

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

PRESENT AT MEETING¹:

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MAYOR FELDER

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CHAIRPERSON BOTEL

CHAIR PRO TEM DOUGLAS A. LAWSON, DISTRICT 5

CHAIR PRO TEM LAWSON

COUNCILPERSON TRADRICK MCCOY, DISTRICT 1

COUNCILPERSON MCCOY

COUNCILPERSON SHIRLY D. LANIER, DISTRICT 3

COUNCILPERSON LANIER

COUNCILPERSON KASHAMBA MILLER- ANDERSON DISTRICT, 2

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON

CITY MANAGER JONATHAN EVANS

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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

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

[Before meeting chatter to 10:17]

[Gavel]

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Botel: I call to order the Regular City Council meeting for February 17, 2021. The time is 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Botel: Madam Clerk.

City Clerk Anthony: Mayor Ronnie Felder?

Mayor Felder: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Chairperson Julia Botel?

Chairperson Botel: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Chair Pro Tem Douglas Lawson?

Chair Pro Tem Lawson: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Tradrick McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

Councilperson Miller-Anderson: Present. Present.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Shirley Lanier?

Councilperson Lanier: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: City Manager Jonathan Evans?

City Manager Evans: Present.

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

30 **City Attorney Wynn:** Here.

31 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

32 **INVOCATION**

33 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

34 **Chairperson Botel:** We'll have a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of
35 Allegiance led by Councilwoman Lanier.

36 [Moment of silence]

37 **Councilperson Lanier:** I pledge allegiance...

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

40 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

41 **Chairperson Botel:** ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AN
42 AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE COMPLETE A PINK PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED
43 AT THE FRONT DESK PRIOR TO THE ITEM BEING TAKEN UP BY CITY COUNCIL
44 FOR DISCUSSION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF
45 THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA,
46 AND THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON EACH REGULAR ITEM. THE TIME LIMIT FOR
47 PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE REDUCED BY A VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL BASED
48 ON THE VOLUMINOUS NATURE OF PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS. IN NO EVENT
49 WILL ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A COMMENT CARD TO SPEAK ON AN
50 AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE RESOLUTION IS READ OR THE ITEM IS CONSIDERED.

51 **AGENDA APPROVAL**

52 **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

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

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

55 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. I have an additional community benefits requests
56 for the Riviera Beach Cares Homeless Coalition of \$1,000. And I believe the Clerk has
57 been in receipt of the documentation, as well as Mr. Sherman. And perhaps Mr. Evans.

58 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

59 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

60 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I just wanna point to my two additions and they're not
61 numbered, but they're at the very bottom of the digital copy, of my additions for community
62 benefits.

63 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

64 **Councilperson McCoy:** And, \$1750 for Riviera Beach Cares. And, \$1,750 for Faith
65 Deliverance Church. And I would ask if we can add those as Items 8A?

66 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Did you get that, Madam Clerk?

67 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair, Members of the Board. In the annotated
68 Agenda that was emailed to you all, it actually stated that it was gonna be 8A and 8B. It's
69 at the very end. The Items were listed at the very end of the Agenda, so it's very hard to
70 see.

71 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, okay. It's.., I don't have it in my annotated version so..,
72 but that's, that's fine. Thank you.

73 **City Clerk Anthony:** And also, Madam Chair, Members of the Board, there is a
74 correction to the name of the organization for Item No. 10. The Agenda stated Trans
75 Angels and the actual name of the organization is Tan Angels.

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

77 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

78 **Chairperson Botel:** So, would anyone care to make a motion to adopt the Agenda
79 with those additions?

80 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

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

82 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

83 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. The Agenda has been moved and seconded.
84 Madam Clerk.

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

86 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

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

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

90 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

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

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

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

94 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. The...

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

96 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Agenda is voted unanimously. Thank you. Could we have
 97 a motion to... Excuse me.

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

104 **MINUTES**

- 105 **1. AUGUST 26, 2019 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES**
 106 **CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090**
- 107 **2. AUGUST 17, 2020 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES**
 108 **CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090**
- 109 **3. AUGUST 21, 2020 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES**
 110 **CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090**
- 111 **4. AUGUST 27, 2020 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES**
 112 **CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090**
- 113 **5. JANUARY 20, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
 114 **CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090**

115 **RESOLUTIONS**

- 116 **6. RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF**
 117 **THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING**
 118 **THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SPACE ON**
 119 **THE CITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION TOWER WITH T-MOBILE SOUTH,**
 120 **LLC, ALLOWING THE INSTALLATION OF A BACK-UP GENERATOR FOR**
 121 **ADDITIONAL ANNUAL RENTAL COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,400.00;**

122 **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT;**
123 **AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

124 **NATHAN OSGOOD, CHIEF OF POLICE, 561-845-4170**

125 **7. RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF**
126 **THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING**
127 **AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT FOR INSTALLATION AND**
128 **PUBLIC ACCESS TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION AND**
129 **AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME; AND PROVIDING AN**
130 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

132 **8. WATCH KIDZ, INC.- \$500 - COUNCILPERSON SHIRLEY LANIER - THE**
133 **COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE PANELISTS OF THE**
134 **JUNETEENTH OF PBC BLACK HISTORY MONTH LIVE PANEL DISCUSSION.**

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

136 **Councilperson McCoy:** No, Madam Chair. But, I just..., was trying to ask a question
137 without having to pull an Item. But, is this correct that we're approving a August 26, 2019
138 meeting Minutes?

139 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam...

140 **Councilperson McCoy:** That's...

141 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Clerk?

142 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...a little over a year and a half.

143 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, unfortunately, yes. We
144 are still finding where Minutes were transcribed but had not been submitted for approval.

145 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

146 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

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

148 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

149 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So, is this just something old or is this something
150 we can expect in the future? Like, where are they..., how are they getting lost, the...
151 What's happening?

152 **City Clerk Anthony:** What is happening is, when we get a request for a set of
153 Minutes and we go back through and look and see that we don't have them in the book,

154 and when we check the records from what we received from the transcribers, we see that
155 we received them, but they were not submitted for approval. And, as, as you can see
156 from the number of meetings that we've had, the 2019 and 2020, we're just trying to keep
157 up.

158 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So, is there a checks and balance you have now
159 to ensure that whatever comes in...

160 **City Clerk Anthony:** I'm...

161 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...you'll track?

162 **City Clerk Anthony:** I'm constantly going back and forth, trying to make sure...,
163 comparing videos with notices to ensure that we have everything. And, I'm doing..., you
164 know, there are human errors that come in there along the way, but I always go back and
165 forth trying to make sure. And I, unfortunately, I do catch where I miss so'..., a couple of
166 meetings or so.

167 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. So, just hopefully we have some sort of
168 way of tracking them, so that they're able to get processed in a timely fashion.

169 Thank you.

170 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to
171 approve the Consent Agenda?

172 **Councilperson Lanier:** So moved.

173 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have a second?

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

175 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

176 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. The motion is to approve the Consent Agenda as
177 amended. If your name is call'.., when your name is called, please answer yes or no.
178 Madam Clerk.

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

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

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

182 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

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

184 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

185 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?
186 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.
187 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?
188 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. The Consent Agenda's approved by unanimous vote.

189 **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

190 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

191 **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

192 **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

193 **9. Chairperson Botel:** Resolution No... Sorry. [Pause]. 9. We have no..., we
194 have no presentations, no unfinished business. Resolution... Oh, I'm sorry. We have
195 a..., an award and presentation. No. 9.

196 **City Clerk Anthony: VERBAL PRESENTATION OF LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**
197 **FROM SENATOR BOBBY POWELL**

198 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, there are no public
199 comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards are now closed
200 for this Item.

201 **Chairperson Botel:** Is Senator Powell here?

202 **City Manager Evans:** Madam...

203 **Senator B. Powell:** I am here.

204 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh good. Good evening.

205 **Senator B. Powell:** Can you hear me?

206 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle]. Good evening.

207 **Senator B. Powell:** You may not be able to see me, but you can...

208 **Chairperson Botel:** Senator Powell, you're recognized.

209 **Senator B. Powell:** Wonderful. I thank you, Madam Chair, for giving me the opportunity
210 to present before you all this, this evening. We will be going through our PowerPoint
211 presentation. Real quick, it's not gonna be that long. I just wanted to give you all a quick
212 glimpse of what session is looking like this year and give you an opportunity, since I know
213 many Members may not travel up from Palm Beach County. I do have Councilman
214 McCoy on my schedule, I think, to meet with regards to some appropriations requests,

215 but if you all will not be attending, I did want to just run through what session will look like,
216 and give you the opportunity to [audio skipped] coordinate and connect with me.

217 Again, for those of you who do not know me, I am State Senator Bobby Powell,
218 Jr., a native born Riviera Beach [inaudible], born and raised in the City of Riviera Beach,
219 graduate of Palm Beach Gardens High school and, of course, I'm always in the City. I
220 wanna thank all of our Council Members for the work you're doing, and the Mayor Ronnie
221 Felder. Thank you, Chairwoman Botel, Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson,
222 Councilman Douglas [stammer]..., Doug'..., Douglas Alexander Lawson. Sorry, Doug,
223 Councilwoman Shirley Lanier and Councilman Tradrick K. McCoy, for your work in the
224 City. And I've had the opportunity to work with many of you. I just was with Councilman
225 Lawson not too long ago, working on a, a, a nice presentation he's doing for the Black
226 History Month.

227 So, without further ado, this is the legislative update, and we'll go ahead and move
228 from this, this screen right here to our next slide. So here, this tells you about the
229 legislature. Many people don't know what we do and know that we're bicameral
230 legislature. I am your State Senator. Previously, four years ago, I served as your State
231 Representative, now I'm in the State Senate, which is a body of only forty members. As
232 a State Senator, I cover more ground and I represent one out of forty, your State House,
233 we have one hundred and twenty members, and you have two State Representatives.
234 One is Representative Mike Caruso and the other is Representative Omari Hardy. I am
235 your only State Senator for the City of Riviera Beach. As a matter of fact, the only State
236 Senator for West Palm Beach, Lake Park, Mangonia Park, all these, these different areas.
237 And we can talk about that more for people who have questions.

238 I get a, I get a four-year term. I will be up in 2022. So, hopefully, I'll be ready to
239 return in 2022 as your Senator. And, in legislative session, although I'm in Tallahassee
240 right now, yes, I was home this weekend. Today I'm in Tallahassee. I'll see you all. This
241 weekend, I'll be home and then we're ready for session which starts on March 1st.

242 Legislative session is sixty days. That is the formal part of session. Committee
243 weeks actually start much earlier than that. During committee week, we start the process
244 of getting bills heard and getting appropriations requests put in. We do have approp'...,
245 appropriations requests from the City of Riviera Beach that I will discuss in a moment, but
246 for now, we have started putting those things in. And if you have any questions, or any
247 things that you would like to move forward with, please do not hesitate to contact my
248 office.

249 Onto our next slide. This talks about the Palm Beach county legislative delegation.
250 Just so you know, there are nine State Representatives in Palm Beach County, four State
251 Senators, of which I am your State Senator.

252 We'll move onto the next. This is the map of Senate District 30. Senate District
253 30, we cover a lot of ground. I actually am the Senator that has the most..., of the nine
254 representatives, I think six of them are a part of my District, so I'm the Senator that covers
255 more representatives from Palm Beach County than anybody else. And, these are the

256 cities that we represent. Notice in, in blazing and popped out with the larger font there,
257 is the City of Riviera Beach. But just so you know, as your Senator, I do also cover...
258 Now, I am originally from the City of Riviera Beach, but I also cover Royal Palm, Tequesta,
259 West Palm, West Lake, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach, North
260 Palm Beach, Cloud Lake, Glen Ridge, Haverhill, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Jupiter, Juno Beach,
261 Lake Park, Loxahatchee Groves, and Mangonia Park. I am indeed the first person from
262 the City of Riviera Beach to.., am actually the first person of color, from Palm Beach
263 County, first black person to serve in the State Senate.

264 We move forward with our next slide. And, these are the committees that I sit on
265 this year. These, these are important. I sit on the full appropriations committee. That's
266 the committee that deals the bulk of the money. This year, the Governor has proposed a
267 \$96.4 billion budget. I sit on the Commerce and Tourism Committee, Community Affairs.
268 That's important because we deal with a lot of home rule issues, your CRAs and your
269 local issues, will go through that committee. Criminal Justice, the Joint Committee on
270 Public Council Oversight. I am the alternating Chair, and I'm also on the Rules
271 Committee, the committee that deals with any bill before it comes to the floor. So,
272 before any bill goes to the floor, it either has to go through rules or appropriations, which
273 means I will see just about every bill before it hits the floor this year.

274 Move on to the next slide. And, these are just some of of the bills that I've
275 introduced thus far. This is only.., this is not even half of them because I.., thus far,
276 introduced, or have ready to file, about fourteen or fifteen bills. Usually, I file somewhere
277 around eighteen to twenty-three bills, but this year I've got reemployment assistance.
278 This is important because fifty-eight percent of the people who've applied for
279 unemployment since we have been in the pandemic have not received a single dime.
280 Now that's really, really important. People can talk about a lot of different issues, but the
281 fact that we went into a pandemic and people who are on the frontlines, people who are
282 working in grocery stores, people who are working all sorts of places, did not receive the
283 first dime because the, the state's system was trying to be politically correct and not, not..,
284 the state system was, was broken. And, and this affected a lot of people.

285 Direct file of juveniles in the adult prison system. Councilman McCoy, when, when
286 we worked together, he knows this is something that I've been working on since I was a
287 member of the House. Actually, before I was even State Rep when I worked for
288 Commissioner Mack Bernard as his aide when he was State Rep. We've been chomping
289 away at direct file of juveniles in the adult prison system and we just got our first hearing
290 the other day with regard to how these juvenile offenders in.., offenders in adult population
291 so that they're no longer going to be housed with adults.

292 Florida Bright Future Scholarship program. We've got a bill for that. Minimum
293 qualifications for law enforcement officers or correctional officers, and mental health
294 training for law enforcement officers. I have been a big proponent for mental health
295 training, as I know in our communities, one of the things that we do not discuss, as much
296 as we should, is mental health. And for our law enforcement officers, that's very important
297 as well because we experience trauma throughout our lifetimes, whether it's been a
298 death, whether it's been a, a incident that we've seen or that has happened to us, but law

299 enforcement officers, that's heightened times ten because these individuals who, in their
300 general course of work run into people who have been shot, traffic accidents, a number
301 of things that normal people don't see. And this type of trauma sometimes, if left undealt
302 with, can cause or create other problems. So, we push that legislation. That's one of our
303 bills that we've introduced.

304 Now we move on to our next slide, which shows you the list of appropriations. This
305 is a big list of appropriations requests that we got in the budget last year. Now mind you,
306 the Governor cut all of our appropriations last year, except for three. So, we ended up at
307 about thirteen or fourteen different requests we had made it through the process, actually,
308 it looks like we had fifteen, we ended up with three requests after the Governor made his
309 cuts due to COVID. Now this year, we have put in requests for the Palm Beach County
310 Firefighter's Cancer Initiative Reduction Project, which is \$800,000. And you see we
311 actually had that in the budget last year, we had requested that same amount. And, we
312 didn't get that amount, we actually, I think, we ended up with... Let me see what we
313 ended up with. We ended up with \$400,000 through the process that was cut by the
314 Governor.

315 The Palm Beach County Bunker Gear Contamination Project, \$800,000 has been
316 requested. We'll see what we get through with. The Female Teen Delinquency
317 Prevention Program, we've requested \$630,000. As far as the African American History
318 Museum and Library, we requested another \$400,000. We are an African American...,
319 we're in Black History Month. Remember, history is the clock that people use to tell their
320 historical cultural time of day. And, and I can go on and on.

321 But, Community Based Post-COVID Acceleration Initiative, \$200,000 we
322 requested for that. And then, we also, once again, last year we had a, you see it at the
323 top of my list, Riviera Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Pilot Program. We received
324 \$150,000 before it was vetoed by the Governor so this year we're requesting the same
325 thing, another \$150,000 in the budget for that.

326 So, that's where we are in terms of our budget. The biggest thing, remember,
327 people can..., who do not know about the legislature, every year, the major thing that we
328 have to pass is the budget. It doesn't matter if we pass one bill, we do have to pass that
329 budget.

330 Now we'll move on to the 2021 major session issues. And, the 2021 major session
331 issues, change the slide here, the biggest issue you'll see that will affect the City of Riviera
332 Beach in the State of Florida, are the legislation that's being pushed by the Governor and
333 others, as anti-protestor legislation that will heighten penalties for those who are
334 protesting if some kind of violence breaks out during the protest, creating some, some
335 things that were misdemeanors before, will now become felonies, longer periods of time
336 that people will be held in jail. There, there were parts of this legislation that would've
337 allowed people who were blocking streets to be run over. That has been stricken from
338 the proposed bill but that, remember, that was a part of this reform that we saw in
339 September.

340 As far as me and the Florida Legislative Black Caucus on last Tuesday, had a
341 press conference to talk about police reform where we dropped fourteen or fifteen
342 different bills into..., we filed fourteen or fifteen bills related to reforms that we'd like to see,
343 and we're still waiting to file our omnibus bill related to policing reform. Unemployment,
344 that's huge because right now, the issue that I told you about, myself and Representative
345 Ann Eskamani are working on this, along with other members of the Senate and the
346 House, who have smaller pieces of bills. I spoke with Dane Eagle today. Dane Eagle,
347 by the way, is the Secretary of Department of Educa'.., sorry, Department of Economic
348 Opportunity, about the system, and we're still working, after all..., over a year, or about a
349 year, to still get that system fixed. Education, you're seeing where teachers have been
350 paid minimal amounts for years. That has been increased but still, some of the teachers
351 who have been working in the field for years, don't see that increase. And also, we're
352 seeing that there's a push to push children into more voucher programs, more private
353 school programs, which allows a number of different things to happen and we will be
354 fighting against that, but that is on the agenda, or on the..., one of the biggest issues we'll
355 be facing this year.

356 Mental health and COVID-19 are always issues..., or, COVID-19 hasn't always
357 been an issue but for the last year it's been a part of our, our speech, and it's part of our
358 new normal. So, of course, most of the stuff that we deal with now, will be centered on
359 COVID-19.

360 Those are our session issues. And, as we move forward to the next slide, this is
361 the vaccine update. As you know, we've done a couple of vaccine events with the City
362 of Rivera Beach, in partnership with the City and partnership with the state, and
363 partnership with Greater Bethel and a number of churches in the community, I thank you
364 too, Chief Curd, Chief.., the [stammer].., Chief Golden. Thank you to our, our Police
365 Chief, Chief... Why can't I think of the Chief. Chief Osgood. Thank you to the City
366 Manager, Jonathan Evans, and thank you to our City Council for showing up at the site
367 and working with people. As a matter of fact, I think I saw each, each person there. I, I
368 did see..., I, I can recall seeing Councilman McCoy, Councilman Lawson, Councilwoman
369 Botel and Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson. I, I know I spoke to each one of
370 you personally, so thank you all for your work in making sure that the residents of Riviera
371 Beach were vaccinated at Wells Recreation Center which has done more than, at this
372 point, more than at least twelve hundred people. More than a thousand. And, if we get
373 an opportunity, I'm still pushing for the City to be a fulltime site. If we can make that
374 happen, that will be great. Great, great.

