryer and let that man that's living there, or woman, don't have to...

[Timer]

Mr. L. Brown: ...take care of the property.

Ya'll have a nice day.

Councilperson Lanier: [Inaudible], Mr. Brown.

City Clerk Anthony: John Miller, Glen Spiritis, Cory Blackwell.

Mr. J. Miller: First of all, I wanna congratulate KaShamba. KaShamba, we're so happy to have you back in that seat.

[Audience exclamation]

Mr. J. Miller: Right? And KaShamba, one other thing, a couple meetings ago, it was brought up about the water plant. I go to the meetings. I go to several meetings, and I have for the past eight years since I retired. I knew what you were talking about because I attend meetings. And then, Jonathan, you finished it off, 'cause you came out and also talked about the \$11 million that's going to the water plant. You know, for the lime, or whatever you're doing in there water treatment, until we get this other plant up, up and running. So there is no secret about this. You's are doing a good job. The, the whole Council is. You're working together and it's..., let's, let's move forward.

I wanna thank Shirley for backing, and KaShamba, for both backing Dr. Botel. And you did it because, not because of her name, but because of her accomplishments. When you look at..., when you look at the way that the election went, it was very hard fought. I give, I give credit to the opponent, they worked hard. We just worked a little harder.

And the other thing was, you look at the mainland. The mainland gave, like, two thousand votes for Julie Botel. Seventy-two percent of the entire people that voted. Singer Island, eighty-five percent. I mean, that says a lot. And, you know, it's not because Julie had..., has a doctorate in front of her name, it's because of what she did. And I wanna thank you for, the both of you, for understanding that. 'Cause that's what we need.

We need leadership. And the other thing is, this was a Council seat. This wasn't running for any other position in the City.

So, that's that. Julie, congratulations. And, I wanna thank everybody in the mainland that voted for you. And I wanna thank everybody in Singer Island.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Mr. March.

City Clerk Anthony: Glen Spirits, Cory Blackwell, Rodney Roberts.

Mr. G. Spiritis: Good evening, Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and neighbors.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of those residents who participated, worked and voted in our City Council election. You all took advantage of one of the greatest rights bestowed on us by our country and our state, the democratic process of having free elections for our representatives.

Of course, I would like to thank my campaign team for ensuring we ran a clean, honest race. To all those people who supported and voted for me, a special thank you. During this campaign, I had the pleasure to meet and discuss City issues with many people on the Island and westside. It was extremely interesting, educational and rewarding. I made a lotta new friends. Many issues were brought to light, discussed and debated. For Mayor Michael Brown calling me during his late night walk across the bridge and putting fisherman on the phone, concerned about no fishing signs, to funding a new water plant. As always, I will stay engaged in all local issues. I am looking forward to the day we no longer have two worlds of Rivera Beach.

Congratulations to Dr. Botel on her victory. Wishing you good health and success in your next three years representing our City. May God bless the City of Riviera Beach.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Mr. Spiritis.

[Applause]

City Clerk Anthony: Cory Blackwell, Rodney Roberts, Peter Ruda. [sp]

Mr. C. Blackwell: Good evening, Council, Mayor.

I just want to come here tonight and say congratulations to Dr. Julie Botel, congratulations to KaShamba Miler, and congratulations to our newly elected Chair.

I had a fruitful conversation this afternoon with the Chief of Police. Too often, the citizens of Riviera Beach gloss over what's really going on in our City, and, and we try to portray that everything is somewhat normal. Every week we're burying, or somebody's

burying their loved ones in this City. The Chief has a very daunting task in, in front of him. We can't paint our way out of this, we can't build our way outta this. This is gonna cost the City. And, in speaking to him, there's gonna need to be more officers put on the force. There's some programs that he's talking about implementing. We've had problem oriented policing, COP that he's implemented, and police aides.

So, to get our City in order, we're gonna actually have to probably increase our City's police officer's budget. I'm coming to you now before the budget is in your hands, and giving you some information that you need to start thinking about now. I'm gonna work with the Chief in building some community-based information pockets to help combat this crime also.

So, congratulations to you all, once again. I want to thank and, and say well..., job well done to KaShamba and Dr. Botel.

Thank you.

[Applause]

City Clerk Anthony: Rodney Roberts, Peter Ruda, Paige Parker.

Mr. P. Ruda: Madam Chair, Councilpeople. Peter Ruda, 2305 Lake Shore Drive.

I made mention of 24th Street last meeting and I was really impressed. I just wanted..., I wanted to come here and say thank you to everybody for taking the time. Monday, they came out, Enforcement, and I was really impressed with the outturn, the, you know, listening to the public and listening to what we all had to say, and the City coming forth and actually taking the time, coming out, looking at the situation and getting back to us. I just was really impressed, and thank you for that. I talked to the Major, and it just..., everything is really working out well. And I just wanted to just say thank you again.

That's it. [Chuckle].

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, sir.

City Clerk Anthony: Rodney Roberts, Paige Parker.

Mr. R. Roberts: Good evening. Rodney Roberts, 1581 West 14th Street, Riviera Beach.

First and foremost, I wanna thank God. And, I wanna say congratulations Dr. Botel, congratulations, Ms. KaShamba Miller. And that was a great, great election. I wish you could've had more participation as far as the populous is concerned, but those that cared enough to come out, they came out, got who they wanted. Let's move on.

I actually wanted to just address nothing..., basically, we want our kid', we want coaches back on the football and baseball fields. Back in the gyms, tennis courts, pools, what have you. We want our kids back being kids while taking all precautions necessary

to keep our Recreation Department functioning. It's being done in surrounding communities. Perhaps it should have been done here first.

The necessary to keep ourselves health and fit through sports. The sports program is a component that helps kids stay kids, while at the same time, instilling young adult values in them. And, at the same time, having fun. They'll be grown soon. It doesn't take long. They may not know, they may not know or realize what they are missing, but society will when they are lacking a player's discipline, when they are lacking the ability to work well with others, making a team effort, a commitment to the goal at hand. And even, how to accept a loss.

Our kids need our rec programs open. I understand that there's a lot of, you know, we have COVID. All of us should be thankful that we were not a part of the 500,000 that are no.., that are no longer here. But, we realizes that, in life, they say you are darned if you do, and you're darned if you don't. But we have to understand that we'd rather be darned doing.

Our kids need the coaches, the coaches need the kids, and nothing should stand in the way of that progress of their development in them having something to do that is gonna keep them from being pushed into the streets or being satisfied with idle minds. They need that guidance that coaches provide for them, they need that, that sense that somebody cares, that somebody's interested in something that they are doing. And, and...

[Timer]

Mr. R. Roberts: ...they're losing that right now.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Mr. Roberts.

City Clerk Anthony: Paige Parker.

Ms. P. Parker: Good evening. Paige Parker.

I agree a hundred percent with what that gentleman just said. As a director of a surf camp on Riviera Beach for twenty years I know how important it is for these kids to be back in activities, back outside. But it needs to be done safely. And I want to say that this program is working. The Code Red Program is working. I got a text message, I got a phone call, and I got an email about vaccination, where to go, what time to show up. I'm not qualified yet, but this system is working.

Moving forward, infrastructure, hurricane season, unfortunately, is right around the corner an di hope that this system is also gonna [stammer] help us with hurricane evacuations. Very concerned, as a survivor of Wilma, Irma, Jean, Andrew. Watched the Tiara, across the street from my house, a curtain blew out, a piano blew out. People's lives and memories, pictures. So, I hope that this is going to be a part of that program for

hurricane season. We can't even get off the Island on a Saturday. How are we going to evacuate all these people, in all these condos that are now here? And, they're not snowbirds, they're not leaving. They ain't going back. They're here. So, please let's think about this.

Also, I have been in contact with the Florida DOT about our crosswalk. Really good response there. I will follow up about that. Really good response. There is some streets studies going on with the traffic situation there, and hopefully, we will get that crosswalk done. Back to the neighborhood of Lake Shore Drive and East 23rd Street, they are also doing a traffic [stammer] control study there on the curve, where Lake Shore Drive meets East 23rd. East 23rd is a, is a City street. Lake Shore Drive, from what I've been told so far, is not. But, we need to work together on that curve. There needs to be a speed bump put in there, traffic control, but I did get a response back from Lewis & Berger, who's in charge of the signs. That is a contract either of the City or the county or the state. I'm in touch with all these people. Got really good feedback.

So, I look forward to working on our infrastructure. For all of us. Our infrastructure, we need it.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Ms. Parker.

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, that con'.., concludes special comments.

Councilperson Lanier: Mr. Evans, do you have any follow up to any of the issues that were raised during the public comment?

City Manager Evans: Yes, Madam Chair.

With regards to the communication as it relates to recreational program, that is a presentation that is going to occur tonight, as Staff has put forth a plan to safely reopen some of our activities and programs so the community can participate in some things that were shut down as a result of COVID.

With respect to the Code Red notifications. That is going to be the City's primary emergency communication tool for the purposes of vac'.., vaccines, hurricane evacuation, inclement weather, any things that we want to get out to our public, that is going to be the mechanism that the City utilizes.

That service is very robust and very intuitive. It allow'.., actually allows us to create situations where we can have a geofence, to where we can notify persons in an impacted area, if there is, I don't even wanna say the word, a water main break or transmission pipe break, we can notify persons that would be affected in that particular area. So, it gives us an opportunity to be more specific and get down granular, as well as expanded out to the entire City. So, that is a device, or a service that the City has procured and will be our primary emergency management software to utilize.

So, if you haven't subscribed to receive notifications from the City of Riviera Beach, if you go to our website, rivierabeach.org, and it's on the homepage of the website. Just put your information in there and we can send you emails, texts, phone calls. The, the system allows for us to communicate with you directly in whichever way, or which medium you select.

So, that's my comments, Madam Chair.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. And we will conclude this special comments section for our Oath of Office meeting. We will now...

City Clerk Anthony: Recess.

Councilperson Lanier: Recess. We will now take back our recess. [Inaudible]. Alright.

Unk.: Recess.

Councilperson Lanier: We'll recess until our Utility District meeting.

[Gavel]

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you.

[City Seal is displayed]

RECONVENE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilperson Lanier: Where we left off, which is the Agenda approval.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTION

Councilperson Lanier: I wanted you guys to look at the Agenda and add or delete or substitute Items of your pleasure.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Alright. Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I, I think earlier, I guess I can say it, I wasn't up here at the time but the presentation that was mentioned about.., for the outgoing Char, and for.., if there's something for the incoming person? If that's the case, [stammer] where would we add that at?

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. We can add that...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Ms...

Councilperson Lanier: ...to the Agenda.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam...

City Clerk Anthony: We can...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: ...Clerk.

City Clerk Anthony: We can add it wherever the Board wants to add it at. If you want to do it prior to the Consent Agenda, you can do it there, or you...

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: ...can do it under awards and presentations.

Councilperson Lanier: No. I wanna add it prior to the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Anthony: Okay. So, Madam Chair, Members of the Board, I do have some additions that I need to read into the record. And I will read tho'..., that addition into the record as well.

Councilperson Lanier: Go ahead.

City Clerk Anthony: Okay. We have a..., Madam Chair, Members of the Board, under additions, deletions, substitutions, and revisions, we have a Item No. 26A, Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida declaring the month of April as Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month.

And Madam Chair, Members of the Board, prior to considering the Consent Agenda, we have the presentation..., a presentation to Councilperson Botel as outgoing Chairperson, and a presentation to Councilperson Lanier as the incoming Chairperson.

We also have some community benefits to add...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam Chair? So, is this a number? What number for the presentation?

City Clerk Anthony: We can...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: 26B?

City Clerk Anthony: Presentation to Councilperson Botel and Councilperson Lanier will be 6A, being that it's coming before the Consent Agenda.

Councilperson Lanier: Is this the same Item that Ms. KaShamba..., that Councilwoman Miller-Anderson...

City Clerk Anthony: I believe...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: But what number is it, you said?

Unk.: 6A.

City Clerk Anthony: We'll give it 6A, since it's gonna be held before the Consent Agenda.

Councilperson Lanier: Right.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. And then you said for the Mayor's Proclamation, that was what?

City Clerk Anthony: Item No. 26A.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. 26A. Okay.

Councilperson Lanier: Is that it, Madam Clerk?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: No.

City Clerk Anthony: No, Madam Chair. I have some more additions, deletions...

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. Go ahead.

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, earlier today you all received a email regarding some community benefits that Councilperson Miller-Anderson wanted to add to the Agenda tonight. I will read them. 25A, a community benefit for Freepreneur, the mental health program in the amount of \$540. 25B, Riviera Beach Cares Homeless Coalition for Families, Inc. Assistance with emergency shelter for the homeless, in the amount of \$540. 25C, She Speaks International, Inc, support past Thanksgiving event and upcoming projects for community use in the amount of \$540. 25D, Nelson's Outreach Ministries, Inc., support past Thanksgiving event and upcoming projects for community members in the amount of \$540. 25E, Operation Hope, support past Thanksgiving event and upcoming projects for community use in the amount of \$250. 25F, Sounds of Success Music Corporation, to support a music summer camp program for our youth in the amount of \$560. 25G, Mothers Against Murderers Association, Inc., support to families during COVID in the amount of \$540. 25H, Saint George Center, Inc., helping to feed the homeless, in the amount of \$540. 25I, Team Elam, to support their mentoring program in the amount of \$540. 25J, Thrive for a Change, supporting returning citizens to access services in our community in the amount of \$540. 25K, Children's Outreach, Inc., food distribution to community, in the amount of \$540. 25L, The Pink Queen Foundation, provide wellness baskets to cancer survivors, in the amount of \$540. 25M, Max Fisher's Boys & Girls Club, to support youth programs in our community, in the amount of \$540.

Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we also have a community benefit added to the Agenda tonight from the Office of [stammer] Councilperson Botel 25N, the organization name is First Studio Art, and the amount is \$400.

Madam Chair, Members of the Board, that is all the additions that I have for the...

Councilperson Botel: Excuse me.

City Clerk Anthony: ...Agenda.

Councilperson Botel: Excuse me, excuse me, Madam Chair, may I address the Clerk?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. Go ahead.

Councilperson Botel: I think it should be \$1,400.

City Clerk Anthony: Oh. Okay. \$1,400...

Councilperson Botel: Thank you.

City Clerk Anthony: ...instead of \$400 for First Studio Art.

Councilperson Botel: Right. Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. Are there any other additions or deletions or substitutions for this Agenda?

Councilperson McCoy: Yes. This..., I wanna make sure that we point out that the AshBritt has already been presented so we can remove No. 26 altogether.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. We will delete No. 26, since that presentation was provided to us in our Utility District meeting.

Councilperson McCoy: But we do have a 26A, right?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. So, we can...

City Attorney Wynn: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes, sir.

City Attorney Wynn: I don't believe you...

Councilperson Lanier: Yes, ma'am, I'm sorry.

City Attorney Wynn: ...should delete it. I don't think you should delete it because you actually handled the Item. And, the Minutes will reflect that it was deleted as if you never handled it.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. Very good.

City Attorney Wynn: We'll just skip over it because you've handled it.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay.

Councilperson McCoy Okay.

Councilperson Lanier: We'll do that. And 26A will be the Proclamation.

City Clerk Anthony: The Proclamation, from my understanding, Madam Chair, Members of the Board, it will be read by you, Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes, ma'am.

Mayor Felder: Madam Chair? I'd like to add, this day recap of the water tank art project.

Councilperson Lanier: You wanna do those under your Council.., I mean, your Mayor comments, Mayor, or you wanna add it to the Agenda?

Mayor Felder: Which'.., whichever.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay.

Councilperson McCoy Well... [Stammer], Madam Chair, let's do it under the actual Agenda so that there's a discussion and not...

Councilperson Lanier: Just a comment?

Councilperson McCoy ...you know, at the end of the meeting. So...

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. We...

Councilperson McCoy ...a discussion seems to be more appropriate.

Councilperson Lanier: So where can we add that, Madam Clerk?

City Clerk Anthony: So, that would be, Madam..., that..., Madam Chair, Members of the Board, that will be 26B.

Councilperson Lanier: 26B.

City Clerk Anthony: And that is a presentation on the art project for the water tank.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. So, the 26B will be the presentation of the art project update by the Mayor.

Are there any other substitutions, deletions or additions? [Pause]. None being heard, we will start with [inaudible]...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Under disclosure? Disclosures.

Councilperson Lanier: I can't see that.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: The disclosures.

Councilperson Lanier: Right. Okay. Very good.

DISCLOSURES

Councilperson Lanier: Let us start with the disclosures by the Council. Of the Items that are listed on this Agenda, are there any disclosures that any of you would like to make in regards to these Items?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: None.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilperson Lanier: With the additions that have been made to this Agenda, I'm requesting a motion to approve this Agenda, and I need a second as well.

Councilperson McCoy Move...

Councilperson Botel: So...

Councilperson McCoy ...to approve.

Councilperson Botel: So mo'... Second.

Councilperson Lanier: With that motion being second, and.., I mean, being offered and approved, Madam Clerk.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: **Councilperson Botel:?**

Councilperson Botel: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Cahir Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Motion approved.

Councilperson Lanier: Now we have adopted the Agenda. We are going to go right into our public comments. Because we were supposed to start at 7:30...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Consent.

City Attorney Wynn: You can do the Consent.

Councilperson Lanier: Oh, Consent Agenda?

City Attorney Wynn: Yes.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Councilperson Lanier: You wanna do that one first?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: No. Read it.

Councilperson Lanier: Oh, the Consent? Okay. Very good.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES

7. AUGUST 29, 2020 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

RESOLUTIONS

8. RESOLUTION NO. 23-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

WITH JH SPRAGUE CONSULTING, LLC TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION SERVICES ON THE MARINA PROJECT TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARINA RENOVATION AND TO DEVELOP AND MONITOR GRANT APPLICATION PROCESSES; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FROM THE MARINA FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR SAID SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RANDY L. SHERMAN, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR, 561-845-4040

9. RESOLUTION 27-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF RUSSELL BYRD V. CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICES CASE NO. 211130-01845 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$33,875.35; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE PAYMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AFTER RECEIVING A GENERAL RELEASE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

O'NE DUPREE, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, 561-845-4880

10. MOTHERS AGAINST MURDERERS ASSOCIATION, INC. - \$1000 - COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON TO DEFRAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING SUPPORT TO FAMILIES DURING COVID-19.

11. SAVE THE AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUTH, INC. (S.T.A.A.Y) - \$500 - COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON TO DEFRAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAMS.

12. SHE SPEAKS INTERNATIONAL, INC. - \$1000 - COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON TO DEFRAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

13. JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL. - \$2500 - COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON TO DEFRAY THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING SUPPORT AND INCENTIVES TO STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COURTESY.

14. YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF RIVIERA BEACH - \$1000 - COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON TO DEFRAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FEEDING PROGRAM FOR THE HOMELESS AND FAMILIES SUFFERING ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

15. SOUNDS OF SUCCESS MUSIC CORPORATION, INC. - \$500 - COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON TO DEFRAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MUSIC EDUCATION AND 2021 SUMMER CAMP.

16. SOUNDS OF SUCCESS MUSIC CORPORATION - \$1,250.00 - MAYOR RONNIE FELDER - COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM.

17. IDENTITY THEFT RESOLUTION CENTER, INC. dba S.T.A.M.P - \$1,000 - MAYOR RONNIE FELDER- THESE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT BASKETBALL AND BOOKS SUMMER CAMP.

18. DIXON ALTERNATIVE FAMILY SERVICES- \$1,000- MAYOR RONNIE FELDER- COMMUNITY BENEFITS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES SUCH AS RENTAL ASSISTANCE, UTILITIES, AND FOOD ASSISTANCE.

19. ST. GEORGE'S CENTER INC - \$1,050 - MAYOR RONNIE FELDER- THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRY TO HELP FEED THE HOMELESS.

20. NELSONS OUTREACH MINISTRIES- \$500- COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER- THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE OUTREACH PROGRAM.

21. T.E.A.M. ELAM-\$1000-COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER-THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MENTORING PROGRAM.

22. LISA'S LIL' WONDERS YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM-\$2000- COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER- FUNDS USED TO SUPPORT EXPENSES FOR THE YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM.

23. OPERATION HOPE-\$1000- COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER- THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE MENTORING PROGRAM.

24. KOP MENTORING-1000-COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER-THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT KOP'S SPRING GARDEN PARTY AND TUTORIAL PROGRAM.

25. THRIVE FOR A CHANGE- \$1000- COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER- THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR PROGRAM.

Councilperson Lanier: Does anyone wish to pull any Item from the Consent Agenda?

[Inaudible comments]

Councilperson Lanier: Very good. Does anyone wishes to pull any Item from the Consent Agenda? [Pause]. None being heard.

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

Councilperson Lanier: Are there any public comments on the Consent Agenda, Madam Clerk?

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

Councilperson Lanier: Any other questions from the Board in regards to the Consent [stammer] .., Consent Agenda?

Councilperson McCoy No. Move to approve Consent.

Councilperson Lawson: Second.

Councilperson Lanier: Very good. The motion is to approve the Consent Agenda. It has been motioned and seconded. Madam Clerk.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Botel?

Councilperson Botel: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Chair Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Unanimous vote. Motion approved.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, I have two things to bring to your attention. One, it's past 7:30, so, what's the pleasure of the Board as it relates to the public comments? The regular public comment section? As well as, you had stated that the presentation to Councilperson Botel and Councilperson Lanier would occur before the Consent Agenda, but you did the Consent Agenda, and so now?

Councilperson Lanier: Alright. So, I guess we'll take that now then.

City Clerk Anthony: The presentation?

Councilperson Lanier: The presentation, yes.

City Clerk Anthony: And after the presentation, are you going to public comment?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes, ma'am.

City Clerk Anthony: Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you.

City Manager Evans: If I can have Councilperson Julie Botel join me at the podium, for a special presentation.

[Pause]

City Manager Evans: On behalf of the City of Riviera Beach, we wanna thank you for your tireless service and efforts as you have served as our Chair since May 1, 2020 to March 3, 2021. This plaque says, 'In appreciation for your outstanding and dedicated service to the Riviera Beach community. March 17, 2021.'

One of the hallmarks of our democracy is the safe and peaceful transition of power.

[Chuckles]

City Manager Evans: And so, obviously, here in Riviera Beach, that is something that's very important to us. So, on behalf of Staff, as well as your colleagues, we wanna present you with this plaque. And, as part of our... As part of our ceremony, we think it's only fitting that you present the new Chair with their gavel and, I don't know what the name of this.., the technical name for this is, but you can provide that to them as well.

Councilperson Lanier: The banger thingy.

City Manager Evans: The banger thingy.

[Chuckles]

City Manager Evans: As they assume the responsibilities. And then, we have a box here that actually commemorates your service to this agency, as well as a place for you to put your gavel in the event that you are ever called upon again.

[Chuckles]

[Applause]

[Inaudible comment]

Councilperson Botel: Thank you very much. It's with great appreciation that I give this up to...

Councilperson Lanier: I need a picture of this right here.

[Inaudible comments]

[Applause]

[Inaudible comments during photographs]

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

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. Madam Clerk, we can start with the public comments. Let me read into the record. [Pause]. I don't have my statement on here for public comment.

City Clerk Anthony: The verbiage should be after Item No. 26.

Councilperson Lanier: I'm sorry?

City Clerk Anthony: The verbiage should be after Item No. 26.

City Attorney Wynn: Next to the last page.

Councilperson Lanier: Alright. Got it.

Councilperson Lanier: PLEASE BE REMINDED THE CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED "RULES OF DECORUM for PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS" WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE FRONT DESK. IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO, THE COUNCIL CHAIR MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER OR ATTENDEE REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING AND/OR THE BUILDING, IF NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, the announcement of the closing of public comments was for our Consent Agenda. The closing of public comments for this particular section of the Agenda is now closed.

Madeline Irving, Cindy March, Margaret Shepherd. [Pause]. Madeline Irving?

[Inaudible audience comment]

City Clerk Anthony: Cindy March, Margaret Shepherd, Horace Towns.

Ms. C. March: I just wanna say, it was with great pleasure to campaign for Mr., Dr. Glen Spiritis. I'm not, I'm not saddened by who won the race, what I'm saddened about is we didn't get out and vote. If you look at the percentage of how many people voted, it

saddened me because there's so much to be done for the City of Riviera Beach, as far as our youth, as far as our infrastructure. Ya'll talking about infrastructure with the water. You all drive down 1st Street one day in your car, and you will think something up under your car is torn apart. You all have been elected, again. You got a new Chairperson, you got the same City Manager, you have the same Mayor.

You all got to do better with this infrastructure in our community. Because, so many people cars are torn up. And, bringing turkeys on Thanksgiving and giving away Easter baskets, when you still got rats in the walls in Stonybrook, it's just not acceptable. It's not acceptable at all. When you're spending \$30,000 here, \$50,000 there.

I just read a article today, I don't know if you all are aware of it. But, a police officer was awarded his job back thanks to the backbone of Westside What's Up. Ladi March Goldwire, Marvelous Washington, staying on the [inaudible], Sanika. And then, some of you all go and call these people jobs, trying to get the fork stuck out they' mouth. That's not fair. I want you to call mine. Inbox me and I'll give you my job phone number. Because it's utterly ridiculous. And I'm including myself. Let's sit across the aisle and let's talk about all the negative that we got going on.

This social media, it can help you or it can hurt you. And the things you all put out there the other night about Doug Lawson and Mayor Felder and the rest of the Councilpeople, that's not great leadership. Stop hiding your hands and throwing rocks. If you're gonna be that bold, put your picture up there. Put your picture up there. Stop coming at me, and come to me. And anybody else. I'm not gonna disrespect nobody. And I'm not no big, bad wolf and I'm not no gangsta and I don't belong in a gang. But enough is enough. It's saddening. It's really saddening we have to sit in a City meeting and discuss what's going on social media, 'cause we're trying to make people aware to get out and vote or do good for your community. And then we get bashed 'cause we're trying to be a great leader.