375 And, my office, we'll move to the next slide..., consists of Diane Andre, Kersti Myles
376 and Kristofer Stubbs. Their email addresses are attached. My office number is 2715
377 North Australian Avenue, Suite 105. The phone number is 561-650-6880. These are the
378 numbers that people can use to get in touch with me. Once in a while I'll see a constituent
379 say that they've reached out to me, they didn't hear from me. Generally, if you reach out
380 to me, you will hear from me unless you don't call my phone or send us an email. I
381 generally don't respond to Facebook messages. It's, it's just not professional. So, if you
382 tag me in a post on Facebook and say, 'I'm reaching out to you,' that's not..., you're not

383 reaching out to me. You're being ridiculous. [Chuckle]. So, that's my staff. This is how
384 you get in touch with us and this helps people as we move forward.

385 And, the last thing I'd like to say is, the last slide is, if you have any questions,
386 comments or concerns, I'm right here, ready and available to answer them for you. Glad
387 to be able to join you all virtually. Look forward to being able to see you all once again in
388 person. But I've seen you all recently, so I know everybody's happy and healthy. And
389 also, to the members in the audience, I have seen from the view that I was looking at, at
390 earlier, I see quite a few people in the audience who I'm familiar with and I, I share those
391 sentiments with. Thank you all for coming out and continuing to do your work. I think I
392 saw Ms. Cindy March, Ms. Hubbard and a number of other people. Ya'll continue to do
393 your work and I'm proud to be here to represent you all in the State Senate.

394 Thank you so much.

395 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Senator Powell. I...

396 [Feedback]

397 **Chairperson Botel:** I want... I'm getting feedback. I wanna thank you for the
398 vaccine events that you've held.., helped us hold here in the City. And also, I was at the
399 League of Cities Board of Directors meeting just this morning, and we were talking about
400 the fact that you were opposing Senate Bill 62, the dissolution of regional planning
401 councils. And we really appreciate the work that you put into helping us maintain home
402 rule. That's really important to us. So, thank you so much.

403 Any other people wanna make a comment or to thank Senator Powell?

404 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

405 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized.

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

407 Senator Powell, I just wanted to personally take this moment to thank you for the
408 work that you've done for our community, for the efforts that you did for vaccinating our
409 residents. At the time when I spoke with you, I believe about three percent of the African
410 American population was vaccinated and our Governor issued the vaccinations through
411 a private entity. And, at that moment, you took the initiative to make sure that the vaccine,
412 knowing that our Publix here in our community does not even have a pharmacy to operate
413 and assist, you made sure that it got over to our Staff, who did a phenomenal job
414 distributing it. So, Senator Powell, we owe that to you, our County Administration, Ms.
415 Verdenia Baker and Commissioner Mack Bernard. So, thank you Senator Powell for the
416 efforts you've been doing, and continue to fight for our community.

417 **Chairperson Botel:** Anyone else?

418 **Senator B. Powell:** Thank you.

419 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Just wanted to say...
420 **Chairperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

421 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...thank you as well, Senator Powell, for all that
422 you're doing. And.., especially with the COVID vaccinations.

423 Thank you.

424 **Senator B. Powell:** Thank you.

425 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Have a good evening.

426 **Senator B. Powell:** Well, let me say this before we close out. Councilwoman Botel, I do
427 wanna say thank you for paying attention to what's happening with those regional
428 planning councils. As most of you know, while I am a.., an AICP Certified Urban Planner,
429 and I do understand the importance of planning councils, I do understand the importance
430 of good planning, especially for our cities. And, what I can tell you is, that it's very difficult
431 to sit on a.., to sit on a dais with a number of people who do not understand this discipline,
432 to tell you that planning is not necessary and continue to [inaudible] urban growth and
433 development grow out of control and inconsistent with the way that we would move
434 forward, making our state sustainable. So, thank you for paying attention to that major,
435 major issue. As far as all of our other Council Members, Councilman Doug Lawson, thank
436 you for the work that you've done, especially when it came to the vaccine and helping to
437 get many of those residents vaccinated. You went out into the community and grabbed
438 people by the hand and drug 'em to.., I won't say that. You brung them... [Chuckle]. You
439 brung them to Wells to make sure that people were vaccinated. And, so did you
440 Commissioner.., Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson. So I wanna thank you all
441 for your work.

442 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you again.

443 **Senator B. Powell:** Thank you all. Good night. I will see you all when I get back home.

444 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you so much.

445 **Senator B. Powell:** Thank you.

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

447 **City Clerk Anthony:** **PROCLAMATION FOR TANANGELS DECLARING**
448 **FEBRUARY AS BILE DUCT CANCER MONTH FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR**
449 **RONNIE FELDER.**

450 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, I do not have any public
451 comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is
452 now closed.

453 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

454 **City Clerk Anthony:** And, I will be reading this Proclamation on behalf of the Mayor.

455 Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach
456 County, Florida declaring the month of February as Bile Duct Cancer Month in the City of
457 Riviera Beach.

458 WHEREAS, Cholangiocarcinoma, also known as Bile Duct Cancer, is a rare
459 cancer that affects an estimated twenty thousand people a year in the United States; and

460 WHEREAS, Bile Duct Cancer is a rare disease to detect because it does not
461 usually cause signs or symptoms until later in the course of the disease; and

462 WHEREAS, TanAngels Forever, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is
463 to bring awareness, educate others, support those affected by the disease, raise funds
464 for research and awareness for Bile Duct Cancer while partnering and collaborating with
465 other organizations to bring awareness; and

466 WHEREAS, TanAngels was founded in memory of Tanya Gayle Ingraham, who
467 passed away in 2017 after a courageous battle with this aggressive, silent and deadly
468 disease; and

469 WHEREAS, the organization has hosted two Colors of Hope brunches where it
470 brought awareness about Bile Duct Cancer and celebrated cancer warriors, survivors and
471 caregivers, has delivered three hundred TanAngels gift bags of hope, which included
472 healthcare products, inspirational items, blankets and stuffed animals to cancer patients,
473 and hosted the second annual 10k, 5k run/walk on February 12, 2020 and assisted fifty-
474 three cancer patients financially during 2020 Fiscal Year.

475 NOW THEREFORE, I, Ronnie L. Felder, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, by
476 the power vested in me by the residents of Riviera Beach, do hereby proclaim the month
477 of February as Bile Duct Cancer Month, and encourage citizens, public and private
478 organizations, and other interested persons, to increase awareness of how to detect Bile
479 Duct Cancer.

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

482 Ronnie L. Felder, Mayor. Claudene L. Anthony, City Clerk.

483 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Item No. 11.

484 **Mr. F. Lozman:** Point of order. The time is [inaudible].

485 **Chairperson Botel:** Excuse me, Mr. Lozman, I'll decide when we do public
486 comment. Thank you very much.

487 **Mr. F. Lozman:** [Inaudible].

488 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair? Madam Chair? And Mayor, I
489 don't know. I, I do see them in the audience. Did they want to say..., were they...

490 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, thank you. Yes.

491 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...do you want them to say anything?

492 **Chairperson Botel:** That would be lovely. Thank you very much.

493 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I don't know if she heard you.

494 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh. Do we have a representative from TanAngels in the
495 audience?

496 [Inaudible audience comment]

497 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. I didn't recognize them. [Pause]. Good evening.
498 Thank you.

499 **Ms. S. Price:** Can I say something?

500 **Unk.:** Sure.

501 **Ms. S. Price:** Good evening everyone. I'm Sandra Price, the President and Founder of
502 TanAngels Forever, Inc. I have a couple of my Board Members also here with me tonight,
503 the Palm Beach County Chapter TriMets that partners with us in assisting all types of
504 cancer patients throughout the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Broward
505 County and Dade County.

506 I just wanna thank the City of Riviera Beach. I wanna thank Mayor Felder for
507 always supporting our organization. It really means a lot to us. I grew up here, my sister
508 grew up here and it really means a lot that home is supporting us.

509 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any other comments by Council Members?

510 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I just wanted to say thank you. I definitely
511 appreciate all that you all do. I know you're out in the community doing a lot so I
512 appreciate that.

513 **Ms. S. Price:** Thank you.

514 **Unk.:** Thank you.

515 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you very much.

516 **Mayor Felder:** [Inaudible], you know how I feel. Classmate. Just the work that you
517 guys are doing and I just thank you for inviting me to be a part of the great work that you're
518 doing and I look forward to us helping more cancer patients.

519 **Ms. S. Price:**Yes.

520 **Mayor Felder:** Let's beat it.

521 **Ms. S. Price:**Thank you.

522 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

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

524 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, are we moving forward
525 with Item No. 11 or are we...

526 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. We'll move forward with Item No. 11.

527 **Unk.:** Mayor. [Inaudible].

528 **City Clerk Anthony:** I'm..., I'm gonna read the No. 11 on behalf of the Mayor. He's
529 asked me to do that.

530 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

531 **City Clerk Anthony:** **IN MEMORIAM OF MR. ANDREW DEGRAFFENREIDT, III,**
532 **EMPLOYEE NO. 6478 FROM MAYOR RONNIE FELDER.**

533 On behalf of Mayor Felder, from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach,
534 Palm Beach County, Florida, in memoriam of Mr. Andrew Degraffenreidt, III, Esq.,
535 Employee No. 6478.

536 WHEREAS, the City of Riviera Beach chose at the helm, three Alpha Phi Alpha
537 men, Mr. Tony Smith, the late Mr. Gerald Adams, and Mr. Andrew Degraffenreidt, III who
538 were given the affectionate nicknames Alf, Papa Smurf, and Broke Down. It's alright to
539 laugh, love and respect were behind those names and they knew it; and

540 WHEREAS, Attorney Andrew Degraffenreidt served for a total of almost fifteen
541 years as the City Attorney for the City of Riviera Beach; and

542 WHEREAS, Mr. Degraffenreidt was known for being unapologetically bold and, at
543 times, a little cocky, which he admitted, while maintaining self-respect and respect for
544 others; and

545 WHEREAS, his thirst for world-knowledge, instilled by his parents and personality,
546 is only part of the reason why his biography is as extensive as it is. The main reason was
547 because he accepted Jesus the Christ as his personal Savior; and

548 WHEREAS, Colossians Chapter 3, versus 23 and 24, resonated with Mr.
549 Degraffenreidt and helped him to understand that being a servant came at a cost, but the
550 reward which awaits him is far greater; and

551 WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Attorney Andrew Degraffenreidt, III, heard his
552 master and creator say, 'My son, your work is done. Come on home.'

553 NOW THEREFORE, I, Ronnie L. Felder, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, on
554 behalf of the City's elected officials, Administration, Staff and citizens do hereby reiterate
555 the words Mr. Degraffenreidt would say, 'May the work I've done speak for me.'

556 MAY IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, Employee No., 6478, Attorney Andrew
557 Degraffenreidt, III, was hereby put to rest, and the original of the memorium was placed
558 in the hand of the family.

559 Mayor Felder called for the City seal to be embossed on the 12th day of February
560 in the year of our Lord 2021.

561 Ronnie L. Felder, Mayor. Claudene L. Anthony, City Clerk.

562 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any comments from Council Members? [Pause].
563 Thank you.

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

566 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk, I'm gonna read the comments from the public
567 section now.

568 **Chairperson Botel:** PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS
569 **ADOPTED RULES OF DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING**
570 **OFFICIAL MEETINGS, WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE FRONT DESK. IN AN**
571 **EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO,**
572 **THE COUNCIL CHAIR MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER OR ATTENDEE**
573 **REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING AND/OR THE BUILDING IF**
574 **NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.**

575 **PUBLIC COMMENT SHALL BEGIN AT 7:30, UNLESS THERE IS NO FURTHER**
576 **BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WHICH, IN THAT EVENT, IT SHALL BEGIN**
577 **SOONER. IN ADDITION, IF AN ITEM IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 7:30 P.M., THEN**
578 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ITEM**
579 **HAS BEEN CONCLUDED. ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK DURING**
580 **PUBLIC COMMENTS, PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED AT**
581 **THE FRONT DESK AND GIVE IT TO STAFF BEFORE THE PUBLIC COMMENT**
582 **SECTION IS ANNOUNCED.**

583 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, the acceptance of
584 public comment cards for this section of the Agenda is now closed. Mr. Willie Milsap,
585 Margaret Shepherd, Dr. Glen Spiritis.

586 **Mr. W. Milsap:** Good evening. Mr. Milsap, Riviera Beach.

587 My question that I've been ask' numerous of times when I came to this podium,
588 and I have not received an answer from any of the questions that I asked.

589 I have some new questions tonight, and I hope I can get an answer to it from
590 somebody. If you come down any interstate here in this, this City limits, you don't see
591 anything on 95 directing for any information or regulatory coming to the City. No
592 information about hotels, gas, some place to eat or anything. Can somebody tell me why
593 that's not represented on 95 for our City?

594 And I thank you all for taking the time out, giving individuals here some food,
595 making sure they get a shot every now and then, whatever the case may be, for COVID-
596 19, but why is it that you have to pinpoint everything to be done east of the railroad tracks?
597 We have Wells Recreation, which is good. That's where ya'll line up at. But what's wrong
598 with Tate's? Call it Dan Calloway. Why is it that all the residents all have to come east
599 of the tracks to get anything done? Because ya'll don't do anything for the residents on
600 that other side of the tracks, that we can see. You might have it in your mouth saying
601 you're doing it, but because I don't see it, it may be done under cover.

602 Nobody takes the time out to address the questions that I've come in here asking.
603 And getting back with me with some definitive answer. My words may not be what they
604 need to be to address you people, because ya'll have those educations and we put you
605 there. But think about us. We need some help on that side of the tracks. It it's ain't no
606 more than addressing some of the problems that we have, and we do have problems over
607 there.

608 Ya'll have something coming up now to vote on, the residents to pay for
609 something? The road, ya'll go down 1st Street, it's like a washboard. Which some of ya'll
610 may not know what that is, but that's that up and down motion. Right off of Barack Obama.
611 And I don't think you're traveling that [stammer] that neighborhood over there unless you
612 are coming over to ask us for our votes, during that certain time of year. Other than that,
613 you don't have no business to come over there and do. So, and I don't think any of ya'll
614 know what I'm talking about unless you come over there. So one day ya'll take the time
615 out and come on that side of the tracks and address some of those issues that I am talking
616 about now. And I'm quite sure there's quite a few other individuals that are here can
617 understand what I'm saying. They may not say nothing about it, but ya'll need to do
618 something about it.

619 So, I thank ya'll for your time this evening. And be blessed and stay safe.

620 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

621 **City Clerk Anthony:** Margaret Shepherd, Dr. Glen Spirits, Lynne Hubbard.

622 **Ms. M. Shepherd:** Margaret Shepherd. Chair, Vice Chair and to all of you. The Mayor
623 and the City Manager.

624 I'm here today 'cause I'm kinda troubled. I understand the election is coming on,
625 and, and it's become a tactic to attack one another. Well, I was kinda devastated the

626 other night when I was listening to the program Westside/Eastside, or whatever. I'm not
627 sure. But, they started talking about Sammie, Sammie Brown. And it's just deplorable
628 that this young man is going somewhere, is attacked because he speaks out. I have a
629 four-year old..., well, she was four then, Summer. Summer got up in this mic and, I mean,
630 this girl started saying things, unbelievable, and they said did you teach her that? I said
631 no, she come into this meeting and she hear' this stuff. And so, Sammie's not a little kid
632 anymore, he's eighteen. He's in college. And if nothing else, I believe that he's gonna
633 be a part of this community that help the millennials. You haven't heard him rob anybody,
634 he ain't got no baby on the way. So, who are you? Take care of your own children. Look
635 at your own children. I take care of mine. And when I see them get off, I, I don't have to
636 say too much, I just look at them. It's inappropriate to talk about a young man that's go'...,
637 in college, and with all A's. I applaud him. And then he come' to work, I applaud him, for
638 taking care 'his boss, who is now a widow.

639 So, I hope I never hear that again because some of the people that was blogging,
640 I guess you all call it blogging, I don't know about Facebook, I'm just learning, that you...,
641 if you wanna attack each other, attack each other, but the President of the United States,
642 you do not attack their children. And anybody that know me, my children are off limits. I
643 pray to go God that when I hear what someone say, I have to restrain myself because
644 they are my children. If you have a problem with my children, or anybody else' children...,
645 but he's not a child anymore. He's not a child. Let's deal with him appropriately. He is a
646 gentle giant, that reaches out everywhere, he go' everywhere. How many people do that?
647 How many, how many people go to Washington and, and, and go here and meet with the
648 Sen'... Who does that? Who does that?

649 If you got children, rub your hand on their head and say thank God that my children
650 is not in jail.

651 Thank you.

652 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

653 **City Clerk Anthony:** Dr. Glen Spirits, Lynne Hubbard, Karen Gleason.

654 **Dr. G. Spiritis:** Glen Spiritis, Riviera Beach.

655 Honorable Mayor, Members of the Council, City Manager, City Staff. Once again,
656 good evening. I'm glad that my comments started some discussion about the revolving
657 loan program for the drinking water fund, and hopefully, that will move forward.

658 But, I'm here to speak tonight on a very disturbing email that I received a few days
659 ago. And I wasn't gonna comment on it, except I received a phone call today that was
660 very similar, and I felt I must bring this to the attention. And this is the email verbatim.
661 And I don't know this person. I spoke to him yesterday, just to ask permission to read the
662 email publicly. So, I don't know this person at all. 'Dr. Spirits, I am a resident of Riviera
663 Beach. I understand that you are running for City Council. An individual with your
664 opponent's name on their car door, who happens to be my next door neighbor, John

665 Miller, told me if I would put up a sign in my front yard for your opponent, that your
666 opponent would get me a COVID vaccine. That was two weeks ago.

667 I didn't add a sign and today both my wife and I are COVID positive. I suppose
668 that I must be old fashioned, but my opinion, this is a deadly game being played by your
669 opponent, and I would be happy to help with your campaign in any way that I can after I
670 get rid of the COVID virus.

671 Your neighbor, Stuart H. Cunningham, PE, PSM.

672 I don't know this person at all. But, after the comments that I heard at a previous
673 Council meeting by some residents, and after the phone call I received today, I just hope...,
674 and I believe that my opponent probably doesn't know about this, or had anything to do
675 with this, but I would ask that this be looked into. And, and this stopped, that we should
676 not be trading votes or support for a COVID vaccine. This should be off base and no one
677 should have to deal with this. And I hope that this will be looked into.

678 Thank you.

679 **City Clerk Anthony:** Lynne Hubbard, Karen Gleason, Steven Craig.

680 **Ms. L. Hubbard:** Lynne Hubbard, Riviera Beach.

681 I'm here to urge the residents, my neighbors to vote no on the two amendments
682 on the ballot. The words protect and preserve are thrown in the'..., in there as language
683 to distract the residents from what they're opening themselves up for. If, if either of those
684 ballot amendments were in the best interest of the residents, there would have been a
685 town hall on the front end, before they hit the ballot, not after the fact.

686 The, the other thing is, why in the middle of a pandemic, when you can't host a
687 town hall community meeting to discuss the language before it go' on the ballot, are these
688 two issues being pushed through? That's what you have to stop and ask yourself. These,
689 these things are no good for you. When someone tells you that they're going to take
690 away what you already have, to give you something that is supposed to do better by you
691 or for you, you really need to stop and think about..., think about that.