Doug know who he is. Doug know' where he comes from. Doug's work speaks for itself.

Ya'll have a good night.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Ms. March.

City Clerk Anthony: Margaret Shepherd, Horace Towns, Harold C.

Ms. M. Shepherd: Margaret Shepherd.

This is the great day here in the City of Riviera Beach. I first wanna thank Madam Botel for the fine way you delegate your authority in your election. I appreciate how you stood up. And I read somewhere, they call you Madame Botel. It is an honor to say that. And none the least, the lady I think came in and broke the ceiling, the glass ceiling, and stayed firm in what she said. Her husband told me she will never change. I looked at her husband and I could truly say he know his wife. So, I thank you for being the lady that you are, to make sure that this City move' forward.

I'm tired of people coming up here, and it's your agenda to say whatever you wanna say. But, this City has to move forward. There's gonna be some great changes and.., next year, and I, I don't hold no animosity against no one. Anybody that win their election, they can say, you know, I'm with them or not with them. If you don't speak to me or talk to me, then it let' me know that you don't have any type of respect for me.

So, I'm moving on. I really don't care about the negativity. Dr. Botel has stood to be who she was. And if we're talking about who said what on social media, that is your right to say whatever you want to say. My thing is, is it true? My daddy used to say, all the time, 'If the shoes fit, wear them.'

So, let me be clear on one thing, let me apologize to the City for me action, but I will not continue to come to this meeting and hear the bickering. In West Palm Beach, Lois Frankel was the Mayor. I there four years, that did not happen in [stammer] Chamber. Why? Why do people come in here, make these real sneaky comments, get they' pocketbook and walk out the door?

I wanna serve you notice, every time you do it, I'm gonna get up and I'm gonna allow you to know one thing, I don't care nothing about you. You have the opportunity to come and say something positive about your City. If you live in the great City of Riviera Beach, be positive. Don't let nobody talk about your City. When they come to me, I let 'em talk. I wanna hear what they're thinking. And you know what I say to them? That is something my mom used to say, she lived ninety-five years, she said, 'Let them talk. If it's true, it will be true. If it's not, it will be not.' So today, Dr. Botel, it is true, you have come back. You have come...

[Timer]

Ms. M. Shepherd: ...back to put a Band-Aid on the City of healing.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Ms. Shepherd.

[Applause]

City Clerk Anthony: Horace Towns... Horace Towns, Harold C., Doretta Paulk.

Mr. H. Towns: Good afternoon. Horace Towns... Horace Towns, Riviera Beach. Good evening to the Council.

I was gonna talk about something else, but I, I always speak my mind. We have to do better. I'm embarrassed. Even when I sit home and watch this online and stuff, the comments. I know Detroit is bad but we gotta be up there with the back and forth. It's, it's embarrassing. So, no matter who makes the comment, it's really embarrassing.

I wanna say something to us. This election that just passed, has traditionally had low voter turnout. So, we gotta figure out how to fix that because 26,000 voters, 4,000

people voted. It's kinda shameful. I think as a City, we can do better as far as trying to get voter outreach, get voters out, what not. Even if, you know, we're opening up polls and not having a lotta presence. Even if it's financially, we can think about pushing that election back to the presidential race. That's probably five months prior, simply because after a presidential race, it's traditionally shown that we don't show up. People are burned out, they're tired.

But, what I came to see..., to actually speak about today is, again, I'm giving this Council a chance. And legacy, what you guys put before us, is gonna be what we remember you by. Right now, I was on a Zoom call, it had a lot of input from the community about the water plant, about the project hat's going there. That is something, when you guys leave here, will be something that's memorable. You can say I..., hey, I was a part of that. Kids will look at it. It's gonna be something like Vegas, when people come to your City, you're gonna run out in front of that project and take pictures. It's gonna drive traffic to the City. People are gonna go gas stations, they're gonna go restaurants. It improves the brand.

For, for once, I believe the City is going in a good direction as far as some of the marketing. In the past, you know, it was Rawviera, it was deemed dangerous and violent. But that's hype. That's hype. I stay in Monroe Heights and that community's actually nice. They got people that walk and jog now. So, we're not buying into that hype.

But what I'm asking you to do today, just like I talked about the water plant, I was talking about City Hall, get these things done. When we get some things done, you can stay in office three, six, nine years. As a collective body, there's not been anything that I can say this Council did. It doesn't matter who ba'..., what happened, just get it done. So, that water project at the water plant, with the world-famous artist, is amazing. To see him here today is amazing, and just please, no politics, put it all aside. That could be something that you guys can say, and it will national news, hey, we did something powerful for this community, cultural wise

So, thank you for your time tonight. And I won't say much tonight. Thank you God.

[Timer]

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Mr. Towns.

City Clerk Anthony: Harold C., Doretta Paulk, Lloyd Brown.

Mr. H. Caudio: Good evening everyone. I'm Harold Caudio.

I mean, I'm, like, really humble so I, I don't..., I don't really, like, you know, answer to, like, the world-renowned artist what not. But, the Mayor came up to me and, you know, presented me with the opportunity to do something in my City, where I'm from and, you know, I've just putting off projects to, you know, focus on just this project that, that's coming forward. So, I'm looking forward to doing this.

I kinda wrote something down, so I'm just gonna read it. But, I wholeheartedly support the mural going up on the tank in the City of Riviera Beach. I believe it will be monumental and a positive look for the City. I think it's an important note that impacts the City, to put up the public art. The whole point of a mural is to inspire, to make viewers think and feel.

Murals are done to educate, to empower and to give hope. They encourage other artists and youth to deliver more than just mindless graffiti. Many projects across the world have worked with groups in the local community to develop particular murals in the space where they live and work. These projects help to inspire, increase a sense of belonging to a community, and to give local people a voice.

People love to go visit.., people love to go and visit places with impactful art and mural, and Riviera Beach will be a, a reason it is a place to visit. This will give.., this will cause an increase in traffic in the City, and foot traffic in local business, and this will directly impact the morale and pride in our community.

Public art that represents the pride and culture of the City can, can take us down the path of knowing our past and connecting it with our future. It will also help in educating and imparting.., imparting pieces of information of the past that will help create a better future. People love to tell stories, and murals automatically create a story to tell. I do not see anything negative about having public art in Riviera Beach. It will help us connect with our cultural roots, traditions, emotionally. And, seeing a piece that will emotionally connect us to having something positive, uplifting to anyone that sees it.

So, I'm ready when you guys are, to start this project.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, sir.

City Clerk Anthony: Doretta Paulk, Lloyd Brown, J.B. Dixon.

Ms. D. Paulk: Good evening, Council. And congratulations, Mrs. KaShamba Miller-Anderson. And Mrs. Botel.., Botel, congratulations. Definitely, job well done. We definitely need you all back on the dais. And congratulations to you, Mrs. Shirley Lanier, for being the Chair.

I wanna.., I don't, I don't use Facebook. And I don't have to hide behind anything, but I wanna discuss what happened to me the Council meeting. And, when I was told by Dr. Spiritis to shut up, there was a postcard with the pictures of you, Mayor Felder, and also, Council Lawson, and you [stammer], that's right, we're in the democratic, you can support whoever you want to support. But, Council Lawson, you weren't here that evening. But, Mayor, I just could not believe that after your comments, when you made... I said, okay, he's gonna talk concerning what this man said to me. And, it was very disappointing that you did not say one word about that. That you would let a, a black woman, senior woman be talked to...

[Inaudible audience comment]

Ms. D. Paulk: Oh yeah. We're going to the race card because that's what it was, because the look on this man's face... I'm looking at him and he tells me to shut up. I did not do anything to re'.., to 'voke that man to talk to me in such a degrading way. Which he degrades hisself because I said, 'This is racism. This is.' And, for you not to say, I'm, I'm denouncing him, and I don't want him... I am not gonna go campaign for him. 'Pose this, this was your mother or your wife and someone told her to shut up. I just want you to think about that. 'Cause you can't.., no one can sit here, even in.., looking at it on the TV, and say this was right.

Mr. McCoy, I think you have a lot to do with this because that.., your behavior and your unprofessionalism, and the way you talk to Mr. Evans. The couple of meetings ago, you told.., Mr. Batista was here, and he was trying to explain several things and Mr. Jonathan Evans stated, said, 'Can I say something, Chair?' And you said, 'No. I don't wanna hear your rhetoric.' You put fuel on the fire. And we don't need that. We don't need that. Kindness goes.., always.., always, kindness always wins in the end. And I was very....

[Timer]

Ms. D. Paulk: ...disappointed in you, Mayor. Very.

[Applause]

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Ms. Paulk.

City Clerk Anthony: Lloyd Brown, J.B. Dixon, Amon Yisrael.

Mr. L. Brown: I would just like to say that I scrap metal. So if you got any, you can bring it to me.

And another thing, you know, I really enjoyed tonight, coming over here because I can make it back to watch this game. But I was looking at No. 27, and you know what, I won't be here, but I think you oughta bring the parks back. And I was mentioning that, you know, because when I was coming up, and I know a lotta other people who mothers say, 'Hey, go to the park, boy, until we fix the food. Come back and eat.' Now, mothers say, 'Boy, don't go to that park.' And see, that's, that's the big difference. And it now. And see, you can either go to the park right now, and you can learn things that you learned in prison, 'cause most of the guys that be at the park, are the ones that just got out of prison. And they're hanging around.

And another thing that, that gets me [inaudible] I ain't gonna bother to talk about ya'll this time.

But another thing that get me is this, when you see a woman walking her kids to school, you know, and, and it look real good, she got tattoos and she got eyelashes and all that. See, my mother didn't have to walk me to school because she was working. See,

it's a big difference. And then, when this girl go home, you look in her yard, and you see three guys sittin' there selling drugs. Okay? But, okay. But you still got kids in that household. And those are the kids you're gonna have to try to get to. 'Cause the ones that know all about what's going over here, like, because people who work here and whatever, those kids, your kids, they're in better places. But, these kids, they don't have an opportunity if you don't bring it to these parks. Honestly, they don't. Because, my neighbor down the street, she don't even let her son go right across the street because they done' had two killings in my park. And I don't know how many in Monroe Heights.

And then another thing that get me, I don't know who put this Black Lives Matter over here at this one place that stays open twenty-four hours, I guess they were tryna cover up the stains on the ground from the blood, or they..., 'cause I, I used to see yellow tape at these stores. Now, you got Black Lives Matter. I mean, just to say Black Lives Matter, and you don't bring no jobs here too, it don't matter. You know? That's just speaking, Black Lives Matter.

That's it. Bring the jobs. And I mean, I'm not gonna criticize ya'll no more, 'cause I mean, I think there's a word called self-incrimination. I think that's what it is. So, I'll just let you do yourself.

But just try to straighten out, 'cause it's, it's the kids gotta have help. 'Cause, I mean, it ain't gonna really..., I ain't gonna say I'm gonna be here twenty years from now, but if I'm here twenty years from now, I ain't gonna be able to run from them young kids if they don't get right.

Ya'll have a good one.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Mr. Brown.

City Clerk Anthony: J.B. Dixon, Amon Yisrael.

Ms. J.B. Dixon: J.B. Dixon, on Singer Island in Riviera Beach.

I would like to add my congratulations to Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson for her unopposed reelection. I think that people were very wise not to oppose you, 'cause I can't imagine somebody better than you. And, you have been a role model of kindness and ladylikeness and, most of all, having the history of this Council for other Council, and newer Councilpeople to rely on. And that's been an incredible gift. And, I'm very much looking forward to having you for the next three years. And I hope three years beyond that. [Chuckle]. Of course, I would like to congratulate, my good friend, Dr. Julia Botel, on her overwhelming victory. Which, as the Palm Beach Post called it, I think, overwhelming and trouncing. [Chuckle]. But, most of all, I want to say that that is not a victory just for Dr. Botel, that was a victory from the voters to the entire City, to the City management to the City employees. Because they were un'..., unfairly criticized in this campaign, as having done nothing, not having the experience to do anything, not, evidently, having the will to do anything. And I think that the voters saw through that very well.

And so, I thank all of you who work for the City, who manage the City, as well as the Council, that that was a vote for you. Congratulations.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you.

[Applause]

City Clerk Anthony: Amon Yisrael.

Mr. A. Yisrael: Good evening. Amon Yisrael, Riviera Beach, Florida.

My card was for No. 9. [Pause]. This is public comment? Well, I'm here now.

[Chuckles]

Mr. A. Yisrael: Congratulations, KaShamba Miller-Anderson and Ms. Julia Botel, and Shirley. I'll be back for No. 9.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, sir.

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, that concludes public comment.

26A. Councilperson Lanier: What is next on our Agenda, Madam Clerk? [Pause]. Proclamation?

City Clerk Anthony: Yes, Madam Chair. We're on the proc'..., Proclamation.