692 Our water bills are high. They're extremely high. On the backs of a \$40 million
693 loan that we got no benefit from, that's what we..., that's why our water bills are high. Our
694 water bills are collateral for that loan. Our water bills will continue to be high for the
695 borrowing of several more million dollars. So, now, you say that we want to be assessed
696 for proposed road work that might happen. Now mind you, it doesn't read like that on the
697 ballot itself, but when you look at what's proposed and what could happen to you because
698 of the language that's there, that's what we need to look for.

699 I urge you to vote no. And if the community is looking out for themselves, and if
700 they have any interest about where we're going and what's happening to you, I'd like to
701 take this opportunity to tell you, we must vote for Glen Spiritis so that we can retain and
702 get community back, and control. Because, we are giving away our City block by block.

703 We don't need the sheriff department here. We have fought against the types and the
704 likes of the sheriff department all of our lives. One thing we know, we know, we don't
705 need the sheriff department here. Vote no on both amendments.

706 Thank you.

707 **City Clerk Anthony:** Karen Gleason, Steven Craig, Brenda Smith.

708 **Ms. K. Gleason:** I'm Karen Gleason and I live at 1211 Pine Point Road on Singer
709 Island.

710 And, I understand by looking at some postings on social media sites that people
711 are confused about a private meeting that I asked 'be held in the Ambassador Center last
712 week. I wrote a letter to Dr. Julie Botel, who is my representative. Back in January, I've
713 had discussions with her about what's going on in the Lagoon? What's the City gonna
714 do? Are you doing enough? Help me understand. And our, our residents on Pine Point
715 are very directly affected by what's going on in the Lagoon. We're concerned about it.
716 And, I said, 'Would you put together some City people, Mr. Sirmons, Ms. Busby, Mr.
717 Evans, to tell us what the City's doing, because there's been a lot of activity by other
718 governmental agencies...

719 **Councilperson McCoy:** Talk in the mic.

720 **Ms. K. Gleason:** ...on going [inaudible].

721 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Gleason, could you just talk into the microphone?

722 **Ms. K. Gleason:** Yeah. Sorry. So, I., so, she agreed, and I asked in this letter, The
723 residents of Pine Point Road are interested in having a meeting which would update them
724 on issues with regard to submerged lands and other areas of concern around Lake Worth
725 Lagoon. We would appreciate your help in bringing that to meet'.., meeting Riviera Beach
726 officials who, along with representatives we know from other organizations, can speak to
727 the issues and answer questions. I have also identified a group of Singer Island residents
728 who have expressed concerns over preservation of the Lagoon that should be invited to
729 the meeting. The audience should be limited only to those persons who RSVP in order
730 to keep social distancing.

731 Please ask the City if it will allow us to use the Ambassador Center, subject to
732 COVID distancing requirements.

733 Thank you in advance for helping me arrange this meeting. Sincerely, Karen
734 Gleason.

735 So, Dr. Botel got back to me and said, 'Yes, you can host the meeting.' There is
736 a fee, and fine, \$55, which we paid and which I have evidence of here. The check hasn't
737 cleared the bank yet, but I brought the bank'.., the register. And, we sent out about a
738 thousand invitations. Asked Dr. Botel for help with that to let the area know and got back

739 forty-four RSVPs. We know every person who got an invitation, and we know every
740 person who got, who got the.., who RSVP'd to us.

741 And we had a very informative, helpful, thank you, socially distanced...

742 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Ms. Gleason.

743 **Ms. K. Gleason:** ...meeting.

744 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

745 **Ms. K. Gleason:** That's it. My time's up. Okay. That's fine.

746 **City Clerk Anthony:** Steven Craig, Brenda Smith, Cindy March.

747 **Mr. S. Craig:** Steven Craig, 1091 Pine Point Road.

748 I was also at this meeting and I appreciate Commissioner Botel coming over to
749 update us, and the Staff to update us on the things that are going on, on Singer Island.
750 You know, people..., there's some feedback on this. There's some blowback, I guess, but
751 if I had invited Commissioner Botel to my house and invited ten or fifteen of my residents,
752 and she had brought a couple of Staff and we had a meeting in my home, no one would
753 say anything. There would be no problem with that. And if someone who wanted to come
754 in my home and disrupt the meeting, and I said, 'No, you can't come into my home. You
755 can't disrupt our meeting.' No one would have a problem with that.

756 So, the only difference is we invited more people than fit my home. So, we rented
757 a place that would accommodate the people. And I don't see any problem with this. It
758 seems like a lot to do about nothing. And I thank everybody.

759 One quick thing, I got my second shot today and I would like to say that the, the
760 efficiency of the Staff, and the police and the Fire Department, and the organization was
761 incredible. It has to be the best that's in the United States of America.

762 Thank you.

763 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

764 **City Clerk Anthony:** Brenda Smith, Cindy March, Ladi Goldwire.

765 **Ms. B. Smith:** Good evening all. My name is Ms. Brown.

766 Here again we are revisiting this deplorable water issue in Riviera Beach, again.
767 If I may digress back to maybe about a decade ago, and here it is again, we're getting
768 our water bills raised, extremely high. We didn't get a notice the first time, we still haven't
769 got a notice this time. And this is just not fair to the residents of Riviera Beach.

770 Unlike FPL and any other, other Utilities, they always let the residents know ahead
771 of time, two or three months in advance, that they're gonna raise their rates. I can't

772 understand, as a panel, why we are not given that same opportunity when you're raising
773 our rates? Again, I think that this..., that this issue shouldn't keep being re'..., keep being
774 revisited over and over again. The water is awful. Some people, in some areas, they're
775 turning on their water and the water is green.

776 As a matter of fact, actually, I used to reside in Chicago before I [stammer]
777 relocated here to South Florida. I have a friend that just called me last night and she too
778 was telling me that there's some issues in Florida, especially in our area. She said, 'I
779 can't believe that you guys have water like that.' And, as you all know who are very
780 political, you know that Chicago is a very political city, and while there, I was involved in
781 different things that we've done. But, we must do something about this. We can't keep
782 revisiting something every, every decade. So, it's been ten years and, and here we go
783 again, we're addressing the same issues. We must do something about this.

784 And, and, and also, that requires changing who we have, some people that's there,
785 that's supposed to be orchestrating this, they're not doing what they're supposed do. So,
786 when that happens, we are gonna have to put someone else in their place to do what has
787 to be done.

788 You guys, thank you and have a good evening.

789 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

790 **City Clerk Anthony:** Cindy March, Ladi Goldwire, and I think this says William
791 Wiley.

792 **Ms. C. March:** Good evening Council. I just wanna say, you know, I was looking
793 at...

794 **Chairperson Botel:** State your name and...

795 **Ms. C. March:** ...the debate...

796 **Chairperson Botel:** Please state your name and your address.

797 **Ms. C. March:** Hi. I don't have to... Nobody else stated their address, so I'm not
798 doing that. My name is Cindy March from Riviera Beach, Florida.

799 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

800 **Ms. C. March:** Thank you, Mrs. Botel.

801 And, let me just say, can I put my seconds back on there since you intervened in
802 my three minutes speak?

803 Okay. Let me just say this to you all, I was looking at the debate with Botel and
804 with Dr. Spiritis, and I was appalled when ya'll said ya'll say ya'll paid \$10 million and you
805 all put a Band-Aid on the water plant, and we still with the same problem. And the last

806 meeting, you all asked the government for another fifty something million dollars, that's
807 not acceptable.

808 And I want a rebuttal. And I don't disrespect my elderly, but I knew I woulda had
809 them handcuffs put on me in the old City Hall, so when you say one person disrespected
810 somebody, remember, you're the same elderly lady that disrespected one of the
811 Councilpeople child was picking up..., you said something very derogatory about his child
812 being deformed or something. And I started to, I started to do a real ugly outburst, but
813 because you was elderly, my daddy have learned me and taught me...

814 [Inaudible audience comment]

815 **Ms. C. March:** ...to respect, respect people.

816 [Inaudible audience comment]

817 **Ms. C. March:** Respect people. So that..., that..., that's why I stayed calm...

818 [Inaudible audience comment]

819 **Ms. C. March:** ...in that meeting.

820 [Inaudible audience comment]

821 **Ms. C. March:** That's why..., that's why I stayed calm in that meeting.

822 [Inaudible audience comment]

823 [Gavel]

824 **Ms. C. March:** ...and I did not say anything...

825 **Chairperson Botel:** We'll have a recess..

826 **Ms. C. March:** ...in that meeting.

827 [Inaudible audience comment]

828 **Chairperson Botel:** ...if we can't have...

829 **Ms. C. March:** And that's why, when you set a rule...

830 [Inaudible audience comment]

831 **Ms. C. March:** ...set it for everybody.

832 **Unk. Audience:** Your nobody.

833 **Ms. C. March:** When I be on that Page, I never...

834 [Inaudible audience comment]

835 **Ms. C. March:** ...said anything...

836 [Gavel]

837 **Chairperson Botel:** Walter...

838 **Ms. C. March:** [Inaudible]...

839 [Inaudible audience comment]

840 **Chairperson Botel:** ...we're in recess.

841 **Ms. C. March:** I never said anything...

842 **Chairperson Botel:** Just shut off...

843 **Ms. C. March:** ...about...

844 **Chairperson Botel:** ...the camera, please.

845 **Ms. C. March:** ...Mr. Sammie Brown 'cause I don't...

846 [Inaudible audience comment]

847 **Ms. C. March:** ...even know that young man.

848 **Chairperson Botel:** We are in...

849 **Ms. C. March:** I'm on...

850 **Chairperson Botel:** ...recess.

851 **Ms. C. March:** Okay. Go ahead.

852 **Unk. Audience:** You got the wrong sister.

853 **Chairperson Botel:** We are in recess for five minutes.

854 **Ms. C. March:** Okay. Thank you.

855 **Unk. Audience:** Stay out of my business, that's what you better do. You can play
856 with them [inaudible] and anybody else but you betta not have nothing to say about
857 [inaudible].

858 [City seal appears for four and a half minutes]

859 **Chairperson Botel:** Walter? Thank you. Madam Clerk, the meeting is
860 reconvened.

861 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, Ms. March had time left
862 on the clock. What's the pleasure of the Board?

863 [Inaudible comments]

864 **Chairperson Botel:** How much... If, if we can refrain from interacting with
865 members of the public, we can allow Ms. March to finish.

866 [Inaudible comments]

867 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. March, please be..., please be advised that we're asking
868 you to refrain from interacting...

869 **Ms. C. March:** Good evening,...

870 **Chairperson Botel:** ...with members...

871 **Ms. C. March:** ...Council.. Good evening, residents here at the City of Riviera
872 Beach.

873 Once again, I will say what I gotta say, and I'll say it and I'll call a spade a spade.
874 When you set a rule, set it for everybody. That's the way that's gonna go when you're
875 dealing with Cindy. I'm not gonna disrespect anybody. I'm not gonna be violent. Never
876 was violent. Okay? I know how to go home. I know how to be excused, because that's
877 what I was taught, respect. Okay? So, and, and don't set a rule just for Cindy. Please
878 don't. And this is some of the reason I have issues with you, nothing personal that I know
879 about you, but I know you done sat on this Board for three years and you have not done
880 anything, anything for the westside but gave out Easter baskets and turkeys. We are
881 better than that. We are much better than that.

882 You go down 1st Street, you're absolutely right, because my cake bakery is on 1st
883 Street. And, I done bought brand new axels. I just spoke to this young man, [inaudible],
884 before I came in here. I bought brand new axels for my car because the Utility was doing
885 a job on thirty something street and I called the City. And my car almost went down in a
886 hole. These are the issues we have. I took a picture in my phone the other day. I had
887 COVID in November, Thanksgiving and Christmas, and this hole is still there on 15th &
888 Avenue H with a barricade. And, when you go down one road, another person come
889 down, that's a head on collision. And I put it on social media.

890 This telephone can help you, or it can hurt you. And I know when to say, and what
891 not to say. Okay? Don't come at..., to me, come at... Don't come at me, come to me.
892 'Cause that's the way I'm gonna come to you and I'm gonna come to you with respect.
893 It's time for you to be voted out of office. Enough already. You wanna know who Dr.
894 Spiritis is? We didn't know who [inaudible] was, but guess what? We gave him a chance
895 and he has proven himself.

896 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Ms. March. Your time is up. Thank you.

897 **Ms. C. March:** You have a great day.

898 **Chairperson Botel:** You too.

899 **City Clerk Anthony:** Ladi Goldwire, William Wiley, Ana V.

900 **Ms. L. Goldwire:** Ladi Goldwire.

901 I had a whole...

902 **Chairperson Botel:** Sorry. Is that Riviera Beach?

903 **Ms. L. Goldwire:** Ladi Goldwire, born and raised in Riviera Beach.

904 **Chairperson Botel:** And, and is that your address?

905 **Ms. L. Goldwire:** I'm not providing my address. I'm a resident of West Lake.

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

907 **Ms. L. Goldwire:** And I'm here on City concerns.

908 [Inaudible comments]

909 **Chairperson Botel:** It's your time.

910 **Ms. L. Goldwire:** I don't need a lotta time to say what I wanna say, and I wanna
911 capitalize on the power of silence. [Pause]. I had a lot to say, but obviously, the back
912 and forth that just happened has me shook. It has me shook for more than one reason,
913 because we come into the Council meetings, many of us long before you got here. Long
914 before you got here. So many of us were friends, so many of us could play, so many of
915 us could joke, so many of us could go hang out with one another, have drinks and there
916 was no rifts. And then this happened. We can't even be in here without there being some
917 altercation. I had my own experience. I'm sure there'll be many more, but at the end of
918 the day, this is gonna be home to so many people.

919 With regard to your aide, Sammie, I want to go on record and publicly say, if you
920 read what I said about him, it was no knock on him and it had more to do with you, than
921 it did him. At the end of the day, every one of these people up here have had aides. The
922 people prior to you have had aides, and whether there was disdain or not, they have put
923 forth the effort to keep their aides out of harm's way, in the sense of monitoring what they
924 say. I compel Mr. Brown for being loyal to you, to being allegiant to you, but what I was
925 trying to get you to understand, not him, it was not an attack on him, is long after you're
926 gone, whether you're reelected or replaced, whatever, this is still going to be home to him.
927 And, unless he's certain that the bridges he's burning, or may potentially set ablaze, are
928 bridges that he'll never have to come across again, it would behoove him to operate with

929 some degree of decorum. You, being a woman of status, super educated, understanding
930 the ways of the world, you knew what I was trying to say but you weaponized, or allowed
931 him to get out in front and now we have another rift.

932 Mr. Brown, Mr. Brown, if you are under the impression that I insulted you, I'm not
933 so beyond myself that I cannot apologize. I am sorry. That was not my intent. I'm
934 responsible for the way I deliver a message, not the way it's received.

935 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

936 [Inaudible audience comment]

937 **City Clerk Anthony:** William Wiley, Anna V., Jill Wardle.

938 **Mr. W. Wiley:** Alright. Good evening. My name is William, Wiley, born and raised
939 here in Riviera Beach.

940 I'm gonna start off by saying that I was truly disgusted by some of the things that
941 are going on in the City right now because, again, we have this division all of a sudden,
942 that I guess is some kind of power takeover to where we want certain people out of office,
943 who are actually doing their job and doing their job very well. I talked to a person today
944 at the school, it was a parent and another teacher, and they stated that, 'Hey, man. You
945 know, everything was going on pretty good in the City right now and our City wanna
946 change things for some reason.' I said, 'Well, yeah. I don't agree with some of those
947 changes in, in the City because things are going very well right now. We've been out of
948 the news, the people are very professional, they're doing their jobs adequately, but it
949 takes a slow..., it's a slow process. Alright? It's not just gonna start up and just be really
950 great one day, it has to be a slow process. Barack Obama, first four years, they had to
951 get everything straightened out, and then after a while, they kinda started booming.
952 Things are gonna run that way. Alright?

953 So, we have to take time out, change should not be made. Mrs. Botel is doing a
954 great job in this City. And let me just tell you how I met Mrs. Botel. First of all, I'm born
955 and raised here in this City, and I'm a schoolteacher. I'm ex-military, I work for the City,
956 process server for the Palm Beach County Courthouse. One thing I have done for this
957 City, and my mom, Barbara Wiley, before she passed, taught at Suncoast for thirty-three
958 years. One thing I have done, was do things for our kids in our community. I live in
959 Federal Gardens, I do work over in Stonybrook. I help out at food banks. I do a lot of
960 different things in the City. Alright? And the one thing that I do also, class... Now, I'm
961 saying class 'cause I think I'm with..., talking to my students. One thing I have done was,
962 out while doing work for the City, I ran into Mrs. Botel. Alright? And she was doing
963 something also. So again, I told her, 'Hey listen, if you ever have anything that you're
964 doing within the City, give me a call or whatever and I'll more than likely help out.' I told
965 Mr. Felder the same thing, 'Anytime you need help with anything, give me a call.' Same
966 thing with our City Manager. Mrs. Anderson, she was my boss at one time over at Bear
967 Lakes. Same thing, 'If you ever need any help with anything, give me a call.'

968 I have no problem in helping out in the City with anything that's dealing with my
969 kids, but one thing I'm not gonna tolerate is that now people attacking anybody on this
970 Staff because of what they're doing and what they're not doing, and wanna make changes
971 about water and all kinda stuff like that. Listen, these problems been here for twenty
972 years. They just didn't start up last week. Alright? And the thing is, that I'm not gonna
973 talk about Mr. Spiritis because he seems to be a good guy. But, one thing I can say is
974 that, he hasn't been around to do anything for us yet. Okay? But one thing I do know is
975 that I can talk about Mrs. Botel because I've seen the things that she is doing. Alright?
976 The kids, let me tell you one thing Ms. Anderson and Mrs. Botel have done, over at Palm
977 Beach Lakes, and over at Bear Lakes Middle School, and over at Roosevelt, one thing
978 we've done, we had a bunch of kids who could not afford to be able to go to Grad Bash.
979 Alright? These people contributed to these kids to be able to go. And I'll tell you one
980 thing I got, I got one of the biggest, tightest hugs from a bunch of kids who never had the
981 opportunity to leave the City of Riviera Beach, or West Palm Beach, and be able to go
982 somewhere and spend time with their friends, strictly because somebody cared enough.

983 Alright? To be over...

984 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

985 **Mr. W. Wiley:** ...in Stonybrook and watch them give them gifts or whatever...

986 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank...

987 **Mr. W. Wiley:** ...like that...

988 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, William.

989 **Mr. W. Wiley:** ...the biggest gifts ever. Alright?

990 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. Wiley.

991 **Mr. W. Wiley:** So again, we need to stay where we are.

992 Thanks a lot everybody.

993 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you very much.

994 [Audience clapping]

995 **City Clerk Anthony:** Jill Wardle, Terrance Davis, Charisma Adams. [Pause]. Jill
996 Wardle.

997 **Ms. J. Wardle Culligan:** How are you doing this evening? I'm Jill Wardle Culligan. I
998 reside at Claremont Lane in Palm Beach Shores. I have numerous business in the City
999 of Riviera Beach for a long time.

1000 I was [chuckle], I'm pretty shocked about the last statement. And I, I apologize for
1001 Mr. McCoy's dilemma. I mean, that's really bad. And here's the thing I've learned in life,
1002 people don't make discriminatory or racist comments around anybody that doesn't make
1003 them comfortable to say such things. Okay? And, [chuckle], I just been going through
1004 some emails, and I'm shocked that people that are supposed to be such professionals
1005 have maliciously slandered me with a previous illness from years ago, how you've all
1006 have used that against me, to attempt to take my business, for your greed and your glory.
1007 It just.., it, it is absolutely disgusting. Disgusting.