Councilperson Lanier: Next on our Agenda is a Proclamation. I don't have a copy of it. Could you give me a copy so I can read it? This is a Proclamation for the month of April, which is National STD Month. As many of you know, I work for Palm Beach County administering the HIV/AIDS program for Palm Beach County. There are a significant amount of cases in Palm Beach County, especially in Riviera Beach, in terms of HIV, in terms of STDs. And, I wanted to be able to recognize that we, as a City, need to recognize because, even though we're talking about HIV and STD, we also..., this is a part of health. The health of our City and the health of the people who live in this City.

This Proclamation states that:

From the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

WHEREAS, sexually transmitted diseases are a major public health issue, with many who become infected, unaware of their diagnosis unless accurately diagnosed through testing; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County ranked seventh for gonorrhea cases, sixth for syphilis and chlamydia cases, and HIV cases for the State of Florida in 2019. Posing increased public health challenges to our community; and

WHEREAS, according to the Palm Beach county Health Department, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV incident rates have been increasing consistently from 2012, an increase by 88.6 percent in syphilis cases, 61.4 percent in chlamydia cases and a hundred 104.7 percent in gonorrhea cases;

WHEREAS, sexually transmitted diseases can be preventable through early detection, treatment, education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month provides an opportunity for Monarch Health Services, in partnership with the Florida Department of Health, and Palm Beach County, and the City of Riviera Beach, to raise public awareness about the impact of sexually transmitted disease in our communities to promote the importance of preventing, testing for, and treating STDs.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Felder, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, in Palm Beach County, by the powers vested in me by the residents of Riviera Beach, do hereby proclaim the month April 2021 as Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month, and encourage residents, citizens, public and private organizations, and their interested persons, to increase their knowledge of the epidemiology of sexually transmitted diseases and it's disparities for African American communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 17th day of March 2021.

Thank you. And here we have... I'm gonna come around here. [Inaudible] Mr. Damion. Mr. Damion is a part of Monarch Health Services. And Monarch Health Services is in Palm Beach County. They serve Riviera Beach, and they serve this City in terms of sexually transmitted diseases, in terms of getting people into HIV/AIDS care. And also, just a general sexual healthcare for our community.

So, thank Mr. Damion for coming out. And thank you, sir, for having us to provide this service to the community of Riviera Beach.

[Applause]

[Inaudible comment]

26B. City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair...

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: ...Members of the Board, we are now onto our presentation [stammer]..., presentation on the art project for the water tank. It's an update by Mayor Felder.

Councilperson Lanier: Mayor Felder.

City Manager Evans: Madam Char and Members of the Board, I just wanted to provide an update with regards to the conversation that we had with the community pursuant to the discussion that was had at your last Regular City Council meeting. Staff proceeded forward with a facilitated discussion by Ms. Noel and the Mayor, with regards to the public art project. We had roughly about anywhere from twenty-two to thirty participants. And then, obviously, as we re-aired the program, it was broadcast live, but through subsequent re'., rebroadcast, we did get some comments.

The meeting was overwhelmingly supportive. Folks were excited about the project. They want to see subsequent phases of the project be provided. And, there were multiple names that were put out there. Of course, you know, former President Obama, Dr. Martin Luther King. We heard a lot of support for Chadwick Boseman. We heard support for LeBron James, Kobe Bryant. There was even discussions about the possibility of looking to recognize local persons in the community as part of this project.

So, I think that this project is going to have multiple phases and multiple iterations because of the support that was shared. Folks threw out, you know, all types of names. It was a great brainstorming session, and we did write down some names that folks did provide. But, there was a lot of support, that also people talked about the former First Lady Michelle Obama, in lieu of the Vice President, Ms. Kamala Harris. So, we do believe that we have a good collection of names, and to be able to move forward with this particular project.

I know that the asset itself is owned by the Utility District, so we would memorialize the, the authorization to proceed forward at your next regular meeting of the Utility District by virtue of a Resolution. But, it would be Staff's desire, as well as the Mayor's desire, to move forward with this particular project, understanding that there is legislative intent to move forward. This Item was presented to the Board back in October, that received unanimous support. We did facilitate the public meeting, and we did not get one opposition or any communications that were contrary to moving forward in such a fashion.

So, that's kind of a encapsulation of all the comments and remarks that were made. Mr. Mayor, anything else?

Mayor Felder: No. That's it. Thank you, Mr. Evans.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. Mayor, do you need anything from us to move this project forward?

Mayor Felder: I, I, I would like your blessing.

[Chuckles]

Councilperson Lanier: I think at our last meeting we discussed the, the fact that we wanted to make sure that everyone in the community had an opportunity to have their input into how and what would be put., what would, would be placed on the water tower. So, I'm hoping that, with the advent of your first community meeting, that as we move forward, and bring more information back to the Council in regards to how the public is

responding, what they're asking, what they're suggestion are. And I'm sure that, you know, you, you have our support that.., to be able to move forward in this endeavor.

Mayor Felder: So, Madam Chair, are you asking to have another community meeting?

[Inaudible dais comment]

Councilperson Lanier: [Stammer], based on your first meeting, what do you think?

Mayor Felder: I, I, I don't think we need another one. I think, because like Mr. Evans said, we're gonna be adding on to it, so we can have deeper discussion with the community. I think it's just important to go ahead and get this started, being that we started back in October. I think we put the notice out, people showed up on Zoom. Yes, I really think we're ready to go.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. Very good. Then we can have some discussions at our next meeting in terms of how the Board needs to move forward with that, given your update tonight.

Thank you.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes, ma'am.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: So, when is the decision made on which persons will be on the tank? Or, how is that going to be decided?

City Manager Evans: The.., Mr. Mayor, and, and if you can help me out with regards to this, I think that the two persons that were guaranteed on the tank was President Obama and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with discussions about the Vice President, Ms. Kamala Harris or there was discussions about Chadwick Boseman. There was a lot of support to have Mr. Boseman there before of the.., just the impact and the relation that, you know, theater and theatrics has in, in our community. And so, there was, if, if I had to say one versus the other, it was probably more folks to, to see that occur.

But, we do want to make sure that there is female representation on the first iteration of the tank. I think it speaks to making sure that there's inclusion in, in the particular process. So, I would say that it.., the two.., obviously, the two names that I mentioned earlier, it's up, as it relates to Michelle Obama versus Vice President Kamala Harris, and how the Board feels in, in moving forward in that particular fashion.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: So, during the meeting, when it comes before us in, in April, we can narrow it down then or we'll know for sure at that meeting?

City Manager Evans: We could if the, if the Board wants to, to have us bring it back. Or, if there's consensus for the Board to move as it relates to the two names that have

been stated, and then we can bring that last piece so the artist can move forward on the project. It depends on, you know, how the Board would like to move forward. Would you like to discuss all three, or are you comfortable with moving forward with two? Which is the third?

Councilperson Lanier: I...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I...

Councilperson Lanier: I, I wanna have some..., and I'm glad that you brought this up, Commissioner Miller-Anderson, but I have some reservations of putting people who are still alive on the projects. If you're gonna talk about women representation, you know, you've got everybody from Harriet Tubman to Sojourner Truth, that we can use as part of, not only just recognizing people in the present, but also people in the past. So, I think that we may need to have some additional discussions about who exactly is it that we're going to place on these water tanks. Because I do have a, a very, very fondness for history, and making sure that people who have contributed to, not just only African American cultural but to American culture, to be represented as well.

So, I think that the names that you, you, you guys have mentioned are, are fine but I also want to make sure that we have some discussion about historical references for our City. And also too, you know, we want..., I would like to consider people who were born here and made some contribution to Riviera Beach. You know, why not think about those people?

So, I, I think that we maybe wanna have some more conversations about exactly who is this. Because, what happens is, that when you..., once you paint these water tanks, I don't think that we're gonna come back in, in, in a year or two and paint it again. So, I mean, when an artist spends that much time to be able to capture the likeness of these individuals, it needs to be someone that can stay, you know, for posterity.

But to be able to do that, I think that we all need to agree in terms of historical reference in terms of female representation, in terms of historical representation for the people who live in the City of Riviera Beach as well.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: So, Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Miller-Anderson, you can, you can finish up.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: So, I guess what I'm trying to find out is, when we have the Item come back to us in April, will the individual names of the people who are gonna be on there, be decided by then or are we discussing it that night and then move forward? I'm not trying to hold the project up, but I, I just wanna..., I just wanna know who..., when will that decision be made as to who's going up there?

City Manager Evans: We, we can certainly put together a list of the names, and the ones that received favorable remarks from those persons that participated in the community conversation, and then, kinda rank them based on the, the feedback. And then, the Board can select, you know, who they'd like to see on the tank, based on the, the conversation. But there was, you know, a lot of support, obviously for former President Obama and, and Dr. Martin Luther King. The, the third one was kind of up in the air with regards to where people found themselves.

And, and to also speak..., there, there is gonna be subsequent phases, and there's discussions about local heroes and people that participated in some of the things that have happened here in Riviera [stammer] Beach. And we also wanted to make sure that there's some inclusion for all folks that have contributed to making our nation a better place, Ruther Bader Ginsberg, you know, Fredrick Douglass, Thurgood Marshall, you know, a bunch of different folks that we've talked about. Abraham Lincoln.

So, there's, there's actually more to this particular project. It's not just... The, the three names..., the only reason you're seeing three is that the project is under the \$25,000 threshold. Now, if it's the Board's desire to see us expand the project and look to add more names and, and look at it..., a bigger picture, we can certainly do that as well. It just depends on the Board's perspective with regards to moving this project forward.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, City Manager. Mr. Lawson.. Sorry. Councilman Lawson, you had a comment.

Councilperson Lawson: Thank you, Madam Chair.

And that was to the point of what Mr. Evans..., my understanding is that this is a, a fluid process where we're gonna be adding additional names as time goes on. And I think the Mayor's request for tonight was just to get the project moving, and starting with the initial candidates that were brought by the community, President Barack Obama, Dr. Martin Luther King. And, if my understanding is correct, we don't have to go forward with a third name as of right now. Between now and when we memorialize this in our April meeting, we can actually have a consensus to start the project, Mr. Evans?

City Manager Evans: Yes, we could.

Councilperson Lawson: Okay. So, colleagues, this is what I would be looking for. This is something that the Mayor did bring to us back in October of last year and I wanted us to move with the selection from what the community gave with President Barack Obama and Dr. Martin Luther King. And we can continue that discussion with additional names. Because, as the artist can add on to this, with the additional phases, I think this is a, a great initiative for us to get started.

And, I also am very proud of the artist that has been selected for this project because he's a world-renowned artist, even though he humbly did not wanna state this. This is someone that is from our community, that is recognized throughout the world, that

will actually be, from what I'm hearing from a little birdie, on national TV in the next week or two. So, I really want us to move forward with this and just to start pushing the agendas of getting things done immediately. We can memorialize this at the meeting, but I believe us serving as the Council and the Board, we can actually give consensus so Staff can get started.

Councilperson Lanier: And, I, I agree...

Councilperson Lawson: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Councilperson Lanier: ...with that, Mr. Lawson, as well, in terms of moving this forward but if we're gonna start with two names, one of them has to be a female. I, I want to make sure that we have representation. When we're, when we're looking at putting people, dead or alive, and no disrespect to the artist, because I'm sure that he can paint, whatever it is we ask him to paint. But, we wanna make sure that we have representation of, of individuals on the..., on the water tank. So, I, I think that there may be some..., if the community was involved with this process, we have no problem with that, but I also want to make sure that there is some type of representation that is involved in this project.

Councilperson Lawson: Follow up, Madam Chair.

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Councilperson Lawson: Thank you.

Mr. Mayor, the process of the community involvement, do we have a name that was actually given from the community, since you've been researching this for a few months, of a female representation for the tank?

Mayor Felder: It was either Michelle Obama or Vice President Harris.

Councilperson Lawson: Okay. Can we make a decision, colleagues to choose a, a female representation to go as a third person?

Councilperson Lanier: Councilman Lawson, I think that we need to..., and as I asked this before, given this discussion the last twelve minutes, I think we need to move forward with another community input.

Unk. Audience: Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: What needs to happen is that, because we are discussing this, this is not our decision to make really. This is the decision of the people who live in this City, the residents to make. So, having another community meeting to make sure that all of these discussions that we've just had, the people who are watching on TV at home, can, can have some input, so that when the artist gets started with his work, everybody is on the same page with that. And I don't think that another community meeting would hurt. I think that actually it would help to provide some more clarity in terms of who it is that we want to see on our water tank.

If the Mayor's in agreement with that, he can, you know, do that right away. And at our next meeting, we can come back and have some more discussion and, and go ahead and get this ball rolling.

Any other comments in regards to it? Yes.

Councilperson McCoy Thank you, Madam Chair.

So, can anybody tell me, what's the source of these funds? Where are they coming from?

City Manager Evans: We will pull these funds out of promotional monies.

Councilperson McCoy Okay. What, what fund is that? There's no fund called promotional monies, Mr. Evans.