1008 And, Botel, how you manipulate your Staff into nefarious activities. I can't wait 'til
1009 you're gone. And Tallahassee isn't finding your antics a joke or trivial whatsoever.

1010 You have a good night.

1011 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1012 **City Clerk Anthony:** Terrance Davis, Charisma Adams, Bessie Brown. [Pause].
1013 Terrance Davis.

1014 **Mr. T. Davis:** Good evening, Council and Mayor, Staff and residents of Riviera Beach.
1015 My name is Terrance Davis, former Councilman of the City. Current father, loving father.
1016 I love our community.

1017 Ladi March talked about the relationships that we have in this room, in this
1018 community. And one of the things I wanna talk about is, prior to someone running the
1019 campaign on our City in turmoil. The Chair and many others, 'cause it wasn't just her.
1020 We found a way to make things work in this community. We found a way. Fane Lozman's
1021 been a issue in this community for over fifteen years, and every election, there's a big
1022 fight about Fane Lozman. Leave Fane... Spend that time and energy, not on Fane
1023 Lozman, but spend it on our..., spend it on our water plant. All these special meetings and
1024 private meetings, I'm fine with it if you're helping the quality of our life, I'm cool with that.
1025 But, when you start putting [stammer] Items on the Agenda to talk about Fane, when he
1026 go in those courts, it look personal, and that's why we keep losing in the courtroom.

1027 Ms. Botel, I will only talk about Items that you vote on. We got an Item that's on
1028 the Agenda to talk about our Police Department being a Chartered Department. And the
1029 reason it was on there because you talked about going to the sheriff department. You
1030 talked about that in a meeting. These are only Items that are on the Agenda. I will never
1031 talk to you personally. You've done some good things, yes, you have. When you start
1032 talking about our Police Department, our water plant be privatized in public meetings, but
1033 you refuse to put it on the Agenda 'cause you didn't want no accountability, but you bring
1034 it up in general comment. And these are public discussions that we need to talk about
1035 these issues. These issues.

1036 Now, Ms. Jill Wardle and her..., her and I, and the young lady that spoke got into it
1037 about a beach polo event because she thought I was trying to stop it because, when I
1038 was on the Council, Botel told her I would not support it. But, what I didn't know was, that
1039 Councilperson Botel told her, when all of us was on the dais, that there was a email and

1040 I read it, that it said that I will not support your beach polo event unless you put me on
1041 your business account. And that's on public record. What Councilperson threatens to
1042 put their name on their business account for a vote? Not only didn't she do it, you took
1043 the money from her, with the police officer, moved the money into another bank account...
1044 This is all, this is all fact. City issues, a lawsuit that we're gonna have to pay for. And
1045 everybody who voted on it, and all.., like myself, is gonna be in the courtroom as a
1046 witness.

1047 Everybody, let's stop fighting each other, and holding the real people accountable.
1048 If they're wrong, help them get better. If they continue to do wrong, stop them. I've always
1049 said, help people do better. But she won't stop. When we have issues in the City, let the
1050 Police Department...

1051 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1052 **Mr. T. Davis:** ...do their job.

1053 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Terrance.

1054 **Mr. T. Davis:** Not you.

1055 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1056 **Mr. T. Davis:** I'm done.

1057 **City Clerk Anthony:** Charisma Adams, Bessie Brown, John Miller. [Pause].
1058 Charisma Adams? Bessie Brown, John Miller, J.B. Dixon.

1059 **Ms. B. Brown:** Good evening. Bessie Brown.

1060 I'm here about the amendments, and these Minutes, all these workshop Minutes
1061 that, that the public was not allowed to be present to and speak. And, and that's, that's...
1062 and then now, we're getting them all in one shot. And half the time, we didn't even know
1063 about these workshops. But basically, I hope that the City Clerk does better than..., better
1064 by that. And I would appreciate it if you all have workshops, that you invite..., that you
1065 inform the public, and the public, when you have a workshop, the public speaks.
1066 Because, that's the purpose of the workshop.

1067 On these amendments, repeal of special assessments that require fifty percent of
1068 the cost of all street and secondary drainage improvements to be paid by the [stammer]
1069 City property owner. Well, if we, if we, if we vote for it, that means the \$4 million project
1070 on Singer Island can go through. Or.., but, if, you know, but if we don't, but if we don't
1071 vote for it, I don't know how they're gonna handle that.

1072 But also, the Police and Fire Department shall be considered Charter departments
1073 and shall be preserved by requiring a referendum vote of the electorate to abolish this
1074 outsource and/or otherwise transfer the City's provision of law enforcement and fire
1075 services to any other entity. Hmm. That would be fine if it di'.., if it didn't mean that the

1076 Police or Fire Department., that the City shall have the authority to establish or abolish
1077 any City department, or office, other than the Police and Fire Departments, by Ordinance,
1078 or by adoption of the, of the budget. Now, that wasn't the purpose. The purpose was to
1079 make sure that these departments, the Police and Fire Department will not be., would
1080 [stammer] she be... To be., to, to be on their own and don't., [stammer] and the City
1081 cannot get rid of it. But, it didn't., it was not for the City to abolish any City department
1082 or office other than the Police and the Fire., and, you know?

1083 That's the thing. These things., it's, it's... One thing in here giving the City Council
1084 a whole lot of authority, which that's not what, what was the intent of [stammer] the, the
1085 citizens. Now, you, you, you say one thing, and then you're doing another. You're giving
1086 the City Council all this information., I mean, all this authority to be put into the Charter.
1087 That's not necessary. So, I would encourage the, the public to vote no on both
1088 amendments as fast as they can.

1089 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1090 **City Clerk Anthony:** John Miller, J.B. Dixon, Fane Lozman. And Ann V.

1091 **Mr. J. Miller:** The first thing I wanna say, Shirley, thank you. Thanks for standing up
1092 and doing the right thing.

1093 How many times have I said, in other words, when Julie's getting attacked, or any
1094 of any of you are getting attacked. Tradrick's been attacked. Some of you's have not
1095 been attacked. KaShamba's been attacked many, many times. Same person every time.
1096 Right? But Shirley stood up. I wasn't here, Shirley, but I heard what you did and then I
1097 watched it. You did the right thing. You know, we all have a right to get up here and
1098 speak, under our First Amendment rights, but what., a lot of times what we say is wrong.
1099 And it's hard to stand up here and say the right thing.

1100 Julie, I apologize to you because what was said by your candidate, or your
1101 opponent here, was hearsay and is not true. Period. First of all, why would anybody.,
1102 putting a sign in their yard, how can that be a quid pro quo for a vaccine shot? What
1103 actually happened, period, was I put my sign in and the neighbor saw me. And when the
1104 neighbor walked over, he., we started talking about COVID, how we both called, couldn't
1105 get through. Then it was that we both emailed, and we didn't hear anything. And I said
1106 to him, 'Listen, I heard that the church was starting to give shots out,' and I said, 'Give
1107 your Councilperson a call and say please put me on a list if there's a possibility for a shot.'
1108 I asked him if he wanted a sign and he said, 'I, I don't., I'll, I'll think about it.' And that
1109 was the end of the conversation. There was nothing about... No investigation, Mr.
1110 Spiritis... It's hearsay, and, you know, you're a very litigious person.

1111 **Chairperson Botel:** Just, just...

1112 **Mr. J. Miller:** So, maybe I'll sue you.

1113 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Miller, just speak into the mic.

1114 **Mr. J. Miller:** But the bottom line is this, I'm gonna work hard for Julie Botel. He's not
1115 shutting me up, and certainly my neighbor with his hearsay isn't. And I'm gonna be
1116 swinging her signs, and people see me. And, let me tell you something about a
1117 barometer. The barometer is when people give me this, when people blow their horn,
1118 and they shine their lights. That's telling me something. That's telling me that they love
1119 Julie Botel.

1120 That's it. I'll go on oath or anything else anybody wants me to do, but to bring my
1121 name up. I was kind a shocked. But to, to take Julie down with him, is intentional.

1122 Thank you.

1123 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1124 **City Clerk Anthony:** J.B. Dixon, Fane Lozman, Ana V.

1125 **Ms. J.B. Dixon:** J.B. Dixon, Singer Island, Riviera Beach.

1126 Boy, they brought 'em out tonight, didn't they? [Chuckle]. I think the best thing
1127 that can be said about Julie Botel, is the quality of the people who attack her from this
1128 podium. And, would you rather be her or would you rather be them? I think it was quite
1129 a display. And it's..., especially, if you want to know... I, you know I know Glen Spiritis.
1130 I've worked with him, I liked him. I'm not pleased that he's running against my friend,
1131 Julie, but I've never said anything bad about him. I really feel bad for you, Glen, [chuckle],
1132 to know that you are..., that you are mixed up with these people. I'm sure you didn't mean
1133 to. But, I mean, you're endorsed by some of the worst people in this City. And they are
1134 the people who were thrown out of the..., thrown out of office, from, from this dais, they're
1135 people who ran for office and lost, they're people who are s'..., were fired from the City,
1136 they're people who are suing the City. [Chuckle]. And, Jill Wardle, my God. That person
1137 who was up here. Julie Botel had to get on [chuckle] a..., had to get on a bank account
1138 because she, Jill Wardle wasn't paying the vendors. She was taking the sponsor's money
1139 from polo and spending it on herself. And the police, she's filed a million reports saying
1140 Julie stole this and stole that. Every single one of those investigations have been shown
1141 groundless. And they are public record.

1142 So, you know, [chuckle], you have some awful people that you [chuckle], that
1143 you've surrounded yourself with, Glen. I, I really swear, I do know him, I don't think he
1144 knew about the quality of the people who, who are behind him. He's not that, he's not
1145 that bad a guy. Glen Spiritis is not a bad guy. A whole lotta people behind him are really
1146 bad guys.

1147 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1148 **City Clerk Anthony:** Fane Lozman, Ana V.

1149 **Mr. F. Lozman:** Fane Lozman.

1150 Let's talk about what went on last Thursday night at the Ambassador Center. Julia
1151 Botel used her administrative assistant, Sammie Brown, and his email address, and his
1152 work hours to spend countless hours coordinating what should've been a public meeting,
1153 and instead became a sham meeting and a campaign event. Okay? City computers,
1154 City email, City Staff, City office. When SICA used to have candidate forums, they rented
1155 a place and they invited people over. With Julia Botel, you had no choice. The City
1156 Manager showed up, the Assistant City Manager showed up, Lina Busby showed up, and
1157 Sirmons showed up. Okay? That was a City meeting. Okay?

1158 I've talked to a lot of people. I was the First Amendment foundation Man of the
1159 Year, up at the Senate Luncheon three years ago. I've studied the Sunshine law for
1160 years. You don't know what you're talking about, lady. Go rent a place you coordinated.
1161 Once it's coordinated with City Staff, it's a public meeting. You sent an invitation to an
1162 attorney who attended, and you had him thrown out. A thirty-four year member of the
1163 bar, James Ryan. Unbelievable. We have a text message from Botel talking about,
1164 talking about don't, don't record anything. We don't want Lozman to know. We wanna
1165 talk about how the City is gonna target him. City Staff. These City Staff know that Botel
1166 is like a plantation owner, if she does something wrong, they're gonna end up getting
1167 fired.

1168 Ladi March Goldwire was fired because she gave a fence permit, and Botel
1169 demanded that it be rescinded. And, when she didn't, she was fired two years later..., two
1170 hours later. She has a major civil rights lawsuit going on in federal court.

1171 Botel is an evil person. Okay? She is an evil person. What she did to one of the
1172 only female, black Building Officials in the country, is evil. She goes around, threatens
1173 people, wastes huge amount of money and is an obsessive freak when it comes to me.
1174 She spends all her day, not doing anything for the City, calling up the Army Corp, calling
1175 up DEP, calling up Code Enforcement, making meetings with her Staff. And when she's
1176 not doing that, she's defrauding the City of work product, running a sham charity out of
1177 her office. Governor DeSantis entered an Executive Order for that. The hat lady over
1178 there, she puts down her, her...

1179 [Inaudible audience comment]

1180 **Mr. F. Lozman:** ...office as Botel's office. There's paperwork filed with the state
1181 where Judy Dixon said this is my office address, 600 West Blue Heron. Okay? Judy
1182 Dixon and Botel have stolen taxpayer's funds by using City Staff, office equipment, lights,
1183 rent. I'm telling you...

1184 Botel, I..., some ways, I hope you do get elected, 'cause it's my goal to see what
1185 happened to you what happened to Poitier in 2011. I was there when Poitier was arrested
1186 and marched into the Broward jail. I wanna be there when they do a perp walk with you.
1187 She even went and ripped off the red tags on, on the Stonybrook housing. There's so
1188 much scandal going on with you, Botel, I'm looking forward to seeing you locked up one
1189 day.

1190 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1191 **City Clerk Anthony:** Ana V.

1192 **Ms. A. Vergne:** Hi. I'm Ana Vergne. I live at 167 East 24th Street.

1193 This is the first time that I've been here and it's kinda shameful. It is clear that it
 1194 was a Botel beat up session. This...

1195 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms...

1196 **Ms. A. Vergne:** ...City has...

1197 **Chairperson Botel:** Ms. Vergne...

1198 **Ms. A. Vergne:** ...a lot of problems...

1199 **Chairperson Botel:** Could you speak into the microphone?

1200 **Ms. A. Vergne:** Yeah. This City has a lot of problems. Like, I, I just recently moved
 1201 here and I must speak to Council or Mr. Evans, or somebody practically every day. Those
 1202 two Ordinances we speak of? Yes, we need to vote yes on those. You really need to do
 1203 your homework because those are really important.

1204 One issue that we have with the City, that I really need to address, is the way the,
 1205 the, the City speaks to its residents. Especially you as the Mayor. Shame on you. You
 1206 need to respect the people around you...

1207 **Chairperson Botel:** Just...

1208 **Ms. A. Vergne:** ...and the way you talk to people.

1209 **Chairperson Botel:** Face the mic.

1210 **Ms. A. Vergne:** 'Cause, in this City, we're all equal. Whether we live on the west side
 1211 or the east side. Don't ever talk to me again like that. Ever. And I'm not gonna give up
 1212 the fight.

1213 You see, I do live on the east side, and I refuse to ever let you talk to me that way.
 1214 And I will address that one way or the other.

1215 But, this is not a Botel beat up session. She does work. She has helped me a lot.
 1216 So has Mr. Evans. So has KaShamba. And, if they did not help me, God knows where I
 1217 would be. So please, lay off people. Let's come together and help the City. Because,
 1218 there's a lot that we can do together, instead of going against each other. And it's really
 1219 upsetting to see that I, I really sit at home and I work hard for the City. I don't work for
 1220 the City, but Mr. Evans can tell you, there isn't a day that doesn't go by where I text this
 1221 man. And he works. He works very hard. And there's so many things that we can do

1222 together to make this City better, instead of fighting each other. It is shameful what I'm
1223 seeing here today. Shameful.

1224 Thank you.

1225 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1226 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, that concludes public
1227 comments.

1228 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1229 **ORDINANCES ON SECOND AND FINAL READING**

1230 **Chairperson Botel:** I think we're up to Item No. thir'..., Sorry. 12. Thank you.

1231 **City Clerk Anthony:** **ORDINANCE NUMBER 4161 AN ORDINANCE OF THE**
1232 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**
1233 **FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE IV OF THE**
1234 **RIVIERA BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES (ORDINANCE NO. 2480) ENTITLED**
1235 **SPECIAL EVENTS, PUBLIC FAIRS, PARADES, EXPOSITIONS, CIRCUSES,**
1236 **CARNIVALS AND EXHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING**
1237 **FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND**
1238 **PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1239 **MARSHA NOEL, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER, 561-812-6590**

1240 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have any
1241 public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item
1242 is now closed.

1243 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to
1244 approve Ordinance 4161?

1245 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

1246 **Councilperson Lanier:** So moved.

1247 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. You're recognized, Mr. McCoy.

1248 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

1249 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. It is moved and seconded to approve Ordinance
1250 4161. Do we have a presentation? I'm sorry.

1251 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if it is the pleasure of the Board, Staff can
1252 present. There has been no modifications and changes since first reading. And Staff
1253 recommends approval on second and final reading.

1254 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any questions or comments? Mr. McCoy, you're
1255 recognized.

1256 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Mr. Evans, and thank you, Madam Chair. Can I
1257 get some volume on my microphone, please?

1258 My question is, and pardon me, Members, I was looking...

1259 [Inaudible audience comments]

1260 **Chairperson Botel:** Could, could we please have a little quiet from the back?
1261 Thank you. Could you take that outside?

1262 **Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Evans...

1263 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1264 **Councilperson McCoy:** Can I get volume?

1265 Mr. Evans, my question is, and pardon my absence for the first reading of this, but
1266 my question concerning Item No. 12 is, and I didn't see the actual vote count from the
1267 first reading. Would we know what that is? Was it unanimous?

1268 **City Manager Evans:** I believe it was unanimous. Yes, sir.

1269 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And, nor did I see these questions come up, but I
1270 wanna pose them now because I have some concerns, specifically, about maybe three
1271 items. The first one is, in the proposed Ordinance, the indemnification clause, there's not
1272 a distinction between a special event that occurs on public property versus that that
1273 occurs on private property. And, as I want to believe, the City has no control or authority
1274 in mandating that someone has any kind of insurance requirements for a special event
1275 on private property. So, that's my first question. I have two other ones. So, how do you
1276 wanna respond, Mr. Evans?

1277 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, that's a question that Legal should respond to.

1278 **City Attorney Wynn:** Mr. McCoy, the definition of special events, this contemplates
1279 that it's on publicly owned property. However, if it's on private property and it spills over
1280 and impacts public property, then this would take effect as well.

1281 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, that's the very role of us as legislators, and lawmakers,
1282 that we are the person that creates that [stammer]. Like, we don't complicate'...
1283 [inaudible] any speculation. That's exactly what my concern is. I don't want us to pass
1284 this, and this is actually a Ordinance, which makes it a little bit more difficult to repeal,
1285 that we don't put in something that requires..., that's so broad, that someone can interpret
1286 it that, if you're doing a grand opening... Now, the City needs to concern themselves with
1287 a type of liability coverage that, that you're having for your special event. And I so
1288 understand that if it's a public event, or on public property or in the public right-of-way, I

1289 would definitely see that that would be appropriate. But, this is so vague that someone
1290 can interpret this as being required for a event held on private property.

1291 So, for that reason, I'm gonna ask that... Well, I'm gonna offer, before we go to a
1292 vote, that we offer some sort of clarification or an amendment to that section.

1293 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm sorry, could you say the section again? I'm trying to find
1294 it.

1295 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's, it's the section of 4161, that says indemnification, that
1296 anybody with.., applying for a special event, with a special even application, provides
1297 proof of insurance.

1298 But, my concern, Madam Chair, is that we shouldn't be doing that for events held
1299 on private property, and this Ordinance does not address that. It pretty much mandates
1300 that indemnification, or proof of insurance be re'.., provided.

1301 **Chairperson Botel:** What page is that on?

1302 **Councilperson McCoy:** Let's see. I think it's on Page.., pdf Page 4. And it's Section
1303 5. Conditions for permit.

1304 **Chairperson Botel:** I see it. Thank you.