City Manager Evans: There's, there's funding that's available in the City Manager's office.

Councilperson McCoy: Okay. I, I, I that's what I was hoping. And certainly not from USD.

[Chuckle]

City Manager Evans: No, sir.

Councilperson McCoy Okay. Is there, or was there, and pardon my absence last City Council meeting, but was there a discussion about the maintenance and useful life of this?

City Manager Evans: We can certainly have the artist provide some, some perspective with regards to the, the type of paint and the, the upkeep. But, it's, it's no different than the murals that we have throughout the City in the same application, so they will be utilizing the same type of paint to ensure the longevity of the particular project.

Councilperson McCoy Okay. And, lastly. The.., is there a timeline on how long these are expected to stay.., these murals are expected to stay on the tank?

City Manager Evans: As far as the, the age of the.., or how long they can stay on, as far as the weather conditions or they're improved or just how long do we plan on having them on the tank?

Councilperson McCoy I, I guess I didn't know if there was a Sunset date on it or anything.

City Manager Evans: We would.., we were, we were looking at this particular project at the City's first public art project. We've seen it on the CRA side, so this would be the

first project that would be a catalyst to subsequent projects. So, we would envision this being a project that we add onto and is in perpetuity.

Councilperson McCoy Okay. Alright. And, if there is.., the idea of the sports athletes, I think, and I don't if this is even possible, but to perhaps expand it over to some of the facilities that we have, inside of some of the Parks & Recreation buildings, since that directly relates to athletics and sporting.

But, in those Reimagine Riviera Beach sessions where we had the different scenarios of where we would put the municipal complex, I don't believe the municipal complex that, that call for the complex to go on the southside of Blue Heron, provided that the tank will stay there. Is that gonna be the permanent location?

City Manager Evans: It, it could potentially be. That, that would be something that we've had discussions that if development does occur on the southside, maybe that tank is encapsulated in some type of.., looking.., that we make it look like a building, so more of a, a box shape with, you know, a structure. And then, we would actually recreate the art on that, that shape to be able to, to bring that to life. But certainly, that will part of the cost associated with the, the redevelopment.

But, the intent is, is obviously to, to have that as a staple, and to move in that particular vein as it relates to some of the other public facilities. We do want to incorporate art in our fire station, as well as our Library and the like. And so, there is a continuation as it relates to public art in our community in, in its entirety.

The only reason that wouldn't move rt projects such as this to some of our existing facilities, is 'cause our intent is to bring forward some aggressive plans to reconstruct a lot of those facilities. So, hopefully, in the next couple of years, you'll be tearing those down, building brand new athletic facilities. And I think that's when you have the continuation of the, the art mural project throughout our City.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. Thank you. And I think that, what we also need to look at is, that if we're going to talk about this particular water tank, we need to kinda focus it on categories, historical figures, entertainment and sports figures, local figures, civil rights figures. So, once we start doing that, we have a conversation about different individuals that can be placed on there. The public has a right to.., and has the opportunity to have their input, given that we have these categories to be able to look at diversity and representation.

So, if the Mayor can put together another community meeting and we can come back at our next meeting to be able to move this project forward, I'm all for it.

Are there any other questions for the Mayor or for the City Manager in regards to this issue?

City Manager Evans: Is that the consensus of the Board to bring back.., have another community meeting and then bring back names?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Councilperson Botel: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes, ma'am.

Councilperson Botel: I'm not clear that we have an understanding, a common understanding, and you just made it.., made the point of whether or not these are gonna be historical figures, civil rights figures, sports figures or [stammer] hodgepodge of all the above. So, I would like to have a better understanding. And I'm completely in support of this project, and, and very supportive of Art in Public Places but I think it would behoove us to have, at the next community meeting, a sense of which are the people that we want to have on that particular structure. And, if it's gonna be civil rights leaders, then that's, that great, but I'd, I'd like some clarity about that. Is it gonna be living people, people who are no long living? I mean, I thi'.., would think that we would wanna have a theme, and then extend that them to other places in the City. Or, or have different themes for other places in the City.

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. And I, and I... You're absolutely right and those are the questions that the public can answer. The public can say, listen, we want to just focus on civil rights individuals, or we just want to focus on individuals who are no longer living, or we want to just focus on individuals in the field of, you know, entertainment...

Councilperson Botel: The arts.

Councilperson Lanier: ...and sports.

Councilperson Botel: Yeah.

Councilperson Lanier: So, what we want to do is that we.., our main goal here is to get the public involved with this. So, we want, as you said, City Manager, we want to be able to have the public involved, and then to come back to the City.., to this Council to be able to move the project forward.

But, the public needs to have some parameters as well, in terms of what we're looking for. Are we looking for civil rights? Are we looking for... So, to have that discussion so that the public can narrow that down.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, if I may?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Manager Evans: The, the backdrop of the actual discussion was around those that contributed to civil rights. That's why, even the saying that's on the tank that's being proposed, is conducive to, you know, working collaboratively or together as a community. And so, the, the figures were those that have made a lasting impact with regards to civil rights, or pushing policies or contributions to all of humanity.

So, that was the, the intent and that was the backdrop behind the discussions. But obviously, through conversations with the community, it, it came up, and even some of the folks that did bring up the discussion about Lebron James and what he's done as a, not just as an athlete, but as.., an entrepreneur and a activist for, you know, people exercising their right to vote. So, it, it did, you know, have some discussions in regards to moving in that direction.

But, if it's the pleasure of the Board, we, we can bring that back. I do wanna state that this about a thirty-day project and the artist has patiently waited, has gone through public solicitation process and my concern is that if there is at least not one figure that is select to start on, that we may find ourselves not moving forward on this for a couple of months, depending on what his schedule is. Because there is jobs and opportunities that he did turn down to, to move on this particular project. So.

Councilperson Botel: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Councilperson Botel: So, when..., I think we could all agree that we could start with Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, and then, you know, there's no question about the fact that that would be certainly a person that we would wanna have there. And then, that way, the artist could get started, and then we can take our time to solicit input from other community members, and then he can do whatever we decide on next.

Unk. Audience: [Inaudible].

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Councilperson McCoy Thank you, Madam Chair. I, I concur. I would ask that if that..., I, I think that's a great start. And I would see if the Members would indulge and whether or not we do civil rights or expand to some other area. But, that is perfect, given that, you know, we, we are probably the only intersection in the country where there's a Obama and Dr. Martin Luther Kind Highway. And [stammer], if we at least start with that, that will give them a starting point. And I would ask, because we've spent some time discussing this, I know this was also discussed in the last meeting, is that we perhaps allow the Mayor to Chair a committee that has specifically public participation and input, and then allow the community, through some public meetings, be it virtual or in person, to then come up with those recommendations, rank 'em and bring them back to, to the body to make a final decision. Similar to how the solicitation happened.

But, you know, I certainly think, Members, we will be here all day because a lot of names have been thrown out, and nobody can sit here and say one person hasn't contributed more than the other. I think it's all in some fashion or another, that some, some of these names that I've heard, has had their contributions to the, to, not just the community but worldwide. And I just want us to be able to move forward. But, certainly, get the job started and allow the opportunity for some public input.

But I, I would literally like to see if we can allow the Mayor to continue his effort and this committee and further the public participation.

Unk.: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes, you're recognized. Mr. Lawson. You say Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lawson: No.

Councilperson Lanier: Oh. Who was that?

[Inaudible dais comments]

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair?

[Inaudible dais comments]

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, the artist would like to share some, some remarks.

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. Artist.

[Chuckle]

Councilperson Botel: Could you, could you state your name please, I'm sorry.

Mr. H. Cudio: Oh, sorry. I'm Harold.., Harold Cudio.

Councilperson Botel: Spell...

Mr. H. Cudio: Oh, C-A-U-D-I-O, last name.

Councilperson Botel: Thank you.

Mr. H. Cudio: Yeah. My initial, my initial vision for the art would.., was gonna be Barack Obama, Kamala Harris and Martin Luther King, where, you know, of course, Barack Obama is facing the Barack Obama Boulevard. And of course, I needed a woman up there and nobody could've been where they were if it wasn't for Dr. Martin Luther King. And also, like, I'm partnered up with the City.., no, I mean... The school I grew up going to is Washington Elementary, where I'm talking with the art teacher there to have the kids involved, coming to paint as well. You know, because I see as, you know, if they're driving by and looking up at that, they could be part of that and, you know, inspiring other kids to be, you know, other than, you know, the typical thing, rappers or sports players. Art inspires, so. I'm just ready do it.

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Mr. H. Cudio: Oh, and also, it's a secret but, I mean, since I'm here, I'll be on Good Morning America being interviewed with Gayle King on my Kamala Harris piece that I'm

about to present. So, if I can get that piece up here on Riviera Beach, I think it really..., it'd be a really good look for the City. So.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, sir. Congratulations on your...

Mr. H. Caudio: Thank you.

Councilperson Botel: Wait. Don't go away, please. I have...

Councilperson Lanier: Oh.

Councilperson Botel: ...a question, Madam Chair..

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. Go ahead.

Councilperson Botel: Are you gonna put Skittles on the water tank?

[Chuckle]

Councilperson Lanier: Skittles?

[Chuckle]

Councilperson Lanier: I don't get it.

Councilperson Botel: They are fabulous. I'm looking...

Councilperson McCoy: Explain.

Councilperson Botel: ...at your...

Councilperson McCoy: Explain.

Councilperson Botel: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I., of course, I googled you the minute you said your name and it says, 'Florida based artist, Harold Caudio, has channeled his creative vision using an incredibly unconventional approach. In his art series called the Colored Collection, Caudio creates portraits of influential people of color entirely out of Skittles candies.

Mr. H. Caudio: Yeah.

Councilperson Botel: And they're beautiful works...

Mr. H. Caudio: Thank you, thank you.

Councilperson Botel: ...of art.

Mr. H. Caudio: Thank you. I mean, I could do it, but...

Councilperson Botel: No, no.

Mr. H. Caudio: ...it'd probably take like five, six years. [Stammer].

Councilperson Lawson: No Skittles.

Councilperson Botel: I think that, that would be highly...

City Manager Evans: A lotta Skittles.

Councilperson Botel: It would be very difficult to maintain.

Mr. H. Caudio: We could do, like, a life size replica of Skittles or something, I don't know.

Councilperson Lawson: Yeah.

Mr. H. Caudio: But, I'm down. I, I like to create so.

Councilperson Lanier: Well, well, very good. Thank you so much, sir. I like the idea of, of, of, you know, with Kamala Harris but I, I do like, you know, Martin, Harriet and Obama, is fine with me as well. I think we can move forward, but I do still think that we do need to move quickly, but we don't need to rush. Which means that we wanna make sure we get this right. Once we do this, that's it. You know? It's gonna be there for a while, so I don't wanna rush this, but I do want to move this forward as quickly as possible, if you can figure that one out.

Mr. H. Caudio: Yeah. As far as the space on the tank, like, where I'm putting the, the pieces, like, there's room for more, like, added. I can always add to it. Or, any other buildings throughout the City, like, you know, I can always add to that too. But. I'm here. I've been a resident for years. So.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay. Thank...

Mr. H. Caudio: Yeah.

Councilperson Lanier: ...you so much, Mr. Harold. What well do, is we'll move forward, if it's the Board's pleasure, with Mr., with Councilman McCoy's idea where we can have the Mayor to set up his little committee so that we can... You see, the thing about it is that we don't wanna put something up here and then we get an uproar from people saying, 'I wasn't a part of it. I don't know. They didn't tell me.' I wanna make sure that people are involved in this and they want to be able to put their input in this.

So, if the Mayor can move forward with this. We can have one additional community meeting. We can come back at our next meeting and keep this train moving.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I do want to add, in regards to the, the community meeting, I can't.., I did not find out about it until that Friday before it happened on that Monday. So, I don't know how it got put out there, but it needs to be put out there where everybody is aware of the meeting so that, you know, a, a good mixture of people can participate.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you so much. Is that amenable to your moving this forward, Mayor?

Councilperson McCoy: I... But...

City Manager Evans: Madam...

Councilperson McCoy: Ma'...

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, what is the...

Councilperson McCoy: What...

Councilperson Lanier: [Chuckle].

Councilperson McCoy: Yeah. Clarify. Madam Chair because...

[Chuckles]

Councilperson McCoy: ...what you said, I don't know if that exactly is what I was re'...

Councilperson Lanier: Well, what did you say, Mr. McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Well, I wanted to see...

Councilperson Lanier: I'm sorry...

Councilperson McCoy: ...if we can...

Councilperson Lanier: ...Councilman McCoy.

Councilperson McCoy: I wanted to see if we can move forward with what's been proposed, to have President Obama, and also Dr. Martin Luther King, and move out and expand outwards from there. And then, the Mayor convenes the committee and hosts the public participation. But, I don't wanna start back because, you know, ultimately... Mr. Evans, did I hear you correctly in saying that we needed to bring this back before the USD again before he even gets started?

City Manager Evans: I, I... No, sir. No, sir. We were gonna start, and then have a Resolution on Consent that just memorializes the authorization by the USD Board to allow for us to, to paint on the, the water tank.

Councilperson McCoy Okay. Well, you know, it was my idea, Madam Chair, to, to actually give the direction to move forward today because, you know, I., you know, as great as this is, I don't wanna be three or four meetings in it before he even, you know, puts a, a draft together and, you know, we've not lost another month. I would like to see we get started. That's what my recommendation was.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam...

Councilperson McCoy: And...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: ...Chair?

Councilperson McCoy: Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. Thank you. Yes, Commissioner Anderson.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And I'm fine with what you're saying, Mr. McCoy, with the two for'.., President Obama and Dr. Martin Luther King, and then having that meeting to identify that third person.

City Manager Evans: And...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: So, my, my... I'm in agreement with that for tonight.

Councilperson Botel: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Councilperson Botel: I'm also fine with starting with those two. And.., with a, with a firm and fast promise that there's a woman next.

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. Certainly.

Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Councilperson Lawson: I believe that's the consensus. That's what I initially proposed, that we move forward with the two figures. So, and I think that gives direction for our City Manager to move forward with those two figures that we immediately had the community charettes to discuss moving forward.

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. And, and I'm also in support of moving forward with another meeting to get more input from the community.

Mr. Manager, tell us how we're going to proceed, sir.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, we are going to proceed forward with the two names that have been proffered, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and President..., former President Barack Obama. Then, we will have community meetings and what we will do concurrently, while the tank is being painted, we will conduct those community meetings. We'll also have a survey out that people can provide names, and vote on names, or what have you. And then, we'll bring that back to the Board as quickly as possible. And then, I am going to have a conversation with the Mayor and see if we can put together to bring two females..., to place two females on the tank versus...

[Inaudible dais comment]

City Manager Evans: So we can have..., make sure that there's two males and two fem'..., females. So, I think we can bring that back, and so we can have four persons on that.

Also, there are inspirational quotes that will be painted next to those individual. And so, we can also share with the Board what those quotes would be as well, and so you can sign off on that, and we'll have conversations with the community.

So, Staff will move forward accordingly, and we will work with the Office of the Mayor to facilitate some additional meetings, and some surveys to get community input and bring that back as quickly as possible.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, sir. Are there any other questions or discussions from the Board?

Councilperson McCoy: Yes. Madam Chair. So, Mr. Harold Caudio, I am an alumnus of Washington Elementary, so...

[Inaudible comment]

[Chuckles]

Councilperson McCoy: But, but whatever you, you're doing with the Washington, certainly let me know. I wanna be a part of it.

Mr. H. Caudio: [Inaudible].

Councilperson McCoy Okay? Thank you.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: [Inaudible].

Councilperson McCoy: I'm sorry?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I actually was going to ask if your picture can go up on the water tank.

[Chuckles]

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you.

ITEMS TABLED

Councilperson Lanier: Let us, let us move on to our next Item. There are..., the next... The issue on here is the Items tabled. Do we have any Items tabled, Madam Clerk?

City Clerk Anthony: No, Madam Chair.

REGULAR

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

Councilperson Lanier: We are going down into our discussion and deliberation.

27. Councilperson Lanier: Our next Item is No. 27. Madam Clerk?

City Clerk Anthony: Yes...

Councilperson Botel: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: ...Madam Chair.

City Clerk Anthony: **DISCUSSION REGARDING RETURN TO PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES IN PARKS AND RECREATION**

RICHARD BLANKENSHIP, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR, 561-845-4070

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have public comment on this Item. The acceptance of public comment on this Item is now closed.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Good evening.

Councilperson Lanier: We have public comment?

City Clerk Anthony: We do have public comments on...

Councilperson Lanier: Okay.

City Clerk Anthony: ...this Item.

Councilperson Lanier: Very good.

City Clerk Anthony: The acceptance of public comment on this Item is now closed.

Councilperson Lanier: Okay.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Good evening, Council, Mayor, City Manager. Richard Blankenship, Parks & Recreation Director.

What I wanna do tonight is just go over with you some of our planning for reopening..., partially reopening programming and return to services in Parks & Recreation.

Just for an overview, the..., these protocols have been..., were developed. Ms. Franks and her Staff did a fantastic job developing these robust protocols that were vetted by departments within the City, by the ICS team. So, I just wanna be clear that this wasn't done in a vacuum. This was done throughout our departments to review our protocols.

And what I'm talking about..., what we're talking about reopening or, or returning to, are those programs that have limited contact, tennis, baseball, fitness, those type of activities. That's what we're talking about opening up now. So, our protocols are, like, as follows, they follow CDC guidelines in all programs and services. Really heavy on mask wearing and social distancing. That's been proven to be the, the kingpin of, of prevention. We will require a COVID plan for all third-party events. You know, this is timely because we passed the new special event Ordinance, and we have the special event policy, which includes this as well. So, it's good timing for us to, to, to open that up.

We do plan on offering a, a summer camp at Tate's Gym, at fifty percent capacity, which is about seventy-five campers. Typically, we would use Wells and Tate, but because we're using Wells as a vaccination site, we will focus on Tate. And, I think it's probably, in the long run, better for us anyway, to, to focus on one location. Under the circumstances.

I am not proposing to open up to indoor events, such as rentals of community centers, those type of activities. I'm, I'm not proposing that at this time. The only thing that would be indoor at this time, would be summer camp and afterschool program.

We do plan on offering a fall football and cheer season. It's very important to the community. I think by the time that we have to..., that contact is, is an issue will be August. Maybe late July, depending on what the Pop Warner comes out with a, with a, with a protocol, or with a timeline. But, we do plan on offering football and cheer.

City sponsored activities, or special events will follow the same protocol as a third-party activities will follow. We'll have a COVID plant, which, you know, we would do anyway. Or some type of plan like that, but we will follow the same protocols as we would require thirty-party events to follow.

We will produce drive-thru or drive up or, or drive-in activities when practical. If it's practical to do it that way, we'll continue to do it that way, but if it's practical to do it the old fashioned way, then we will do that with the protocols in place.

Proposing to open Barracuda Bay to fifty percent capacity, but not opening them to thirty-party activities, or third-party events. Fifty percent capacity at Barracuda Bay is two hundred. In, in water, chlorine is a [pause] good, non-spreader for kids to be in. We

will have to monitor the deck and, what happens on the deck, that's where we'll, we'll, we'll be focused.

And then finally, we're not proposing to open up Lindsey Davis to senior programs at this time. We will continue to offer the drive-thru and virtual events and activities, but we we'll evaluate any of the indoor activities at a later date. Probably the first of June. We've been monitoring, our colleagues, in other areas. You know, they..., some of them jumped out real quickly with programming and had to jump back. So, we've been very disciplined and very deliberate about how we're gonna..., about when we opened up and how we were gonna do it.

With that, I'll answer any questions that Council may have.

Councilperson Lanier: Council, are there any questions in regards to this presentation? Councilman McCoy.

Councilperson McCoy: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Blankenship, I'm gonna return to my comments regarding the School District's use of our athletic fields, and I'm gonna ask that we give them notice that we can't accommodate them anymore at Wells Recreation, specifically, because that's gonna be an ongoing COVID vaccination site. And when I drive down Blue Heron Boulevard, JFK [stammer] Middle School athletic fields are completely empty, Suncoast athletic fields are completely empty, Riviera Beach Preparatory Academy on Gardens Road are completely empty.

There's no way that I'm about to restrict any of the taxpaying City residents from using our facilities and we've allowed a whole other government agency to come in and utilize our facilities. I'm gonna offer, at the end of this discussion, that we give them a notice that it's no longer available. There's no way that that's gonna continue to happen. And I've gotten several calls about it, and it doesn't..., there's no plausible sense that comes out of that.

And, I just..., I'm not about to continue to defend a senseless policy that's going on, that we won't allow our own City residents, but we'll allow somebody because of an agreement, to come in and use our facilities. And it..., you know, I can't event defend that. There's nothing I can say, Mr., Mr. Blankenship.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Let me be clear, Councilman, the fields and courts have been open for months. We've chosen not to do anything structured or anything formal on those fields. But they've been open to, to the public.

Councilperson McCoy: Well, we got signage over at Monroe Heights Park, on West 25th Street, that clearly says, 'No organized activity.' No organized, I think it's activity.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Right.

Councilperson McCoy: But clearly, when you drive down Blue Heron, regardless as to whether it's not.., whether it's the City of Riviera Beach or someone else we've partnered with, but clearly, there's organized activity and we can't ignore it, especially being as it's right in front of City Hall.

So, whether it's been open or not, I don't think we can sell a message to our community that we're not gonna allow you to do it, but we'll permit someone else to do it. It doesn't make sense. And I, I literally would love to hear somebody tell me otherwise or defend that in some way.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam Cahir?

Councilperson Lanier: ...sir. Madam... Sorry. Are there other comments from...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes. Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. You're recognized.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: So, I, I do want clarification on what the organized activity is. Because, are we talking about.., because, I know that has been some concerns of people about the signs saying organized. We're not telling residents, if you want to take your kids out to the field and, and throw the ball with them and practice, you know, practice hitting the ball, that they cannot do that.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: No.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: We're not telling kids that may wanna go to the basketball court to play, they can't do that.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: No.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Were.., so, when we say organized activities, we're talking about, maybe a men's league that may be running a tournament, or some sort of organized activity, such as...

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Right.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: ...that?

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Right.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Okay. So, yeah. 'Cause I, I wanna be clear on that, because it, it was being basically put out there that we're telling our residents that we.., they cannot come out and play on those fields, but yet the schools are. And I, you know, I concur with what Mr. McCoy is saying in regards to the schools coming and

playing over there because, from my understanding, the schools are not allowing them to practice on their own field, which is why they're coming to ours.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: That's not what we were told when...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: What were...

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: ...the request...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: ...you told?

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: That they needed.., they wanted to separate teams, so they needed space for the lacrosse program to go. They have something else going on with the football field or the football field is under renovation, or something like that.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: So they're over there because of the interlocal agreement?

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Yes.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: So, if we tell them that we.., that would be considered an organized activity? Or no, because we're saying it's not a tournament, they're just practicing?

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Well, you know, when the request was made, I, I looked at it as [pause] being good stewards of an interlocal agreement, because there's gonna time when I'm gonna go to them and say I need to use something. You know, that, that, that was my thought process at the time.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Right.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: But, you know, we would.., I would just have to get some, some further discussion with Administration.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Right. Okay.

Councilperson McCoy: No, no.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I.., and I, I mean, I understand about the interlocal agreement and there.., there was a time, years ago, I think before we had the fie'.., football field on, on Blue Heron, we used to.., the little league used to.., football used to [inaudible] on Suncoast's football field. And so, I know we've always had that interlocal agreement going on, but I, I just think it, it's not a good look for the City. And, and maybe we just need to clarify that the fields are available to the residents, and we're not telling them they cannot come over there and.., or ut'.., and utilize it.

But the thing is, so, if there are people that are over there that just want to play, the lacrosse team or whatever team that has already.., they, they basically reserved it? Is that what...

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Mhmm.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: ...they did?

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Yes, ma'am.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: And so a, a reservation? Okay.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: But, that's not.., that's a minor point.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Hmm?

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: That's a minor point moving forward, whether...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Okay.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: ...they reserved it or not.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Okay.

Councilperson McCoy: Madam Chair? So, if I can...

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. You're...

Councilperson McCoy: ...respond to some of the comments that was made by Pro Tem Miller-Anderson, Mr. Blankenship, that sign is at all the local parks, 'No organized sports' And I've been around to a lot of them. I've not seen any organized sports. Now, I do see the fellows come out on Avenue S and they play three on three, or four on four, on a Sunday morning but, beyond that, I don't consider that organized. But, those signs are specifically located within the intercity parks, within the community parks, that organized sports wouldn't normally be facilitated or held there. There's no basketball league going on at Goodmark Park, or down at Sadie McCray.

So, first of all, clarification is absolutely correct because, when you see that, that's discouraging already, to say the, the six gentlemen in the community wanna play pickup basketball, cant' do it because of the sign. That's incorrect. And I think it should be removed because, even me looking at it, would think, well, what's.., what, what's organized sports? Is it a actual league or is it the fellows that wanna play pickup basketball?

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Well, I agree with you. It should be removed and we can do that as soon as possible.

Councilperson McCoy: And, and, you know, I'm not leaving off of the point that I'm gonna offer that.., a motion that we don't make it available because... Do you know, if I'm not mistaken, was lacrosse being held there on election day?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

Councilperson McCoy: Do you know how hard it is to get inside the parking lot of, of Wells Recreation?

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: And I did call them to tell them not to be there that day.

Councilperson McCoy: Yeah.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: [Inaudible].

Councilperson McCoy: But, you know...

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: ...[inaudible].

Councilperson McCoy: ...here's the thing, Mr., Mr. Blankenship, I'm ready to say everything short of terminating this agreement because I can't recall, even prior to being a Member of the City Council, when the City has ever utilized some of the School District's property. Ms. Miller-Anderson, you are correct, but this agreement goes back to 2017. Mr. Blankenship, do you know of any time that we've used any of the School District's...