1305 **Councilperson McCoy:** Indemnification and insurance.

1306 **Chairperson Botel:** I see it. Thank you.

1307 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, that's the first item that I wanna bring up.

1308 Secondly, if I can get back...

1309 **Chairperson Botel:** Well, should we deal with that first, maybe?

1310 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well... Go ahead.

1311 **City Attorney Wynn:** Well, I was going... I know that we also have in process, a
1312 special events policy and procedure manual, so I didn't know if Ms. Noel wanted to
1313 address that, if the...

1314 [Inaudible comment]

1315 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...section dealing with the spillover, if you will, from private
1316 property onto public right-of-way is covered in the policy and procedure manual?

1317 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Yeah. So, in... I'm sorry. For the record, my
1318 name...

1319 **Councilperson McCoy:** Can we get volume, please?

1320 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...is Marsha Noel.

1321 **Councilperson McCoy:** We need volume.

1322 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Hello. Hello. Okay?

1323 For the record, my name is Marsha Noel, assistant to the City Manager. And I
1324 played a role in the development in our current policies and procedures manual that we
1325 wor'.., that we're working on.

1326 But, in particular, on that, on that issue, the guidelines specify that when it comes
1327 to that manual, it's primarily for those events that are gonna be done privately, on private
1328 property. As it relates to City events, City contracted events, things of that sort, it's
1329 important to note that there will be special exceptions. But, when it comes to private pro'..,
1330 when it comes to special events, there is going to be a requirement of insurance typic'..,
1331 that's customary in most cases, with other cities.

1332 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Why would the guidelines apply to private property? I
1333 don't understand that.

1334 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** I think what can be done, is that there can be, in
1335 the guidelines itself, a [stammer] a specification to insurance being required, if it spills
1336 over into City.., onto City property, or if it's being done on private.., on City property in
1337 total. So, there can be a specification in the guidelines for that. But the intent in the
1338 guidelines is to clarify that if you are going to do an event in the City, and specifically on
1339 public property, or public right-of-way...

1340 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm speaking of private...

1341 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...that we will require...

1342 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm talking about...

1343 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...insurance.

1344 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...private... I'm talking about private. I'm, I'm only speaking
1345 of private, and the require'... I'm not interested in public property because it's already
1346 understood that when we do special events, but there's not a distinction. And for that
1347 reason, I don't wanna support this Item. And there's a couple other reasons, but, Ms.,
1348 Madam, Madam Attorney, this is very vague...

1349 **City Attorney Wynn:** [Inaudible].

1350 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...and I don't want to authorize Staff to go back and make a
1351 manual which they're gonna refer back to that the Council approved it and gave us
1352 direction, when we don't even know what the manual is gonna look like. But once we
1353 codify this in Code, this gives Staff the exact authority. Which leads to my next question.
1354 And, I think I've heard enough, Ms. Noel, regarding that. But I wanna come back.

1355 But, why are we doing an Ordinance anyway? And why not a Resolution?

1356 **City Attorney Wynn:** We already ha'..., excuse me, had a special events Ordinance.
1357 This is an amendment to that. I don't know what the, the deficiencies were, with the prior
1358 special events Ordinance, but it's already in our Code.

1359 **Councilperson McCoy:** Right. But, wouldn't we be able to then..., it seems like Mr.
1360 Evans is looking to get your attention, Madam Chair.

1361 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm sorry. [Inaudible].

1362 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, with regards to the permits related to events on
1363 private property, one of the things that, it, it's Staff's opinion, and I've seen this in multiple
1364 other entities, the reason that you would ask for a private property owner to apply for a
1365 special event permit, because their site plan has specified certain ingress/egress, certain
1366 parking spaces or what have you. If you're gonna utilize a parking lot for an event or
1367 activity, there is certain provisions that must take place in order to ensure that folks are
1368 gonna be safe. And so, that is one of the elements that is intended to be reflected in this
1369 particular policy as to why, you know, we would like a permit. Because, these businesses
1370 that are seeking..., or, or doing business are..., they've re'..., received site plan approval,
1371 they're intended to do 'x', but if they're gonna have activities or programs in their parking
1372 lot, there is a impact to Joe Q citizen that would be visiting that particular business. And
1373 so, it's the assuredy to know that persons can have safe passage, and they can still do
1374 what they're intending to do.

1375 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up.

1376 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Madam Chair? If, if I may?

1377 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Okay.

1378 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Sorry. And we also have Staff here, because
1379 we, we do process insurance requirement currently. And so, I think maybe Mr.
1380 Blankenship, if...

1381 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, I reclaim my time because I'm, I'm very limited,
1382 and I have two other points. And what they're suggesting is not even answering my
1383 question. I'm only asking about why are we en'..., why are we enacting a provision that's
1384 gonna require an applicant to provide insurance on private property. I understand, and I
1385 agree, that they should submit an application for a permit. I'm only speaking to the
1386 requirement of us asking an applicant on private property to make the City the additional
1387 insured. And the way that it is written, there is no distinction between a special event on
1388 public property or a special event on private property. So, the suggestion that Mr. Evans
1389 is making I totally agree with, but that's not the question that I'm asking. And unless I see
1390 a manual that's gonna lay out a distinction between a public special event and one that's
1391 being held on private property, I just wanna caution the Members that we're really creating
1392 a situation where this can potentially happen. And that's just the first of two other
1393 additional items that I found inside of these proposed Ordinances that I don't agree with.

1394 But, I've not heard any justification. And we've already spent five minutes. I wanna
1395 move on, and I don't wanna talk about the, the very essence of doing a permit on app'...,
1396 on a private property, because I agree. And I've seen why they're important because just
1397 the traffic going in and out, you definitely need a, a permit for that. I, I just wanna move
1398 forward, Ms., Madam Chair so...

1399 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Go ahead.

1400 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...I can ask my next question.

1401 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

1402 **Councilperson McCoy:** The provision requiring a Business Tax Receipt, I definitely
1403 would ask Members to strike that because what you're suggesting is anybody that comes
1404 into the City, have to get Business Tax Receipt if they're doing a special event. And it
1405 may just be a two-hour event, three-hour event. And, if you know anything about trying
1406 to get a Business Tax Receipt in the City, it's certainly not easy. And we're gonna sit here
1407 and require somebody... The reason why I don't agree with it, because there's no way
1408 that, out of our, what is it \$82 million budget, that every dollar and dime that we spend,
1409 that we require every person that's not an employee, to get a Business Tax Receipt, just
1410 because they use City dollars. Just because they received City dollars. People come in
1411 all the time as vendors, as contractors, and we don't require them to get a Business Tax
1412 Receipt. If somebody comes here and wants to do a..., like, they had speed dating, do
1413 we now require speed dating and those folks who had a two hour event, three hour event
1414 to go through the arduous process of getting a Business Tax Receipt? I think that's just
1415 absurd. And it really does more to deter people from even coming to bring a special event
1416 to the City, then it would to encourage it. I mean, they have no vested interest, nor the
1417 weeks of processing for an application, much less a..., an additional bureaucratic fee to
1418 do a, a one-time event?

1419 So, I'm gonna ask and I'm gonna reserve back, and I would welcome any
1420 response, but I'm gonna ask that we, you know, strike that provision out of the Code.

1421 **City Attorney Wynn:** Mr., Mr...

1422 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Evans.

1423 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...McCoy...

1424 **City Manager Evans:** It ma'...

1425 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...is that...

1426 **Chairperson Botel:** Or...

1427 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...Section 10?

1428 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Ms. Wynn. Sorry.

1429 **City Attorney Wynn:** Is that Section 10 that you're referring to?

1430 **Councilperson McCoy:** Um...

1431 **Chairperson Botel:** Section... [Pause]. Yes.

1432 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's in there [inaudible]...

1433 **Chairperson Botel:** Section 10-120. As I see it.

1434 **City Manager Evans:** And, and...

1435 **City Attorney Wynn:** Right.

1436 **City Manager Evans:** ...Madam Chair, with regards to the...

1437 **Chairperson Botel:** On Page 11.

1438 **City Manager Evans:** ...the, the Business Tax Receipt provision. I believe Ms. Noel,
 1439 that is consistent with all the municipalities that we did survey, that they had that particular
 1440 language in their policy.

1441 **City Attorney Wynn:** And, it is a current pro'... It's currently in our Code. This is
 1442 not a new provision.

1443 **Councilperson McCoy:** To require a Business Tax from someone that doesn't have a
 1444 domicile or have a specific place of business here, to do a special one-time event?

1445 **City Attorney Wynn:** The language that you see in Section 10, is not new language.
 1446 Yes. It's always been in our Code. There are..., you may see two small underlines at the
 1447 end of Section 10-120, but the rest of that language was already here and has not been
 1448 changed.

1449 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. I'm sorry. Well, I guess this... Well, will we be... Now,
 1450 we., will be able to strike that, Madam, Madam Chair, since we're already in this section?

1451 **Chairperson Botel:** I think [stammer], to tell you the truth, it makes a great deal of
 1452 sense to me what Mr. McCoy is saying. If somebody is coming in... And I didn't know
 1453 there was a speed dating thing going on, nobody told me.

1454 **Councilperson McCoy:** It was the day after the funeral. It was right after the funeral.

1455 [Chuckle]

1456 **Chairperson Botel:** Sorry.

1457 **Councilperson McCoy:** You, you was gonna attend?

1458 **Chairperson Botel:** It does... [Chuckle]. It does make sense to me that if
1459 somebody's just coming in for a couple of hours, why would we need them to have a
1460 Business Tax Receipt? I agree with Mr. McCoy that that's something maybe we should
1461 discuss as a, as a group and see if we all agree that that should be taken out.

1462 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

1463 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. You're recognized, Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

1464 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Is the Business Tax Receipt, Receipt process
1465 the same as the person who is establishing their business? Or, is it, like, just a shorter
1466 process?

1467 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** This... Sorry. If I may? I would like Staff, if I
1468 can have Ms. Franks or Mr. Blankenship kind of respond to this, because they're intently
1469 involved in the current...

1470 **Councilperson McCoy:** No, no, ma'am.

1471 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...per'..., permitting process...

1472 **Councilperson McCoy:** This is very...

1473 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...so they...

1474 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...simple question.

1475 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** ...can answer...

1476 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's a very simple question as to our current process. Mr.
1477 Blankenship wouldn't be Development Services, but I already hear enough horror stories
1478 about how much it takes to get a BTR. I mean, that's a very simple question that...

1479 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Right.

1480 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Councilwoman Miller-Anderson asked.

1481 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, that's what I'm just trying to find out. Is it
1482 actually two separate processes? I know the regular Business Tax Receipt process, but
1483 with this...

1484 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's the same.

1485 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...special event, is there, like, a, a exped'...

1486 **Chairperson Botel:** Expedited?

1487 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.

1488 [Chuckles]

1489 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Expedited process for the Business Tax Receipt
1490 for this?

1491 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Good evening. Richard Blankenship,
1492 Parks & Recreation Director.

1493 Now, just so I'm clear, we're talking about Business Tax Receipts for vendors at
1494 special events. Not for special events.

1495 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh. Oh.

1496 **City Attorney Wynn:** Right. The vendor.

1497 **Chairperson Botel:** That makes sense.

1498 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** So, even when we do football games,
1499 and we have food trucks, that vendor has to get a Business Tax Receipt.

1500 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. That, that makes sense now.

1501 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.

1502 **Chairperson Botel:** Does that help you?

1503 **Councilperson McCoy:** No, it doesn't.

1504 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh. [Chuckle].

1505 [Inaudible dais comment]

1506 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, here, here's why I don't agree. Because, now, once we
1507 get into this, do we then come over here on Sundays and make everybody that rents a
1508 space for twenty-five dollars, and here for two or three hours, to now get a Business Tax
1509 Receipt? Because many of those are pop up businesses, and that becomes the new
1510 trend. I know we do have this Code, but there are businesses that actually have made a
1511 significant business in just popping up, and that's the very nature of it, that you don't have
1512 to go through the whole process of doing that.

1513 And, even still, right, if we present this Item as presented, then every one of those
1514 persons out there would now be subjected to the special event clause. And, lastly, I'll
1515 throw this out there, that also raises the question of the provision that mentions the
1516 Community Redevelopment Agency. Is that an existing portion already? 10-23? 10...,
1517 Section 10-123? That the City...

1518 **City Attorney Wynn:** That's...

1519 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...retains the right to apply certain elements?

1520 **City Attorney Wynn:** That's a new section.

1521 **City Manager Evans:** That's... Madam Chair, if...

1522 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Evans, you're recognized.

1523 **City Manager Evans:** If, if I may? With regards to the, the Business Tax Receipt
1524 and the research that Staff conducted. The reason why it's in the Code, and why it's in
1525 other special events policies, is because your brick and mortar businesses are required
1526 to have it and they pay taxes associated with, and Utility fees and what have you. If you
1527 have a situation where entities can come into your community and do business, and
1528 then..., that reside without your community, there's no benefit besides the business
1529 operation or activity that that they're doing. So, that allows for the City to be able to
1530 receive some type of monetary contribution for conducting business in your City, because
1531 all your brick-and-mortar businesses are required to have a Business Tax receipt. And
1532 so, that's why other municipalities require that as a part of conducting business in their
1533 community.

1534 **Chairperson Botel:** I have a question about..., something that Mr. McCoy said
1535 raised this question in my mind, do we require the people who participate in our tiki market
1536 to have a Business Tax..., to pay a Business Tax Receipt?

1537 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, yes.

1538 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Oh, thank you.

1539 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, this is not really good, Madam Chair, because, looking
1540 back at that, this says, 'Section 10-20 of the Riviera Beach Code of Ordinances is hereby
1541 amended to read as follows: Section 10-120 – Special Event Vendor Requirement. All
1542 vendors not licensed by the City will be required to be licensed before conducting
1543 business in the City.' And it goes on for another couple sentences. But, what exactly is
1544 the existing language if this section is saying that it's gonna be amended. I don't
1545 understand what's being amended there.

1546 And this, this makes it a little confusing when you don't have any underlined
1547 language, underlines to indicate the new language. What is the actual new language...

1548 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, it does though. Are you looking at the same file I'm
1549 looking at?

1550 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yeah.

1551 **Chairperson Botel:** Sorry.

1552 **City Attorney Wynn:** There's a strikethrough, underlined...

1553 **Chairperson Botel:** My file has...

1554 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...version...

1555 **Chairperson Botel:** ...underlines and strikethroughs.

1556 **City Attorney Wynn:** Right.

1557 **Chairperson Botel:** Does your has...

1558 **City Attorney Wynn:** There's a strikethrough, underline version, Mr. McCoy.

1559 **Chairperson Botel:** There's an un'..., there's a [stammer]...

1560 **Councilperson McCoy:** That's not what I have. I don't know where I get...

1561 **Chairperson Botel:** Look at the next..., look at the next file down.

1562 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's the... [Pause]. Yeah. That's not what's on mine. I'm
1563 looking at the one that was in the backup.

1564 **Chairperson Botel:** I, I...

1565 **City Manager Evans:** [Inaudible].

1566 **Chairperson Botel:** ...was too. Yeah. Yeah, I was too. There's a, there's a
1567 strike'..., there's a..., one that is stricken through and underlined...

1568 **City Attorney Wynn:** And then there's...

1569 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well that...

1570 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...a clean version.

1571 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...helps it a whole lot, right?

1572 **City Attorney Wynn:** Mhmm.

1573 **Chairperson Botel:** I think it's the last... Yeah. It's the last backup..., last item in
1574 the backup.

1575 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, in any event, I don't agree with vendors being required
1576 to do that, if they're here on a short... I mean, special event.

1577 **Chairperson Botel:** Well, I, I can understand the objection to people just coming
1578 in and hosting a special event, not wanting them to get a business license...

1579 **Councilperson McCoy:** Absolutely.

1580 **Chairperson Botel:** ...but, it's the vendors. As Mr. Blankenship said, it's, it's..., it's
1581 the people who are engaging in the commerce. It's the..., it's not necessarily the people
1582 who are hosting the event, are needing to get a license.

1583 **Councilperson McCoy:** I understand what you're saying, Madam Chair, but here, here
1584 it is, so, if we have the MLK parade, and the person that's pushing the cart down the
1585 street selling cotton candy, are we gonna require that vendor to then go and apply and
1586 get a Business Tax Receipt?

1587 **Chairperson Botel:** I think we are. Mr. Evans.

1588 **Councilperson McCoy:** And it's for a two-hour event. That's exactly my, my question.
1589 And, I mean, obviously, we have folks that come in and do specialize trade. When we
1590 have a, a picnic out here, and there's a bounce house, the vendor that provides the
1591 bounce house, who's only gonna be here for three hours, we're gonna require them to
1592 come in and do a application that takes a brick and mortar, anywhere from three weeks
1593 to six weeks to get done, we're gonna require them to go in and complete a Business Tax
1594 Receipt application? And, in most cases, all of the Business Tax Receipts, along with the
1595 Certificate of Occupancy is about \$183. Is that what we're suggesting? Because I, I
1596 won't support this for that same reason.

1597 And, are we gonna..., we would have to revisit this Code because that's just
1598 preposterous. We would never have anybody... And, you know, I brought this up before
1599 I even got on the Board because if this was true, we should be nickel and diming UPS for
1600 every single truck that drives in our community and drops off a package, or Ama'..., every
1601 Amazon Prime truck that comes into our neighborhood, should be paying a Business Tax
1602 Receipt for every vehicle. I mean, we're getting down in the minutia and I don't think that
1603 this is what we should be doing as legislators, creating additional tax for somebody that's
1604 just coming in that has no domicile. Obviously, it costs to do business here. It costs to
1605 have a Business Tax Receipt and folks to come out and inspect your business. But if you
1606 don't have any domicile or brick and mortar location, what's the purpose of us asking a
1607 potential vendor that's here for a very short time, for a very special event, to spend that
1608 kinda time? Not even to mention the money, just the time alone, in doing this.

1609 And unless there's a consensus with the Board, I'm just gonna not support it.
1610 There's no need to amend it if the Board Members don't agree, because I just see that
1611 that's just overreaching. And I can tell you, I've only been through the BTR process
1612 maybe about five times, it's not really a fluid situation. Especially dealing with, now, do
1613 we have a different process? Right? Do we think about adding this Code, because there
1614 is a BTR process, and unless we're gonna amend that process to then encompass special
1615 events, we're gonna make a three-hour special event vendor wait on nine different
1616 departments to sign off on one Business Tax Receipt application? And pay \$180?

1617 I'm not supporting this Item, Members. I yield back, and I'm done.

1618 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1619 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

1620 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized, Commissioner Miller-Anderson?

1621 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So that was my question, is the process the
1622 same, and do we charge the same amount, or is it pro-rated?

1623 **City Manager Evans:** I would have to defer to, to Mr. Sherman to speak on the, the
1624 specificities with regards to the Business Tax Receipt for vendors for special events.

1625 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1626 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Good evening. Randy
1627 Sherman, Finance Director.

1628 There's..., I think there's two things we're talking about. One is applying for the
1629 special event permit. That's, that's one process. But, if you're coming in for a BTR, it
1630 goes through that same process. You know, but again, you get your BTR and you're a
1631 vendor, you can use that all year. I mean, that's not just a one event BTR. Again, Finance
1632 takes the applications, and we send it forward. The process that Development Services
1633 and Fire and Police and Code, and the rest of them go through, that's..., I, I can't speak to
1634 that, but you're coming in, you're getting your BTR, it is good for the entire year. So it's
1635 not just a per event type BTR.