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Yes.

Councilperson McCoy: ...property? To do what exactly?

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: We used their track, at Suncoast, for a track team.

Councilperson McCoy: we have a track team?

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: We had a track team.

[Chuckles]

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: We've used some of their indoor facilities for events. Same way with JFK. Now, the, the interlocal agreement is not just for Suncoast.

Councilperson McCoy: Right.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: It's for all the public schools in the City.

Councilperson McCoy: Right. But we did a separate agreement for Washington Elementary, that's coupled with Lincoln over there, to use...

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: That was access...

Councilperson McCoy: ...the'...

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: ...to Calloway.

Councilperson McCoy: Calloway.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: That was more related to how they access the park than actual use.

Councilperson McCoy: Okay. Well...

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: 'Cause they had put a fence in and all.

Councilperson McCoy: I, I, I just have issues with the lacrosse team, or any team for that matter, playing on the athletic fields at Wells Recreation. And, I just don't think it's gonna work at this point going forward, for the ingress and egress into the vaccination site because there are a whole lotta Staff, and there's a whole lotta equipment, and people moving back and forth. And we even used shuttles for the very first time.

So, I just don't know that that's something I wanna support, Mr. Blankenship and Mr. Evans. Do we need to solidify any official action by the Board relative to Wells Recreation?

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, if I may?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. Go ahead.

City Manager Evans: Pursuant to the, the ramp up of the vaccination site and our commitment to the state to be able to disseminate six hundred vaccines on a weekly basis, we can reach out to the District and tell them that, you know, that site is, is now off limits because we're going to be utilizing it on a very frequent basis. And I think that's a easier way to, to get out of that particular situation versus anything that modifies the existing agreement. And I think they will understand that. So, we can, we can move forward in that particular direction, and we can inform them as early as tomorrow morning.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. Madam... I'm sorry. [Chuckle]. Thank you, City Manager.

I want to go ahead and take our public comments before we wrap this up. Madam Clerk.

City Clerk Anthony: Rodney Roberts, Lloyd Brown, Margaret Shepherd.

Mr. R. Roberts: Good evening again. Rodney Roberts, 1581 West 14th Street, Riviera Beach.

I totally support the reopening of the parks, and all the programs. I., earlier, I stood up here. I really wanna make a bigger emphasis on the sports programs that we used to have about thirty years ago. A very long time, but over the past thirty years, they've just dwindled almost down to nothing. I know that we have successful sports., sport teams in the community, however, we used... Before you had an NFL or a NBA or National Baseball League, you had just the sport, in and of itself. And when we talk about going to the parks, you, you, you have now [stammer] there's signs there.

But, the kids need to be able to go out there and just play. You do need., they, they need to go out there with those mentors that they do have. We do have mentors around here. We do have coaches around here. And, for a, a good little while, if Staff., Parks & Rec Staff, particularly Parks & Rec Staff, I guess when they see the, the coaches out there with the kids, I guess that falls up under the lines of a organization to them, and then they get run off of the fields, or they get run off of the courts. But most, mostly fields.

So, everybody has been, I guess, opening up their, you know, doing football. Football is a, or has been, a, a, a, a big thing in the City of Riviera Beach. It used to be basketball, used to be baseball. And again, those things have just dwindled out over the years. I support the programs that you're talking about opening up. However, with regards to, I guess there are signs out there, and the definition of what organized sports would be, I feel., I think that the kids and, and a mentor or a coach should be able to go out there and, and, and, and do a, a clinic or do just some' [stammer] some layups or a little bit of practice. It's not that they're a part of a league, it's just, you have a coach that has some kids and wants to go out there and spend time practicing layups or prac'., you know, dribbling. That needs to be going on, those kids need to be cultivated. What are they doing if they don't have the parks and, and those things to go to?

Baseball, cool, with the, with the tee ball coming back, I loved it. I just think that, when you're talking about a program that went from two hundred participants per Wells, per Tate, and now you're down to., you're., to, to, to much less than that, it doesn't., you're, you're not, you're not being as effective as you can be when it comes to the kids. You're not being as effective as you can be when it comes to the kids. So, we need to...

[Timer]

Mr. R. Roberts: ...get back to where we used to be.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Mr. Roberts.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam...

City Clerk Anthony: Lloyd Brown...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam... Oh, I'm sorry. We still got...

[Chuckle]

City Clerk Anthony: Margaret Shepherd.

[Inaudible dais comment]

Ms. M. Shepherd: Margaret Shepherd, Rivera Beach.

I have to agree with my cousin, Rod'.., Rodney Roberts. Back in the day... I'm elderly. That, that's a good thing. I keep thinking about it, elderly.., and raising my children, and even going to school myself, we always had recess. I'm sure everybody remember recess. And they said recess was important because it helped build the bones of the children. Now, while I hear one person talking about they're gonna hold it up because of the taxes, they're ignorant. Very ignorant. You have to think outside the box. And I think, Mr. Blankenship, he is very cognizant how to run our Rec Department.

But I wanna be clear, that we have a daycare that serve a lotta children. When I first moved here from Detroit, Michigan, the summer program was very good to me. I could leave my children there with no fret about how things were going to work. And they enjoyed it. For us to continue.., this is a new day. I'm telling you, this is a new day. And to sit here with all this, I shoulda, coulda, woulda, you have to think how can our children benefit from our beautiful parks?

I used to see the water just go over the horizon, the grass waws green, and then passing.., well, I'm living on the other side but passing through, I see the children running around in the park. Let us not damper this process. We must teach our children to wear their mask. We must teach our children how to distance themselves. But to stand here and say, 'I'm not going to.., I'm not going to do the taxes,' whatever. Very ignorant. You have other people. You're just one person. And I think you all need to cut it out. This is a new day. You need to figure out how to get those children in that water. I had two children that swam.., was on the swim team. I had one kid that traveled with the cheerleaders. I have one kid that just didn't wanna do anything until you say let's go to the water, to the beach. Let's enjoy. Try to get these children out of, of their homes. Try to make sure that they have an understanding what is going on in the world.

But, to sit here listening to this damperness, it really kinda get under my skin. The children need to be in daycare. They don't need to be sitting up during the summer program. I ask you all to please reconsider this. Talk about it a little bit more. But understand one thing, it's not just one of you all sitting up there. One, two... Okay.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Ms. Shepherd.

City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair and Members of the Board, before you proceed, I wanna bring to your attention the time of 9:53.

Councilperson Botel:: I make a motion that we extend to the Agenda is complete.

Councilperson McCoy: Second.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Second.

Councilperson Lanier: Madam Clerk.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: **Councilperson Botel:?**

Councilperson Botel:: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Chair Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

City Clerk Anthony: Motion approved.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I just wanted to just make a comment about... I've been noticing quite a few cars that are parking, they're driving all the way up close to Blue Heron on the grass. So, you know, the..., just bordering Blue Heron, the grassy area next to the fence.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: [Inaudible]...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: So, there are some people..., and I, I'm not saying it was the lacrosse team, but I've seen it numerous times where cars are now driving their cars along, and they're, they're out there practicing or they go in the inside of, of the gate or the outside, but if we're able to put something up to prevent people from driving on the grass, 'cause at that..., at some point, I'm sure we're gonna...

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: [Inaudible].

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: ...have to start replacing grass because of all...

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Uhuh.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: ...quite a few people are doing it, you know, quite often.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Okay.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Thank you.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: We can take care of that.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. Are there any other questions for the Parks & Rec Director and for the City Manager?

City Manager, is there anything else you wanted to add to this presentation?

City Manager Evans: No, Madam Chair.

Councilperson Lanier: With that being said, thank you, Mr...

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: ...Blankenship for your report.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

29. VERBAL PRESENTATION OF COVID-19 UPDATE - YEAR IN REVIEW FROM THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) TEAM

Councilperson Lanier: We're going to go on to our next Item, which is the verbal presentation of COVID-19 update.

I have asked Mr. Evans to give us a brief update to make it very, very, very, very brief.

[Chuckles]

[Inaudible comments]

City Manager Evans: Well, Madam Chair, you've had the opportunity to work with me for eighteen months. There's not a lotta things that I do that are brief.

Councilperson Lanier: Ugh.

City Manager Evans: Just kidding. We'll, we'll certainly move through this as quickly as possible. Honorable Chair, Members of the City Council and members of the public, thank you so much for the opportunity to share with you a year in review with regards to COVID-19. And what the City of Riviera Beach Emergency Operations Center (EOC) incident command has been able to do as a result of the support and the commitment that you, the elected body, has shared to facilitate us moving forward. So this presentation is gonna be by myself and Ms. Noel.

So, just for the public's edification, the Emergency Operation Center, referred to as the EOC, is actually a physical structure or a conference room or a virtual place that

we, as managers, meet to talk about our emergency response. The operation, the Emergency Operation Center right now is housed at the Public Works facility here in the City, and utilize..., we utilize the conference room to facilitate most of our strategy sessions and discussions with respect to our response to COVID-19.

The Incident Command System is actually borne out of NIMS, which is the National Incident Management System. The Incident Command System is a process that is prescribed for government entities, and actually, some private entities also utilize it, for the purposes of making sure that you have the appropriate members or operations, to be able to respond in the event of a hurricane, disaster incident. Even when you set up a command post as it relates to law enforcement, when the special response team does deploy, they operate under Incident Command System.

So, just to go over who the folks are on the EOC Team, myself as the Incident Commander. We have our Operational Section Chief, Fire Chief, John Curd; our Planning Section Chief, Mr. Terrence Bailey, our Interim Public Works Director; our Logistics Section Chief, which is now Richard Blankenship, to assist in the facilitation of the vaccines. He's our Parks & Recreation Director. And, Ms. Pemsel was formerly our Logistics Section Chief, who's our Procurement Director; our Finance Section Chief is Mr. Randy Sherman; our Health & Human Services Section Chief is Ms. Valerie Grimsley; our Legal Section Chief is Ms. Dawn Wynn; our League of Services branch that we did open up when we were talking about the beach reopening's and how we can safely accommodate, that was Ms. Aladia Franks; and our Public Information Officers were Ms. Marsha Noel and Mr. Walter Stephens.

So, to kind of recap what we've experienced. Obviously, in 2020, in February, the world as we know it changed drastically. Staff began to monitor the progress and the development associated with COVID-19. We started seeing that nations abroad were dealing with this virus and starting to obtain research and information from epidemiologists and what was the threats to the City of Riviera Beach.

The Planning Section and Operational Sections organized, and we then deployed our Incident Command Systems to attempt to prepare for what we thought was going to be an impact that was going to be on our shores here in March. Obviously, in March was the onset of the pandemic in the United States. On March 20th, the Emergency Operation Center activated. On March 27th, the City of Riviera Beach declared a local State of Emergency. And then, we started deploying some operational procedures to address how we can keep our employees safe. Remote staffing models were created, community teleconferences, notices were disseminated to the public and the employees, which is still going on. And then, the sourcing PPE, Personal Protective Equipment, that was initiated through Logistics Section, which was over thirty thousand face masks. And then, obviously, we had the conversations and discussions with respect to beach closures and reopenings when the pandemic started.

One of the things that I think it's important for the residents at home to note, is that your City was the first City to mail masks to your constituents. And, that is something that Palm Beach County followed, and has disseminated well over three million masks to

members of the greater Palm Beach community. And that started here in Riviera Beach. And that's something that we're very proud about, as we've been on the forefront.

We did start utilizing our social media and had conversations and discussions based on real time information that we were providing to the public, so we were talking about what the virus is doing, how the virus is acting, what are some of the symptoms associated with that. And then obviously, informing the public on every step of the process as we move through the early stages of the pandemic.

In April, we made some operational and organizational adjustments. We looked at implementing multiple policies, from return to work, to pandemic pay to things that we knew were going to impact our workforce. [Inaudible] our testing, and ensuring that we can provide the service to our employees. We were fortunate to establish a relationship with American Care, which is here in Riviera Beach, that facilitated the testing for our employees, and we were one of the actual first government entities, here in Palm Beach County, to facilitate a testing arrangement that was in their respective city, and other municipalities, municipal Managers did reach out to me to talk about the opportunities for them to do something similar to what the City of Riviera Beach has done.

We enhanced cleaning protocols, COVID-19 screenings, as individuals still, to this day, come to City facilities. They are scanned as far as their temperature and then a wristband is administered. That tells us that an employee has gone through the screening process. We also utilize that time to ensure that all our employees receive their National Incident Management System training, which is ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800. By having those certifications, that means that employees are able to function and work within the EOC, as well as the Incident Command Structure. If an employee does not have those certifications, they cannot operate in the EOC. So we made sure that all our employees that were deployed as part of our response, received that certification. And over three thousand hours were logged by your employees, Citywide.

We established the Health & Human Services section, which has helped in facilitating food distribution to vaccines, to all community related efforts and activities. And then, we did decide to roll out the essential and nonessential business hours, and that was following some of the protocols and things that we've saw from Palm Beach County.

So, obviously, during the pandemic, we have still made it a point to ensure that our community is taken care of. We've worked with the Mayor to facilitate establishing COVID-19 testing at the Wells Recreation site. We have regular food distribution and mask distributions, to the point where we have distributed and fed over fifteen to twenty thousand families since the onset of the pandemic, working with Feeding South Florida.

We have a contact tracing program for our employees, so when our employees experience a COVID exposure, we have somebody that actually calls them every day to check on them to make sure they're okay, as well as making sure that any person that was in contact, with said individual that tested positive, is informed and then they are sent

for testing, and then monitored accordingly. And then, at this time..., or at that time, we had roughly over eighty thousand units of PPE.

And I can tell you, as we, we've gone through the challenges with PPE, a mask that we bought prior to the pandemic, was ninety-nine cents, went up to \$7.50. We were sourcing masks from all over the world. We had conversations and discussions with folks that were in multiple time zones, in multiple countries and spoke different languages, because we wanted to try every and any way to get PPE for our employees. But obviously, now that we've seen production ramp up, we've been very good with regards to getting those things.

In January and March, we've seen the establishment of a Wells Recreation point of distribution. And, I just wanna speak briefly on that particular feather in the City of Riviera Beach's cap. We are one of two cities, out of the thirty-nine municipalities here in Palm Beach County, that actually has a COVID vaccine site that is a permanent site. We will be delivering roughly over six hundred vaccines every week, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. And some of the members of the Emergency Operations Team, are not here today because they have to be at work tomorrow at six in the morning to prepare for the vaccinations that will occur for the rest of this week.

Also, we've been provided information from the state, if we can show them consistently that we can administer six hundred vaccines to the public, our site can expand from six hundred to twelve hundred vaccines per week. So we're excited about that. Additionally, your vaccin'..., your vaccination site in the community, the pod, is the only one that is municipal run. The one in Gardens is actually ran by the Healthcare District with a little bit of support from the community. And, there's one to open in Boca that looks like it may follow our particular model. And then the one out in the Belle Glade area is ran by the Healthcare District.

So, we are the only City that has the responsibility for the duration of the process. So, from when we notify persons, all the way to us transporting them to their vehicle after their vaccinated, is done by a City of Riviera Beach employee, or CRA employee. So, we're very proud of our ability to provide that service to our community.

Under Ms. Noel's leadership, we were successful in acquiring Code Red, and you heard that earlier today. That mass notification system is very intuitive, very simplistic, and allows for us to be far more responsive and address some of the needs and get information out to our community a lot better than our previous system. And we've expanded to eight..., over eight thousand call minutes. It also provides us the ability to create geofences, to [stammer] create separate lists. We can also target folks and provide documentation in advance with regards to what we're asking them to be prepared for, whether it's this particular incident or another.

And of course, we have already acquire a new PPE, consistent with the recommendations that have been provided with the CDC, as it relates to wearing two masks. And so, we have that. We have disseminated that to our employees. And then, we're also gonna make some of that available to the public.

So, we're a resilient community. And, and all of you know that. We've helped facilitates I don't know how many birthday parades, Census parades, grad bag giveaway, we welcomed kids back to school,, we ha dour Winter Wonderland. So, we have done things consistently to show our community that we're still here and we still care. And that is the difference between what we've been able to do in Riviera Beach and what other cities have not been able to do.

And that's a testament to the commitment from the team that wants to show the community that we're here during the late hours in the evening, all the way to the early parts of the morning. And if it's a smile on somebody's face that we can provide to them by delivering a box of food, or providing them masks, or to be a just a shoulder to cry on, or help facilitate someone getting a vaccine, we're here.

And I can tell you, one of the things that we did when we received notification about receiving the vaccine, we reached out to the other municipalities that are adjacent to us and said this is an opportunity for you to make sure that your constituents also have access to this vaccine, because we all go to the same places, we all are, are family. And so, that was well received by the other municipal Managers, and we did receive a note from the Mayor of Palm Beach Shores, as well as some letters from folks that had said that how much they appreciate it, and how professionally ran the site was.

And then, at this particular moment, I'm gonna turn it over to our Public Information Officer/Special Projects Manager/Assistant to the City Manager/...

[Chuckle]

City Manager Evans: ...what, what else are you...

[Inaudible comment]

City Manager Evans: All other duties as assigned, Ms. Marsha Noel.

Assistant to the City Manager Noel: Thank you, Mr. Evans. Good evening, Honorable Mayor, Council and everyone that has joined us this evening.

It is my pleasure to serve as a Public Information Officer for the EOC, alongside my colleague, Walter Stephens. If you can wave your hand back there, if you are. If you're still there?

Tonight, I have the distinct honor to speak on behalf of the Emergency Operation Center team. As we all know, 2020 was a challenging year and I do not think anyone would have predicted that we would be faced with a worldwide pandemic. This phenomenon has certainly brought forth obstacles, but nonetheless, it has also provided the opportunity for us, as an agency, to ri' above.., rise above the occasion and to serve our community in ways in which we have not before.

We have worked long hours, slept little times, and worked through the weekend to secure vital resources and run important operations to just testing, vaccinations and

distributed PPE for employees and our community at large. And you understand this too because you too participated by volunteering in some of the activities. We continue to meet regularly on a weekly basis, strategizing our efforts in planning, preparing and responding to the everchanging status of COVID-19. And we do so with pride.

Our accomplishments have set the tone for emergency response as it relates to localities, and we believe we are setting a model for other agencies to follow. The most important being, we wouldn't., we would not have been able to accomplish many of the milestones shared previously by our City Manager, had it not been for the trust placed in us by you, our elected officials, City Administration, our community partners, and the residents of the City of Riviera Beach, to serve during a time when lives depend on it.

So, thank you all. We look forward to putting this pandemic behind us. And, we will continue to take great strides as we persevere through 2021.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, Ms. Noel.

[Applause]

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager, for that excellent report. I'm glad you took your time to do it because that is a lot of information that we need to know in regards to what the City of Riviera Beach has accomplished over the past year, in the middle of a pandemic. And I always say that we have to be., we're still in the middle of a pandemic, but we have to be very aware that the City of Riviera Beach was on the cutting edge of a lot of the activities surrounding the pandemic. We talked about it, we took it seriously and we made sure that the resident in this City were well prepared for it.

So, we are looking forward to the vaccine part of this, where we are all looking to make sure that we can keep our communities healthy. We are looking to open up our, our Parks & Rec somewhat, so we want to make sure that the people in this City are going to be well protected, and also well informed about how the City is moving forward with this.

On the next...

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam Cahir?

Councilperson Lanier: Are there any comments for the Chair..., sorry, for the Manager or the Assistant to the City Manager?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I just wanted to say thank you to all of you, City Manager Evans and Ms. Jacobs and your entire team. I know that you all have been working on this for over a year, as you stated. And, and, and I don't think people really understand the amount of work that you all put into making sure that we have these vaccination sites, making sure that we were able to provide our residents with a mask. There was a lot of background work that took place. And it, it's not something that had to be done, but we knew it was the best thing for our residents.

And so, I really would like to say thank you all, to your professionalism, your outside of the box thinking, in terms of trying to find solutions to help people get through this pandemic.

And then also, the community updates that you provide, that I sometimes forget about. And, I sometimes call on the nights I'm not supposed to call and, and.., but you all are consistent, you have made those calls available to the public, you've made them available to us to be able to participate as well. And, I, you know, I just really wanna say thank you for all of the hard work that you all have done over the past year during this pandemic. And, and it doesn't go unnoticed. Not all cities are doing the things that we're doing.

So, I wanna say thank you all very much.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. Any other comments for the City Manager?

Councilperson Botel:: Ditto.

Councilperson Lanier: Yes. Go ahead.

Councilperson Botel:: Ditto.

Councilperson Lanier: Oh. [Chuckle].

Councilperson Botel:: What she said.

Councilperson Lanier: Alright. Very good.

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

Councilperson Lanier: Let us move to our next Item which is the discussion by the City Manager.

City Manager Evans: Um...

Councilperson Lanier: I'm sorry, discussion by the City Attorney. Can we... Let's, let's do that one first.

City Manager Evans: Okay.

[Chuckles]

City Attorney Wynn: No comment, Madam Chair.

Councilperson Lanier: Alright.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilperson Lanier: City Council reports. Are there any reporting? Committees.

Councilperson Botel:: I have...

Councilperson Lanier: No?

Councilperson Botel:: Madam Chair?

Councilperson Lanier: Yes.

Councilperson Botel:: Just very quickly. I attended the Board of Directors meetings for the League this morning, and touted the virtues of our City Manager and Staff with regard to the EOC. I was happy to report about that.

And, the Tourism Task Force that I'm heading is making great strides towards finalizing our Tourism Master Plan.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. Any other committee reports?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Madam Chair? Well, I do have a question. When are we going to do the selection of the committee? Next meeting? Okay.

I just wanted to make an announcement that I was appointed to the National League of Cities Human Development Committee and the, oh gosh, I can't think of the other one, the Children and Youth Committee, where we make dec'..., we have a lot of discussions and topics that tie in with education, as well as talking a lot about the pandemic and just some of the things that we're doing already. They're actually discussing it and, and trying to see how they can implement some of the things that we're doing.

So, that was one of the reasons why I wanted to say thank you all to what we..., what you all have been able to accomplish because some places around the country are just now thinking of some of the things that we've already done.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you.

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilperson Lanier: Any statements by the Mayor and the Council? We'll start with the Mayor.

Mayor Felder: Yes. Thank you, Chair.

You know, I'd like to thank, thank the Board for coming onboard, supporting the first [stammer] are project in Riviera Beach. I look forward to working with Mr. Evans to facilitate another community meeting.

Also, a couple of things. I wanna remind everybody that Tuesday and Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at JAY Ministries, we still have COVID testing. It's free. Also, on Fridays from 1:00 until everything is gone, we do our food pantry. You can come to JAY Ministries.

And, I got involved, I think Councilman McCoy stated, with Hoop Sunday. This group's been out there every, every Sunday at Cunningham Park. And it's Hop Sundays, just raising awareness to the crime that we have in our community, and a bunch of the guys get together to play hoop, or have a discussion about how we can help better the crime in our neighborhood, and allowing kids to come out and play. So I'm very excited about that program. They will be coming to present something to the City in the upcoming weeks. But, that's a nice program that we are involving the community, to take back our community from crime.

Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. Commissioner Miller-Anderson?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: I just wanted to.., Bishop Masters, just wanted to make sure that, at the end of the meeting, the announcement was just made again about the ex-felon job fair, March 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at New Macedonia, 748 West 9th Street.

That's it for me. Thank you.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. Commissioner Botel.

Councilperson Botel:: Just very quickly. The Singer Island Community Garden is coming along. We have the sod, the irrigation, the shed, but we need volunteers now to build the raised beds at North Tech. The students are gonna teach us how to do that. And Jimmy Kauffer [sp] is heading that effort up. I have his phone number but... It's.., I don't know if you.., it's 210-857-5038. That's 210-857-5038. Or, you can just email me at jbotel@rivierabeach.org and I'll provide that to you.

I've been working with the anglers and the divers, including the West Palm Beach Fishing Club, the Florida Fishing Academy, FWC, to find a compromise so that everybody can enjoy that area at the bri'.., bride. I sh'.., I'm waiting for a report from FWC, so I'll have the recommendations to the City Manager within the next week and a half that we can come before Council with some of those recommendations.

And, that's it for me for now.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you. Councilman McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Nothing, Madam Chair.

Councilperson Lanier: Councilman Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Marina, I'm gonna be hosting a healing process, grow, mental health forum. We're going to look for reservations, so please go onto the City website and reserve a space for the mental health forum. It's really just to focus on sharing your personal issues, beliefs, background, and meeting with therapists, and making the conversation about mental health, mental wellness and normal conversation in our community.

On the 27th of March, going to be hosting community cleanup on the Congress corridor. That is gonna actually be a community led cleanup, where the residents are coming out to, to cleanup Congress corridor. That's gonna start at 10:00 a.m. on the 27th of March.

And, on March 31st, gonna be hosting a senior luncheon for our Lindsey Davis seniors at 11:30. It'll be at the Lindsey Davis Center. It will be a drive-thru, but we'll have some special entertainment for our seniors.

So, thank you residents and have a great night.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you, sir. Mr. Evans, you wanted to a brief comment?

City Manager Evans: Yes, Madam Chair.

For those that signed up to receive the vaccine commencing tomorrow through the weekend, we are still calling people back. We are trying to solidify persons appointments. People are trying to get babysitters and, you know, move other appointments to get them in. So, if you haven't received a call from us, you will get a call. I believe all the appoints for Thursday have been solidified, and then they will move forward with calling the other folks for Friday and Saturday.

So, just hang tight. Staff is working diligently to get through the list. And so, if you did..., we did capture your number, we will call you back.

Councilperson Lanier: Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Lanier: With that being said, this meeting is adjourned.

[Gavel]

[End of video]

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John Miller.....Mr. J. Miller
Glen Spiritis.....Mr. G. Spiritis
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