1636 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.

1637 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized. Anything else?

1638 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, is there any answer about the requirements of, like, the
1639 CRA. How does that work? Is that section suggesting that the CRA, any events that's
1640 gonna be done or hosted by the CRA are exempt from the special event requirement? I
1641 mean, it, it's really not very clear, Mr. Evans.

1642 **City Manager Evans:** The language that's here gives, gives the flexibility. It, it
1643 doesn't say that, you know, it shall or shall not. It says we have the right to apply any
1644 element contained in the Ordinance... Our intent is to follow the exact same policy that's
1645 prescribed by the City, to ensure that's uniform and consistency, so one person doesn't
1646 go to book an event at Wells Recreation Center, and then finds a different process if they
1647 go to the Marina Event Center, or Bicentennial Park, et. cetera. So, our intent is to comply
1648 with this, if this Item is, is passed in its entirety, similar to that of the City.

1649 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And, I just wanna look at one last thing. Was..., and I
1650 didn't get a chance to pull up that strikethrough and underline version, but was there a
1651 definition of special events? Oh yeah, there is. I just wanna make sure that... [Pause].
1652 Okay. I just don't wanna have the scenario of suggesting a, a meeting in a community
1653 center becomes a special event. So I don't see anything that speaks of a meeting. So...

1654 Or even..., see, and this is... Okay. I, I don't support this Item, Members.

1655 Thank you, Madam Chair.

1656 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any other comments? Madam Clerk?

1657 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

1658 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

1659 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1660 **Councilperson McCoy:** No.

1661 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

1662 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1663 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

1664 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

1665 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

1666 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. That motion is approved by a vote of 4-1.

1667 **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

1668 **Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 13.

1669 **City Clerk Anthony:** **ORDINANCE NUMBER 4162 AN ORDINANCE OF THE**
1670 **CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING**
1671 **CHAPTER 22 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND**
1672 **BUILDING REGULATIONS", ARTICLE II, "BUILDING AND TECHNICAL CODES",**
1673 **SECTION 22-31 "BUILDING CODE ADOPTED" AND SECTION 22-32**
1674 **"ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, CHAPTER**
1675 **1, ADMINISTRATION.", BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE**
1676 **CODE ENTITLED "RIVIERA BEACH AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING**
1677 **CODE 7th EDITION (2020)" ; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND**
1678 **CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1679 **CLARENCE SIRMONS, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, 561-845-4060**

1680 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have public
1681 comment on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now
1682 closed.

1683 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to
1684 approve...

1685 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

1686 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Ordinance... Thank you.

1687 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

1688 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. It's moved and seconded. Madam... Or, Mr.
1689 Evans do we have a presentation?

1690 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I can have the Director of Development
1691 Services, Mr. Clarence Sirmons, make this presentation.

1692 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1693 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Alright. Good evening, Madam Chair
1694 and Members of the Board.

1695 I am pleased to be before you to present this Item. And I, I will start by saying this
1696 will be the first of multiple Items coming from Development Services related to our
1697 administration of the Florida Building Code as a City.

1698 The Florida Building Code is adopted every three years by the state legislature,
1699 and it is automatically applies to every jurisdiction within the City. However, there are
1700 certain housekeeping aspects of it that need to be done locally, that have gone neglected
1701 for a little while here, partially due to..., for some time, outsourcing our Building Official
1702 services to third party and other factors. So, there's some things that we need to clean
1703 up and this is the first of a few Items related to it.

1704 So, the Florida Building Code contains Chapter 1, which is related to administration
1705 of the Code. This is the things related to how a permit is processed, how inspections are
1706 done, which appendices are adopted at the local level. It is primarily a shell Chapter,
1707 meant to be customized at the local level for what works locally, and with the, the
1708 processes of the type of government there. That's what this Chapter does, and the City
1709 currently does not have an adopted Chapter 1 of the Florida Building Code. Again, it
1710 changes every three years, and every three years we need to adopt the Chapter 1 that
1711 meets our local needs.

1712 So, this Ordinance before you does that. It adopts a Chapter 1 that deals with
1713 those specifics of how we will admin'..., administer, and our processes related to the
1714 Florida Building Code. But this Ordinance before you also adopts that via a standalone
1715 manual. Currently, all the, all of those items listed under Chapter 1 for administration of
1716 the Florida Building Code are written directly in the Ordinance. So, every three years
1717 when it changes, we have to strike through everything and, and update those details
1718 related to Chapter 1. Whereas, if we do it by reference, which this Ordinance does, we
1719 have a manual that we can upload..., I'm sorry, update every three years as a standalone
1720 document without having to be as messy doing it through the, the Ordinances on the
1721 book.

1722 This also allows that Chapter 1 information to be available online quickly to anyone
1723 developing in the City. Additionally, it allows them to..., this information to be available on
1724 the state website when someone looks up the Florida Building Code, and they look up

1725 Riviera Beach, Chapter 1 would be available to them there, so they can have all of the
1726 information related to our codes and how we administer them, located in one place.

1727 We have our Building Official, Mr. Michael Grimm on hand today to address any
1728 questions, especially as they relate to the technical aspects of the Building Code, and
1729 what we are attempting to accomplish here. [Inaudible].

1730 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

1731 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. You're recognized.

1732 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you. Mr. Sirmons, I just wanna make sure I understood
1733 you. You said that there is a need to adopt the appendices? But, I'm correct..., if I'm
1734 correct, it says in the memo that the Building Code is deemed adopted for use statewide
1735 without the need for adoption by local government. So, any appendices would, therefore,
1736 need to be adopted as well. So, can you clarify?

1737 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** The appendices are only adopted if the
1738 locality elects to do so.

1739 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, aren't the appendices a part of the Florida Building
1740 Code?

1741 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** If the locality adopts them.

1742 **Councilperson McCoy:** But, the memo must be incorrect because the memo clearly
1743 says the Building Code is deemed adopted for use statewide without the need for
1744 adoption by local government.

1745 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct. The Code automatic'..., the
1746 technical aspects of the Code apply automatically when the state adopts them. However,
1747 the appendices to the Code are adopted only if the locality decides to do so. And again,
1748 our Building Official can provide more detail on this as well.

1749 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And I have one question for him when you finish.
1750 Thank you, Mr. Sirmons.

1751 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Grimm. Do you wanna respond to any of that...

1752 **Building Official Grimm:** Certainly. My name is Michael Grimm. I'm the Building
1753 Official for the City of Riviera Beach.

1754 And, Mr. Sirmons is exactly correct. The, the Building Code is adopted by the state
1755 to be uniform throughout the state, except for the appendices. The appendices would
1756 have to be adopted individually by the local municipalities.

1757 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. We do have public comment, so let's hear public
1758 comment and then we can...

1759 **City Clerk Anthony:** Fane Lozman, Bessie Brown.

1760 **Mr. F. Lozman:** Fane Lozman.

1761 I think, Mr. McCoy, you're probably the smartest person up there when it comes to
1762 understanding legal stuff, interpreting rules, and stuff like that, 'cause that's one of his
1763 hobbies. And he's brought some very good points up, and that is, if you can adopt the
1764 Florida Building Code, you can't pick and choose which sections you wanna adopt. Now,
1765 we have a full time Attorney and a full time Assistant Attorney. And, Ms. Busby out there
1766 signed off that everything was cool. Okay? So, if everything is cool, and we've adopted
1767 the Florida Building Code previously and we're adopting it going forward, we have some
1768 problems that we need to discuss. Are we really gonna adopt the whole Building Code?
1769 Or, are we gonna carve out sections of it?

1770 And specifically, I'm talking about what happens when Ladi March Goldwire...
1771 eventually, Mr. Grimm will be fired for doing something, that's just the way this Council
1772 works. What happens when a Building Official is terminated? The Florida Building Code
1773 discusses that. It says termination of employment. Employees in the position of Building
1774 Official, Chief Inspector, or Inspector, shall not be removed for... from office except for
1775 cause after full opportunity has been given to be heard on specific charges before such
1776 applicable government authority. So, it says it in the Code that we've adopted, Mr. Evans,
1777 yet your lawyer, Ms. Busby, is ignoring that. It's creating a, a case where you're gonna
1778 have millions of dollars of a possible runaway jury because we've adopted the buil'...
1779 Business Code, excuse me, the Building Code, but we've cut that section out. So we
1780 only have one Building Official that wasn't given the appropriate termination process.
1781 Sooner or later, Mr. Grimm is gonna piss somebody off, he's not gonna be given that
1782 thing, so what... you need to come to a consensus. You need to analyze what has
1783 happened previously that we're not following the Florida Building Code, and why are we
1784 setting the City up for millions of dollars of, of a possible runaway jury this year when her
1785 case goes to trial?

1786 I wanna understand what this vote means. 'Cause it's not clear. Because if you
1787 say you're gonna adopt the whole Building Code and then there's a section you don't like,
1788 you've exposing the taxpayers to a huge amount of money. And as the largest property
1789 owner in Singer Island, I think I have the right to know why is your Legal Department
1790 picking and choosing which sections of the Building Code they want? You know, no one
1791 talks about that. Why don't we go through the Code and say what are we, what are we
1792 gonna look at and keep and what are not? Because otherwise, what you're doing right
1793 there, and Mr. McCoy will tell you that, what you're doing right there, you're adopting the
1794 Code and then when you're not following it... if I'm an attorney representing Ms. Goldwire,
1795 I'mma say hey, here it is, they adopted the Code in 2017 and they didn't follow the
1796 procedure, Ladi March wins. You know, 2025, they fired Mr. Grimm, they didn't follow
1797 procedure, Mr. Grimm wins. There's something fundamentality flawed that the Legal
1798 Department that is signing off on this adoption of the Florida Building Code is not... is, is
1799 putting the City at risk and that needs to be addressed.

1800 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. Lozman.

1801 **City Clerk Anthony:** Bessie Brown.

1802 **Ms. B. Brown:** Good evening. Bessie Brown.

1803 This is... It says Building and Technical Codes. And then.., [stammer], I want to
 1804 know, Section 22 through 32, it says reserved. Does this mean that this, this stays or is
 1805 this actually being eliminated? I really, really would like to know if you're just gonna adopt
 1806 Building and Technical Codes, and then you're gonna get rid of administration, and all of
 1807 these other sections, why is that? Why is that? I'd really like to understand what's going
 1808 on, because then... [Sigh]. You just, you're just doing codes and then you're deleting
 1809 everything else. And it seems like the whole Department is being deleted.

1810 I really would like to get a better understanding on that.

1811 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1812 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, that concludes public
 1813 comment on this Item.

1814 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Do we have...

1815 [Inaudible audience comment]

1816 **Chairperson Botel:** ...anymore comments?

1817 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, Ms. [inaudible] had an
 1818 Item on No. 14.

1819 [Inaudible audience comment]

1820 **City Clerk Anthony:** We're on No. 13, Madam Chair, and Members of the Board.

1821 **Chairperson Botel:** Right. Thank you. Any other questions for Mr. Sirmons or Mr.
 1822 Grimm? Mr. McCoy, you're recognized.

1823 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you. Mr. Grimm or Mr. Sirmons, when was the last time
 1824 we implemented or adopted any sections of the Florida Building Code?

1825 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** The last time we adopted provisions for
 1826 Chapter 1 of the Florida Building Code was 2004. So, the last several iterations of the
 1827 Florida Building Code, we did not have Chapter 1 provisions adopted and that is
 1828 something that we are correcting, and again, creating a process to continue to keep up
 1829 with in the future.

1830 **Councilperson McCoy:** What year was that?

1831 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** 2004.

1832 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And was that done by a Ordinance?

1833 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct. And it's the Ordinance that's
1834 currently on the books but it is expired, because we're no longer under the same Building
1835 Code as we were in 2004.

1836 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So why aren't we under that same Building Code?
1837 Because it changes every three years?

1838 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct.

1839 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, in essence, what you're suggesting, even though the
1840 Building Code changes every three years, I think it's triennially, is how it's pronounced

1841 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct.

1842 **Chairperson Botel:** Triennially.

1843 **Councilperson McCoy:** Triennially. Then we have to come back and then adopt the
1844 appendices., appendices, and appendix and amendments separate from what's already
1845 the actual Code?

1846 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct. So, and., when the Code is
1847 adopted by the state every three years, Chapter 1 is essentially a shell. And so, provision
1848 101.2.1 says appendices, provisions in the appendices shall not apply unless specifically
1849 adopted. And so, in this manual it states that the City of Riviera Beach hereby adopts by
1850 reference, and it lists which appendices we are...

1851 **Councilperson McCoy:** What section?

1852 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...hereby adopting.

1853 **Councilperson McCoy:** What section was that? 102 point...

1854 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** And this is in the manual attachment
1855 that you have about Section 101.2.1, appendices. It's on Page 2.

1856 **Councilperson McCoy:** 101.2?

1857 **Chairperson Botel:** .1

1858 **Councilperson McCoy:** .1. Okay. And this would be the new language that we're now
1859 adopting?

1860 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct.

1861 **Councilperson McCoy:** Do we have the 2004 language?

1862 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** It's what's in the Municode in, in, in your
1863 material.

1864 **Councilperson McCoy:** In Municode.., that currently exists in Municode?

1865 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct.

1866 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Alright. Thank you.

1867 **Chairperson Botel:** Any other comments? [Pause]. It has been moved and
 1868 second... Sorry. It has been moved and seconded that Council approve amending
 1869 Chapter 22 of the City's Code of Ordinances. If your name is called.., as your name is
 1870 called, please answer yes or no. Madam Clerk.

1871 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1872 **Councilperson McCoy:** No.

1873 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

1874 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1875 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

1876 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

1877 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

1878 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

1879 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

1880 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. The motion is approved by a vote of 4-1.

1881 **ITEMS TABLED**

1882 **Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 14.

1883 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, this Item is listed under
 1884 Items tabled, however, in reviewing the video from the January 20, 2021 City Council
 1885 meeting, when this Item appeared on the Agenda, the Item was actually postponed and
 1886 not tabled, so it is not necessary for the Board to do a motion to remove it from the table.

1887 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

1888 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 124-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE**
 1889 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**
 1890 **FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A NAMING AND RENAMING POLICY FOR STREETS, CITY**
 1891 **BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES (OR COMPONENT THEREOF), AND CERTAIN CITY**
 1892 **REAL OR TANGIBLE PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND**
 1893 **FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

1894 **CLARENCE SIRMONS, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, 561-845-4060**

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1896 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have public
1897 comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is
1898 now closed.

1899 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to mo'..., make a motion to
1900 approve resolution 124-20?

1901 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

1902 **Councilperson Lanier:** Second.

1903 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. We have a presentation by Mr. Blankenship?

1904 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship.:** Actually...

1905 **Chairperson Botel:** Or, Mr. Sirmons.

1906 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Good evening again, Madam Chair,
1907 Members of the Board.

1908 This Item, again, we previously brought it forth but it did not contain additional
1909 provisions related to the naming of buildings and City facilities, in addition to street
1910 naming. So, there is currently a Resolution on the City's books related to how we go
1911 about renaming or naming streets. This Resolution would remove that Resolution and
1912 replace it with what's before you. Skip through that. The first section I will cover related
1913 to the portions of this Resolution related to renaming or naming, streets, and then I will
1914 turn it over to Director Blankenship to cover the portions related to naming City facilities
1915 and amenities.

1916 The table here is just a refresher on some of the other municipalities that we
1917 studied to look for best practices related to street naming administration. And, this table
1918 here really highlights what's existing on our books related to street naming and what
1919 changes this Resolution would add. So, to quickly go through them, these aspects have...,
1920 are already in place, an individual must have achieved local or national prominence and
1921 have been deceased for no less than five years to have a street named after them; streets
1922 may only be named after living persons if City Council determines there are exceptional
1923 circumstances; all street names require review and recommendation from the
1924 Development Services Department; renaming can be initiated by City Council or by
1925 citizens; community rename applications must include a petition signed by two-thirds of
1926 the property owners along that street to be renamed. Those are all of the provisions
1927 currently in our policy.

1928 The additions we've added are the application fee of \$250. We've also added a
1929 deposit for the expenses associated with the renaming of streets, namely the, the

1930 manufacturing and installation of new signs for the street. And then, it adds a, a, a
1931 provision on Council initiated proposals must include a funding plan as well, when..., as
1932 they move forward. Those last three are changes with this amendment.

1933 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

1934 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized.

1935 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Could I ask a question about the..., so, the
1936 applicant..., they're just going to pay a deposit, or they'll be responsible for paying for the
1937 street cha'..., the sign changes as well?

1938 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Yes. And it doesn't...

1939 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** If it's not...

1940 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...list...

1941 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...Council initiated?

1942 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct. When it's not Council initiated,
1943 and it doesn't list those details on this table, the applicant is required to pay a \$1,000
1944 deposit. If their renaming project is approved and cost more than that, they will be
1945 responsible for the remaining balance after it is approved. And, it lists a, a, a timeline in
1946 the Resolution, by which they must pay those funds.

1947 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1948 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** If it comes to less than the \$1,000
1949 deposit, it also describes the process of us refunding any balance.

1950 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Thank you.

1951 **Chairperson Botel:** What, what does the funding plan..., Council initiated
1952 proposals must include funding plan. Could you tell us a little more about that?

1953 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct. So, if the, the..., it is the
1954 pleasure of the Council to create a Resolution renaming a street to honor a, a person or
1955 for anything, that it must also include where the funds will come from. That, that must be
1956 contemplated. There have been situations where there were miscommunications on how
1957 a City initiated street renaming would be funded, and this is to clarify that that should be
1958 worked out on the front end.

1959 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

1960 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Can I...

1961 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

1962 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...just say something?

1963 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm sorry.

1964 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I don't know if there was a miscommunication, it
1965 probably just never came up, and it was just done. And, I mean, it wasn't., I don't think...
1966 We've never discussed how it's gonna be paid when we're talking about renaming, so I'm
1967 glad to see that is there.

1968 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

1969 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So that we don't have any issues later on.

1970 **Chairperson Botel:** Any other...

1971 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

1972 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized.

1973 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you.

1974 Mr. Sirmons, the individual must have achieved local or national prominence, or
1975 have been deceased for no less., and, have been deceased for no less than five years.
1976 So, are we not going to do any naming., street renaming's of any living individuals?

1977 **Chairperson Botel:** Look at Item 2. Look at Item 2.

1978 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Streets...

1979 [Inaudible dais comment]

1980 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...may be named only if...

1981 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

1982 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Reading is fundamental. Thank you.

1983 [Chuckles]

1984 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So, what would outline and highlight exceptional
1985 circumstances?

1986 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** So, we did., although this provision
1987 previously existed, we added an additional line to clarify that City Council shall determine
1988 what constitutes exceptional circumstances. So, we do not provide a definition in the
1989 Resolution for it but we make it clear that Council, amongst themselves, must determine
1990 whether this person that's still alive, has., checks all the boxes for someone we would
1991 want to recognize to the level of, extent of changing a street name.

1992 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible].

1993 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay.

1994 **Chairperson Botel:** Anybody else?

1995 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I mean, I appreciate you all taking that off of your
1996 plate, but I think it does still need to be really, truly defined what exceptional
1997 circumstances are for, you know, I mean, we need to determine what that it is. Because
1998 I just see it being the same as before. I don't see how..., I mean, your argument of what
1999 exceptional circumstances is may be different from what mine are. And so, I think we
2000 have to define what that means.

2001 When you did any research for the other municipalities, did you, did you all come
2002 across anything that kinda gave a definition, or checkboxes, things that we could check
2003 off and say..., for any living persons?

2004 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** In researching the Ordinances or, or
2005 Resolutions on the books and other cities, we didn't come across a specific definition, but
2006 we can do additional research to find something that the Council may approve of..., deem
2007 appropriate for being more specific on what those criteria are for living individuals to be
2008 honored in this way.

2009 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. I, I think that's important to define that
2010 because, otherwise, we're, we're in..., we'll be in the same position we were before, in
2011 terms of determining who qualifies for the naming. Right now, that, that would be a lot of
2012 debate, you know, trying to determine what is exceptional.

2013 So..., but, will that hold us up from moving forward with this tonight though? If we
2014 have to come up with the definition for the exceptional circumstances?

2015 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may?

2016 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. You're recognized.

2017 **City Manager Evans:** Does that particular, Director Sirmons, does that particular
2018 provision only apply to the situation where it's driven by the City Council? So that
2019 exceptional circumstances is only applicable to when it's initiated by the Council?

2020 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** It's written as that applying to citizen
2021 initiated street name'..., renaming as well.

2022 **City Manager Evans:** Okay. Okay.

2023 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. That, that, that would..., we're basically
2024 gonna be in the same position we're in now if that is not truly defined, what that means.

2025 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

2026 **City Manager Evans:** Yeah.

2027 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized...

2028 **City Attorney Wynn:** You can always take it out.

2029 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Mr. McCoy.

2030 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** And add it?

2031 **City Attorney Wynn:** Just take it out.

2032 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** But that's the whole... For me, that's the whole
2033 purpose of needing this, because we, we do need something clearly defining, saying, I
2034 mean, you've done this, or you've done that or, you know...

2035 **City Attorney Wynn:** I'm saying if you take it out, there are no exceptional
2036 circumstances. It's just deceased for no less than five years and achieved prominence.

2037 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** But that is only for dec'..., individuals have...

2038 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yeah. We...

2039 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...achieved local...

2040 **City Manager Evans:** Or you...

2041 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...or national prominence.

2042 **City Attorney Wynn:** We...

2043 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** And, have been deceased. But that means that
2044 we would not be able to do anything for any living person that...

2045 **City Attorney Wynn:** Correct.

2046 **City Manager Evans:** Or... Madam Chair, if I may? Or, you can do something that
2047 says, street may only be named after a living person the City Council determines that
2048 there is, you know, documented proof over a length of time of community service or what
2049 have you, to, you know, have a chronological timeline that's provided as part of the actual
2050 submission so we can..., that has to be measured, quantified, deliverables as it relates to
2051 the services that were provided, or the activities that a person would have done.

2052 So, in essence, I would see a situation where an individual..., if the Board would
2053 look to bring this forward, that that particular Councilperson would, in essence, have a
2054 resume or some information that really delineates and shows documentation over a
2055 duration of time that 'x' person contributed, you know, 'x' to the City.

2056 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** And I agree. I unders'... Yeah. That's exactly
2057 what I'm saying, but for tonight though, if we don't lay..., lay that out, are we able to move
2058 forward with this and bring that one specific piece back to add as an addendum to this or
2059 are we now saying we have to, you know, hold the whole thing off again?

2060 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** If...

2061 **City Manager Evans:** Go ahead, Director Sirmons.

2062 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** If I may...

2063 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Sirmons, you're recognized.

2064 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...the, the section related to naming a
2065 street after a living person, I'll read directly what it says, a living person, only if the
2066 individual has achieved prominence as a result of his or [stammer]..., his or her significant
2067 contributions to the nation, state or local community, and only if a super majority vote of
2068 Council is realized. That's the current language. So it does make it more difficult, being
2069 that it has to be a super majority vote of Council. But, if, again, additional details in terms
2070 of what constitutes prominence, and things in that vein, are needed, we could potentially
2071 add an addendum after further research or whatever the pleasure of the Board is.

2072 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

2073 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

2074 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I, I do think that needs to be done. Otherwise,
2075 we're, we're, we're still in the same position we're in. So, if we can do the addendum at
2076 some point, you can get that for us, or come up with..., let us know what you research,
2077 and if we can come up with some additional ideas, we can have that to discuss, so we
2078 can have a checklist. I mean, the amount of people that ask for this, that are living, is
2079 [stammer], Mr. McCoy can tell you. I'm sure he's been hit up a few times, as well as
2080 everybody else, and you just wanna be able to have a fair process and not be a popularity
2081 thing in terms of..., or, an election thing, or, you know, you, you really need to have a set
2082 criteria as to why we're choosing to give this person this honor.

2083 And so, I, I do think we need to do that. If we can move forward with it, if that's the
2084 pleasure of the Board, that's fine. But, that would need to be something that comes right
2085 behind it, because..., and to not do any signs until we've put that on.

2086 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy, you're recognized.

2087 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

2088 A few things. Council Member Miller-Anderson, I agree but I don't know that there
2089 is any opportunity for there to be any kind of objectiveness in this. Even if it passes, from
2090 a citizen led petition to change a name, I don't like the fact that we're gonna ask an
2091 applicant to pay \$250 and then it becomes still, ultimately, the decision of City Council

2092 and that \$250 just goes towards the cost of Staff time, if they turn around and don't have
2093 that street naming. And if it's done by City Council, then we don't put up a fee. Right?
2094 That's the first thing.

2095 And then, even more so, to your point, it's become such a hassle, I'm almost ready
2096 to sunset everybody and just start from scratch, because it just becomes too much that
2097 people think that it's all about what.., I heard Dr. King's, in, in one of his speeches called
2098 The Drum Major Instincts, where everybody has to have their name on something, or be
2099 the drum major, in essence. I particularly think it's great, but we've kinda gotten too far
2100 with it. It's almost like the prerequisite to do it is you have to be some sort of minister or
2101 clergy, because probably eighty percent of them are representative or members of the
2102 clergy community. And, it just becomes too much when you got folks that says.., I don't
2103 wanna get into that, about what they've done and what they haven't done, or my cousin
2104 did more and, you know, that just becomes too much.

2105 I, you know, I like the fact that we wanna recognize them, but there's no way that
2106 there's gonna be any kinda impartiality to this because if the decision is done, or if it's
2107 recommended by Staff, it's still is a decision of the body. And you really don't take the
2108 politics out of it. It still exists. And I know that that's the ideal situation but, you know, I just
2109 figured if somebody go and get two-thirds, sixty-six percent of the property owners on one
2110 street, which again, Members, you know we got streets that go all the way from.., we got
2111 East 23rd and we got a West 23rd. You know? So, it goes both sides of Broadway, and
2112 then you're on the other side of the railroad tracks in some areas. So that means we
2113 would essentially be [inaudible] the whole entire City, that one street, and if someone has
2114 the effort and manpower to get sixty-six percent, I just don't wanna sit here and tell them,
2115 'Oh yeah, well, the Council didn't approve it and you don't get your \$250 back.' Yeah.
2116 That's.., that almost kinda goes counter to the very essence of, you know, representation.

2117 So, [sigh], you know, I don't see that there's ever gonna be any real clear way to
2118 do this.

2119 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

2120 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized.

2121 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I mean, I.., for the application fee, I, I do think
2122 probably if we're not going to approve it, that probably needs to be refunded. I don't, I
2123 don't want it to seem like, you know, we're taking people's money and, and there's no
2124 [chuckle], you know, they don't.., if they don't get it. Maybe adding a, a refund if, I mean,
2125 refundable if it's not approved.

2126 I do think we could be objective if, if you say, just like it says, if you have some kind
2127 of, I don't know, if you have documented experience of doing things in the community, for
2128 the masses, you know, if you've been recognized by 'x' number of organizations in the
2129 City. I mean, having something like that. And, regardless of how the vote may go, I
2130 mean, if the facts are there, then we should be able to take out the politics of it by just
2131 voting on the objectives, if they, they met the criteria. Now, the criteria that we set, we

2132 need to make sure we're setting reasonable criteria. I, I think it can still be done, as long
2133 as we have that criteria set. And I do think it's gonna take a little time. Not a little time,
2134 but definitely not tonight, to identify what that criteria is.

2135 So, and, you know, like I said, that \$250 application fee, probably should be
2136 refundable if... What is the fee gonna..., what is it for, basically?

2137 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** So, the fee is consistent with any
2138 application that someone would submit to Development Services. Even if it's a zone
2139 change, there's a, a Staff fee. And if their, you know, request isn't approved, they, the
2140 don't get that back., So this wouldn't be inconsistent with that. But that is because the
2141 Resolution, as it currently sits, requires a Staff report to Council, and that report should
2142 include research aspects, such as the origin of the street name, any historical significance
2143 of the existing street name, whether there are any other historical structures around the
2144 City that have the same name, that could [stammer] potentially cause confusion, the age
2145 of the street name, whether it's a duplicate or not. So, there's a lot of research that Staff
2146 is required to present to this Board, for you to make that decision, and us to provide a
2147 recommendation to you. And this is just to, to, to account for a little bit of that time. This
2148 is., would probably be one of the lowest application fees we charge in the Department.
2149 And just to make sure that people aren't arbitrarily sending these applications and they
2150 know that, you know, they have some skin the game. And...

2151 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Mhmm.

2152 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...and this is a part of that, along with
2153 the deposit.

2154 **Unk.:** Right.

2155 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, tho'., those are my comments in regards
2156 to the exceptional circumstances, identifying what that means, and I, I still say the
2157 refundable application fee of \$250, if they're not approved.

2158 **Chairperson Botel:** I, I was about...

2159 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

2160 **Chairperson Botel:** ...ready to agree with you on that but it makes sense what Mr.
2161 Sirmons is saying, that, you know, if there's no fee that you have the potential of losing,
2162 every person in the City could say, 'well, I want my uncle., I want a street named after
2163 my uncle, and it doesn't cost me anything, and I know I'm gonna get my \$250 back,' so...

2164 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** No. They get it back if they're not approved.

2165 **Chairperson Botel:** Well, that, that's what I mean. But there's no., there's nothing
2166 to prevent a hoard of people from coming in and wanting to do this, if they're, if they're
2167 just., know that if it's not approved, they'll get their \$250 bucks back.

2168 **Councilperson McCoy:** They gotta get sixty-six percent still.

2169 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. They still gotta go through the process of
2170 getting those signatures and, they're putting in work.

2171 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

2172 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I mean...

2173 **Chairperson Botel:** Well...

2174 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** When, when is the deposit done? At, at the
2175 beginning, as well, with the \$250?

2176 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct.

2177 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Mhmm.

2178 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2179 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

2180 **Chairperson Botel:** I... You're recognized, Mr. Lawson.

2181 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I would be in agreement that the application fee is a
2182 nonrefundable fee with this process of a community initiated, or a citizen-initiated petition
2183 for renaming. Just because of the hours that'll be put in by Staff, the time and effort that's
2184 being done to process this, if they're not approved, or if they are approved. The majority
2185 of applications that are submitted, whether it's City related or even just private sector, are
2186 nonrefundable application fees that are submitted. So, a resident would wanna do some
2187 of the due diligence to prepare all of the information necessary to submit once Staff
2188 completes their task and presents it to the Board, we will make the decision as a, as a
2189 Council to move forward. But I would say that the application fee is nonrefundable, the
2190 deposit can be refundable.

2191 **Chairperson Botel:** I agree that we need to have a better definition of [stammer]
2192 exceptional circumstances. I think we can move forward on this, this evening, with the
2193 understanding that you'll come back to us with some clarification about that term.

2194 Any other comments? Did we...

2195 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

2196 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2197 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I want to do some comment, I just wanted to reserve the time
2198 after we make this motion for another motion.

2199 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2200 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** I...

2201 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have public comment?

2202 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** I, I wanted to note that there's a second
2203 part of the presentation, including the buildings and amenities...

2204 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, okay.

2205 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...[inaudible].

2206 **Chairperson Botel:** Let's hear that and then we'll have public comments.

2207 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Director Blankenship.

2208 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Good evening, Council, Mayor, City
2209 Manager. Richard Blankenship, Parks & Recreation Director.

2210 A few months ago, Staff was asked to start developing a policy for the naming of
2211 facilities, amenities, the like, that are, that are in the City., and then, when this first went...,
2212 became before you. Then, we were asked to combine the two policies, so we have one
2213 policy now. I'll lead you to Section 7 that outlines the amenities in the City that can be
2214 named, dedicated, renamed or, or, or rededicated. And then, Section 8, gives the
2215 application process, the timeline, and the fee structure for these.

2216 Now, Staff didn't know, at the time, how deep the Council wanted to go in, in this
2217 process, as far as approving it, but our better judgment was to give you the opportunity
2218 to approve them all. We have everything from existing buildings to new buildings to park
2219 benches; trees and landscapes; community gardens; playgrounds; existing playgrounds
2220 new; pavilions existing, pavilions new; community center or gym room; existing
2221 community center, gyn new; athletic field, a core, existing or new; and trail existing or
2222 new.

2223 As the City moves forward with its Reimagine program, there's gonna be a lot of
2224 opportunity for people to be a part of this, and to have some civic pride in their City, and,
2225 and putting, putting a name on something. So, we wanted to add some guidelines. And
2226 what I wanted to point out at the very beginning of the policy, there's a disclaimer, where
2227 the City has rights. We, we are, we are setting rights that we can remove stuff after the
2228 fact, if needed, if something goes wrong with the, not... Maybe the, the..., that we've seen
2229 nationally lately, we can remove that. We set that out early in the policy.

2230 Those fees that aren't related to the actual construction, cover Staff time, signage,
2231 any of the intricacies involved in naming something, or renaming something, or dedicating
2232 something. Section 9 of the policy dictates that we will be in charge of the signage, it will
2233 be uniform. The cost of the signage will be borne in the fees that they're paying., will be
2234 provided in the fees that they're paying and we, we will be the one in charge of making it,
2235 putting it up and, and unveiling it.

2236 With that, I'll answer any questions that you may have.

2237 **Chairperson Botel:** An questions? Mr. McCoy, you're recognized.

2238 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

2239 Mr. Blankenship, can you point to that section that provides the City the option to
 2240 remove?

2241 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** The very top of the poli'..., not, not my
 2242 part, but the whole policy.

2243 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh. Okay. I was looking at the bottom.

2244 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** I think it's...

2245 **Chairperson Botel:** Oops. I went too far.

2246 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Section 2, scope and applicability. 'E'.

2247 **Chairperson Botel:** Refuse to [inaudible].

2248 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** I, I believe on your version, it has it
 2249 under F, under Section 2.

2250 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Yeah.

2251 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

2252 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** I think.

2253 **Chairperson Botel:** Right to remove any name or rename of a street, building,
 2254 facility, or real or tangible property.

2255 **Councilperson McCoy:** And that is at the discretion of the City. Who...

2256 **Chairperson Botel:** Council.

2257 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh. Okay. So, it would be an action of the City Council?

2258 **Chairperson Botel:** Right.

2259 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Even though..., does this policy also provide for Council
 2260 ratification of a street bench? A bench at a bus stop?

2261 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Any, any tangible property that the City
 2262 has.

2263 **Councilperson McCoy:** It would an action...

2264 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** That is ours, that is the City's.

2265 **Councilperson McCoy:** But it would be an action the City Council to approve a bench?

2266 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** The way it's written now. Again, Staff
 2267 didn't know how deep in the weeds you wanted to get with this, so we laid it out that
 2268 you're..., that, that you would be involved in all decisions.

2269 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

2270 **Chairperson Botel:** Did we have public comments?

2271 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair...

2272 **Chairperson Botel:** Let's hear the public comments.

2273 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...Members of the Board.

2274 **Chairperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

2275 [Pause]

2276 [Inaudible dais comment]

2277 **Chairperson Botel:** Madam Clerk.

2278 [Pause]

2279 **City Clerk Anthony:** Margaret Shepherd, Bessie Brown.

2280 **Ms. M. Shepherd:** To the Mayor and City Manager, and to all of you in respectful place.

2281 Mr. Evans, I was thoroughly.., I, I, I can't explain how I felt when you came to Ms.
 2282 Dawson. I couldn't even breathe. I, I had to sit down up under the shade. I, I, I, I, I was
 2283 looking for something big, but I tell you outdid yourself. And I told Ms. Jenkins, when I go
 2284 out, you get Mr. Evans to care of me. That, that was excellent. Thank you, sir. Thank
 2285 you, thank you.

2286 Well, I'm here today. I'm back, back again talking about the Brooks Center.
 2287 Nobody know' the Brooks, but them. Ms. Dawson been doing this.., I've been here forty
 2288 some some' years, and she's been doing this for years. She has the shovel in her house,
 2289 with the hardhat that said Riviera Beach Heights. I don't wanna ask nobody to do
 2290 anything, but I just demand that that name be taken out of.., try to find a way to put the
 2291 Riviera Beach Heights up there. It's insulting that these people worked so hard... And
 2292 then, I think I read a little article that Rich Ryles is suing the City. So, now, you're here
 2293 an nobody know where you came from. I just know him because of him being an attorney
 2294 and I, you know... But, the stigma is that people work hard in this City. I have boxes and
 2295 boxes of trophies, and I thought I outdid her but when she took me in her house and I saw
 2296 all of those trophies, I sat down. She deserved it. And, and, and the one thing that I wish

2297 is that the, the street would be Southside Coalition, so when people come in there, they
2298 say, 'What is it all about?' You always ask what is it about. And you begin to explain it.
2299 This is our City, and it should be people that we know. And I'm grateful for Reverend
2300 Griffin Davis name, he deserve' it. Reverend Henning deserve' it. These are not...,
2301 Alexan'..., they deserve it. These people was here before some of us was even born.

2302 And then people come in our neighborhood and they... They just take over. It
2303 looks bad. And I was depressed. I, I, I, I, you know, how, how, how does this happen
2304 that you said, shovels in the ground, big ceremony, Riviera Beach Heights. And then that
2305 was a real slap in the face. I hope that you all will find some type of confidence in this
2306 City, into the... The lady said old, so I guess I'm getting old [chuckle]. Us old people, let
2307 me put it like that, to do something that make us feel proud. Because we do work in this
2308 City. We work hard.

2309 Elections come, this stuff going on, they're scared of us. They know what's
2310 coming. We deserve it.

2311 Thank you.

2312 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2313 **City Clerk Anthony:** Bessie Brown. [Pause]. Madam Chair, Members of the
2314 Board, as Ms. Brown come, the time is now 9:50.

2315 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes.

2316 **Ms. B. Brown:** Hi. Bessie Brown, Riviera Beach.

2317 I just want to know, there was a thing up there, a document that says what the
2318 price and all of that. Well, that should've been in the backup as well. I, I think because,
2319 because how would we know that that's, that's a part of the Agenda Item. You know?
2320 Because, you know, you..., this is the second time these little things come across. You,
2321 you, you present something to the Council and the, and the, and the public doesn't have
2322 it. Now, I, I don't think that's, that's, that's too fair to the public. Especially where the fees
2323 are. If you had a two hundred dollar fif'..., \$250 fee, what..., I asked the question the last
2324 time and I didn't get an answer. I'd like to get an answer this time, the \$250 fee for what?
2325 And then the \$1,000 deposit. What is that for? And is that refundable?

2326 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board..., Mr. Chair, Mad'..., and
2327 Members of the Board [chuckle], that completes public comments on this Item.

2328 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam..., Mr. Chair?

2329 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** [Inaudible].

2330 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Are we..., did we do an extension? It's almost
2331 10:00.

2332 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yeah. We need a motion for an extension...

2333 **Councilperson McCoy:** Move to extend indefinitely.

2334 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Uh.

2335 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Second. Do we have a second?

2336 [Chuckles]

2337 **Councilperson McCoy:** I thought I heard...

2338 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** No second?

2339 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Councilwoman Miller-Anderson, did you say anything?

2340 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I said, "Uh."

2341 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh. I thought you said...

2342 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** If we don't have a second...

2343 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Oh, we do not have a second?

2344 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** We didn't have a second.

2345 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I'll second.

2346 [Chuckles]

2347 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** The motion is made, properly second. Madam Clerk.

2348 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

2349 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2350 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

2351 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

2352 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2353 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2354 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lawson?

2355 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

2356 **City Clerk Anthony:** That motion is approved with Councilperson Botel out.

2357 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you. Mr. Blankenship, I believe you were completing
2358 your presentation.

2359 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** I'm com'..., finished with my presentation.
2360 I'll answer any questions you may have.

2361 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair..., Mr. Chair, excuse me.

2362 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** You're recognized, Mr. McCoy.

2363 **Councilperson McCoy:** Ms. Miller-Anderson, was your concerns, was there any
2364 suggestion of any offer of an amended or did you wanna see more work done on this?
2365 Where are we?

2366 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. I mean...

2367 **Councilperson McCoy:** I would agree.

2368 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. I, I don't have the criteria in my head right
2369 now. You're talking about that part? Yeah. I don't have that set, so hope'..., I'm hoping
2370 that we could bring that part back, and add it as an addendum of some sort.

2371 But, I don't want to see anything move forward under these..., this base..., this
2372 criteria which is vague right now. So, I mean, do we need to put a moratorium on it, or
2373 saying..., just basically say we're not going to move forward with...

2374 **City Attorney Wynn:** Postpone it again?

2375 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I mean [sigh].. [Inaudible].

2376 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, well, you know, I guess..., I don't have a problem...

2377 [Inaudible dais comment]

2378 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...with us sending it back, but if there is something specific,
2379 can we kinda put our suggestions in to Staff and see if they can come back with something
2380 at, I mean, when I say suggestions, I mean individually and, you know, outside of the
2381 meeting, we can contact the Manager and offer our suggestions?

2382 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. Yeah. But that would..., but what I'm
2383 saying is, it will still put it to coming back to the next meeting.

2384 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, there's no other way, I don't think.

2385 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah, well...

2386 **Councilperson McCoy:** And this is.., and, and I know what you mean, but I don't think
2387 that we can.., I mean, this is just as critical as an Ordinance amount of... I mean, we've
2388 been dealing with this for some time now, so I think it's important.

2389 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah.

2390 **Unk.:** Okay.

2391 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So, what are we gonna motion...

2392 **Councilperson McCoy:** And...

2393 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...to post'...

2394 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...you know... Madam Chair?

2395 **Chairperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

2396 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Stammer], you know, what's interesting is, you know, I
2397 thought, in my mind... And, and let me just go back to that section but what I seen about
2398 the renaming the building facilities, is that also the same reverter position that, I mean,
2399 we're asking for, proposed, is \$5,000 for an existing building. If that's not approved by
2400 City Council, then obviously.., is that person gonna get that money back? Because that's,
2401 that.., I don't think it says it in this section.

2402 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** The way...

2403 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Council... I'm sorry. Go ahead.

2404 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** The way this is written is.., there's a
2405 separate application and processing for the naming of City buildings and amenities then
2406 street names. Street name applications would be processed by the Development
2407 Services Department. The naming of buildings and City amenities would be processed
2408 by the Parks Department.

2409 In, in terms of criteria, the Resolution does direct the Development Services
2410 Department to create the application for street renaming and, in that application, we can
2411 add a criteria, checklist of.., that applies to proposed renaming for living persons. And,
2412 that can be built into the application process since it's not written in this Ordinance now.
2413 Again, just an additional option to get to where the Councilpersons are, are looking to be.

2414 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up.

2415 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** And if I could add for the facilities and
2416 such, there'd be no monies exchanged until after you approve them.

2417 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And I would ask that we also include, because this
2418 seems to be specific to individuals. I mean, obviously, I don't know if the, the

2419 amphitheater in West Palm is owned by the City of West Palm Beach, but it has a name.
2420 What is it?

2421 **Unk.:** [Inaudible].

2422 **Councilperson McCoy:** No, no. The one in downtown.

2423 **Chairperson Botel:** Meyer.

2424 **Councilperson McCoy:** Meyer. I don't know if that's a person's name. But then, just
2425 like you said, Cruzan [sp] is a name and I don't believe that that's..., was intended after an
2426 individual. I think that was after some sort of product or something like that. So, can
2427 we...

2428 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Well, I, I., now we'd, we'd be talking
2429 about naming rights versus dedication.

2430 **Councilperson McCoy:** But, wouldn't it be...

2431 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** And we don't have naming rights in the
2432 policy.

2433 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm sorry?

2434 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** We don't have naming rights in the
2435 policy. What you're talking about with Cruzan...

2436 **Councilperson McCoy:** Right. But essentially, if we're gonna ask somebody to pay
2437 \$5,000 for a building, I mean, that's pretty much naming rights.

2438 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Naming rights, in my definition, are
2439 temporary.

2440 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And... Yeah. I think we're going too far. So...

2441 [Chuckles]

2442 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible].

2443 **Councilperson McCoy:** But I believe, Mr. Blankenship, if I'm correct, you're saying
2444 naming rights only exist for a [stammer] temporary amount of time?

2445 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Well, we don't have a policy on naming
2446 rights, but that's the difference between...

2447 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Yeah.

2448 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** ...naming rights and dedications, as
2449 written in this policy.

2450 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm sorry. I don't understand how you're differentiating
2451 between naming rights and Item No. 2 under Section, where am I, 8? You don't think of
2452 this as naming rights?

2453 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** These are dedications that, unless
2454 extenuating circumstances, they're up there forever. Naming rights would be Joe Robbie
2455 Stadium, or Seminole Hard Rock Stadium, or that.., Cruzan...

2456 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2457 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** ...Amphitheater, that could change. It's,
2458 you know, it's a contractual thing.

2459 **Chairperson Botel:** But these could change as well, right?

2460 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Only with extenuating circumstances.

2461 **Chairperson Botel:** Ah, I understand.

2462 **Councilperson McCoy:** Or, not even in that case. If someone comes in ten years or
2463 fifteen years later and say I wanna change it from John Smith to Jane Smith, then, I mean,
2464 essentially, we sunset John and give me \$5,000 Jane, and your name goes on the
2465 building. I mean, that's what we're getting down into, right?

2466 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

2467 **Councilperson McCoy:** Careful. This is almost as slippery as what we.., the reason
2468 that we're here.

2469 I don't have an appetite for this, Members. 'Cause there's too much... [Pause].
2470 So, can we.., I move to postpone.

2471 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

2472 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized.

2473 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** It's the whole.., the street and the building,
2474 you're saying. Right? Or just.., you're saying the buildings?

2475 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's all...

2476 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Both of them?

2477 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's all one...

2478 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** One, right? Well, we were... Yeah. That's
2479 where we were.., I think we were heading anyway to get the clarification on the criteria.
2480 And then, I guess if there's some other concerns about the building naming, then maybe

2481 we., when we have our individual conversations with them, we can talk about that with
2482 them as well. So that when it comes back, all of that could be presented.

2483 Second.

2484 **Chairperson Botel:** I will say... I., thank you. I just wanna say one thing. I think
2485 it's been almost three years now ago that a gentleman on Singer Island asked if he could
2486 name a bench after his deceased daughter, and I have yet to have anybody give me a
2487 process to do that. So, I'm happy to see that park benches [chuckle] are here so that that
2488 gentleman can finally have it [chuckle], have it named after his daughter. It's good to see
2489 that there's a process in place, so I appreciate that.

2490 Any other comments before we vote on postponing?

2491 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, is it going to be postponed indefinitely or
2492 postponed to a, a specific date?

2493 **Councilperson McCoy:** I will say indefinitely. Because, I mean...

2494 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** That's what your motion is?

2495 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2496 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I...

2497 **Councilperson McCoy:** Move to...

2498 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, I...

2499 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...postpone...

2500 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I mean, I have a sec'.., I, I seconded it but why
2501 do you wanna do indefinite instead of the...

2502 **Councilperson McCoy:** Because...

2503 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...next meeting?

2504 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...I don't wanna force them to come back in two weeks. And
2505 then, you know, I, I just don't wanna put that pressure on... I mean, we're already here
2506 at 10:00 o'clock, so I want them to have the discretion on this Item, when to bring it back,
2507 depending on the capacity of the Agenda to come. So, if it's not the first meeting, then it
2508 could, you know, indefinitely leaves it open to maybe the second meeting in March.

2509 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Sirmons, how much time do you think you would need to
2510 clarify these issues?

2511 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, we gotta., we gotta meet to talk to him.

2512 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. But how much.., I mean...

2513 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** As far as a finding of definitions and
2514 criteria, we could have something turned around in, in two weeks. That's not a problem.

2515 **Chairperson Botel:** Would there be enough...

2516 **Councilperson McCoy:** Right. But then would it be able to be back on the Agenda,
2517 given the capacity? Of the Agenda.

2518 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may? I, I don't think it would be able to be
2519 placed on the first meeting in March, 'cause we've already got some pretty substantive
2520 Items that are queued up for that Agenda, so it most likely would be the second meeting
2521 in March when this can come forward.

2522 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. That probably should give us enough time to speak
2523 with Staff.

2524 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So, he's.., you're making you motion...

2525 **Chairperson Botel:** Is that your motion then? To second and postpone?

2526 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...for the second meeting?

2527 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible] indefinitely.

2528 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

2529 **Councilperson McCoy:** I mean, does that not work...

2530 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** That'll work.

2531 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Councilwoman?

2532 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. That'll work. Yeah. That'll work if.., but I
2533 would say if we could try to get it back as soon.., well, not as soon as possible but by the
2534 second, the second meeting in March? If they're ready.

2535 **Councilperson McCoy:** And then, you know, keep in mind, I'm sorry, I thought
2536 community benefits deadline was the ending of this month, so, you know, there's gonna
2537 be some Items that we're gonna have to deal with. So.

2538 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. We have a motion and a second to postpone this
2539 indefinitely. Madam Clerk.

2540 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

2541 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Mr. Lawson.

2542 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I, I know we're stating indefinitely just to kinda give Staff the
2543 flexibility, but just as direction, I would love to see this or actually want to see this by the
2544 second meeting in March, since the first meeting is already full, as Mr. Evans just stated.
2545 So, do we want to determine that we just set that date, because I want this on the Agenda
2546 for that first mee'..., that second meeting in March.

2547 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I mean, I agree with you on having it...

2548 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

2549 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...that second meeting.

2550 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. Okay. So, the motion is cha'..., is altered to say
2551 postponed until the second meeting in March?

2552 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. But what if, in some event...

2553 [Inaudible dais comment]

2554 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...something occurs that they're not able to produce it then?
2555 What happens?

2556 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** They'll let us know...

2557 **Councilperson McCoy:** I mean, I think that directive...

2558 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...and then we'll...

2559 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...is there. Mr. Evans...

2560 **City Attorney Wynn:** They can come back and ask for an extension.

2561 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** They can come back, yeah.

2562 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah.

2563 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

2564 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay? So, the motion is to postpone 'til the second meeting
2565 in March. Madam Clerk.

2566 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

2567 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2568 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

2569 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

2570 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2571 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2572 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

2573 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

2574 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

2575 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. That motion is approved unanimously. So, we'll take
2576 this up at the second meeting in March. Item No... Thank you gentleman.

2577 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

2578 **Chairperson Botel:** I, I...

2579 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

2580 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Mister... I'm sorry, Mr., Mr. Lawson, you did ask for...

2581 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank...

2582 **Chairperson Botel:** ...an opportunity to make...

2583 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair, I appreciate it.

2584 Being that we did postpone this to March, I wanted to address with my colleague
2585 the opportunity to move forward with a street naming, and bring this back at the same
2586 time with that meeting in March. A Council initiative street naming. Two of the things that
2587 were addressed in the, in this process are funding source, and I was gonna ask for my
2588 colleagues to support using sector funds to provide a funding source, from District 3. And
2589 then also, in regards to the individual, I wanted to make a motion to have 9th Street named
2590 after our Bishop..., former Mayor Bishop Thomas Masters, and bring that motion to the
2591 table for my colleagues.

2592 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have a second?

2593 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** When..., you want that coming on the same
2594 Agenda...

2595 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** The same Agenda Item.

2596 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...on the sev'..., I mean...

2597 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Immediately following that Agenda Item. So, in the event that
2598 Item is passed, we would go ahead and make a, a decision to move forward with that.

2599 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Do we...

2600 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** But having the...

2601 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...know if he...

2602 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...research done so that we could know the cost, so that we
2603 could.., because I know they have to do their due diligence and research, but making it a
2604 Council initiated Item, to be brought back on that same Agenda Item.

2605 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** You...

2606 **Chairperson Botel:** [Stammer]...

2607 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...already know that he met the criteria?

2608 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Well, Council initiated...

2609 **Chairperson Botel:** [Chuckle].

2610 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** It would be Council initiated. So...

2611 **Chairperson Botel:** I think she's teasing you.

2612 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...I'm hoping that, you know, his twelve years and.., of Mayor,
2613 and thirty years of serving this community would be sufficient, but we'll wait 'til they give
2614 us the proper outline to determine. But, we'll see if they come back with that information
2615 for us.

2616 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

2617 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. McCoy, you're recognized.

2618 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

2619 Thank you, Council Member. You know, I'm not sure if I'm confused, but that's the
2620 very reason that got us here to making this, and you're asking us to now start that process
2621 before we even adopt... I mean, you're puttin' us on notice about that process before we
2622 even adopt the policy? I don't understand why we do that, and that's the very reason that
2623 drove us here. And...

2624 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Based upon the...

2625 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...obviously...

2626 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** ...cri'... I'm sorry. Go ahead.

2627 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible]...

2628 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Go ahead, Councilman.

2629 **Councilperson McCoy:** It caused a lotta concern when we found out that a room was
2630 dedicated, and it was not even authorized by the Council. Now, the very thing that we
2631 were trying to stop, is being now proposed by you? Is that I'm understanding?

2632 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Well, not the very thing we're trying to stop. Based upon the
2633 Agenda Item that we reviewed that we did table until the second meeting in March, and
2634 the criteria that's outline in these attachments, I would like us to move forward as a
2635 Council and Board to immediately follow that Resolution with the Resolution of the naming
2636 , after a.., and a prominent individual from our community.

2637 **Chairperson Botel:** So...

2638 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So, in the vent that that is not passed on that second meeting,
2639 then we will not go forward with the naming.

2640 **Chairperson Botel:** Right. So, you're really just asking Mr. Evans to place that on
2641 the Agenda?

2642 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And have all the information prepared in regards to cost,
2643 because I know we have to determine cost and have Staff take the steps necessary.

2644 **Chairperson Botel:** Well, I think that's fine. You're just asking for an Agenda Item.

2645 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So, we're not essentially doing the naming. I'm not gonna ask
2646 for the naming and then ask the Resolution later. I want it prepared for that meeting, the
2647 second meeting in March.

2648 **Mayor Felder:** Ma'.., Madam Chair?

2649 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Who's speaking?

2650 **Mayor Felder:** Could, could we add my father to that list? To name S Avenue after
2651 my father, Brother Bob? For his accomplishments in the City also?

2652 **Chairperson Botel:** You can, you can...

2653 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

2654 **Chairperson Botel:** You can add anybody you want to the list. We put him on the
2655 Agenda. I mean, I could put my sister on but [chuckle]... I mean, you know, it's just an
2656 Agenda Item. So, sure, why not. Anything else on this topic? Have we exhausted it?

2657 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I think we...

2658 **Chairperson Botel:** I think we've exhausted it. Item No. 15.

2659 **Councilperson McCoy:** Wait. Can I...

2660 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair...

2661 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...add somebody to the list?

2662 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...we need to take a vote on [inaudible]...

2663 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah, yeah. You're [inaudible]...

2664 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm just saying. I mean, I might...

2665 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. I know.

2666 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...as well add somebody that...

2667 **Chairperson Botel:** Right.

2668 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...I know to the list...

2669 **Chairperson Botel:** Sure. That's...

2670 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...since we're doing it.

2671 **Chairperson Botel:** ...what I said.

2672 **Councilperson McCoy:** Never mind. I withdraw.

2673 **Chairperson Botel:** I think we oughta rename Broadway McCoy...

2674 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, you know what, let's go to Tallahassee, rename the
2675 whole City.

2676 **REGULAR**

2677 **Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 15.

2678 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, I don't believe we took a vote on the
2679 postponement.

2680 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. We did.

2681 **City Clerk Anthony:** We did?

2682 **Chairperson Botel:** We did.

2683 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay.

2684 **Chairperson Botel:** We did. It was unanimous.

2685 **City Clerk Anthony:** I'm getting sleepy. [Chuckle].

2686 [Chuckles]

2687 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible].

2688 **Chairperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

2689 **City Clerk Anthony:** Resolution Number 17- 21 A Resolution of the City Council
2690 of the City of Riviera Beach...

2691 **Chairperson Botel:** Wait, wait, wait...

2692 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...Palm Beach County, Florida...

2693 **Chairperson Botel:** ...wait, wait, wait.

2694 **Unk.:** Inaudible.

2695 **Chairperson Botel:** Did, did we not vote on the postponement of this?

2696 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2697 **Chairperson Botel:** We did.

2698 **Councilperson McCoy:** It was unanimous.

2699 **Chairperson Botel:** We did. It was unanimous.

2700 **Councilperson McCoy:** And then...

2701 **Chairperson Botel:** Tradrick says so.

2702 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Councilman Lawson, then asked to be acknowledged.

2703 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible].

2704 **Chairperson Botel:** Yeah. He...

2705 **Councilperson Lanier:** Oh.

2706 **Chairperson Botel:** We didn't have to vote on, on Councilman Lawson's, because
2707 he was only asking for something to be put on the Agenda. We don't have to approve
2708 that. Yes.

2709 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

2710 **City Attorney Wynn:** But you..., okay. Right.

2711 **Councilperson Lanier:** Okay.

2712 **City Attorney Wynn:** You did the one prior to.

2713 **Chairperson Botel:** We're good.

2714 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yeah.

2715 **Unk.:** Okay.

2716 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm in charge. [Chuckle]. Item No. 15.

2717 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 17- 21 A RESOLUTION OF THE**
2718 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**
2719 **FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF AND AUTHORIZING**
2720 **THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THREE YEAR CONTINUING SERVICE**
2721 **AGREEMENTS WITH THE FIRMS OF ALL-SITE CONSTRUCTION INC., BROWN AND**
2722 **CALDWELL, GAUDET ASSOCIATES INC., PISTORINO & ALAM, PSA**
2723 **MANAGEMENT INC., AND SKANSKA USA BUILDING, INC. TO PROVIDE OWNER'S**
2724 **REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES FOR VARIOUS CITY-WIDE PROJECTS; PROVIDING**
2725 **FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TWELVE (12) MONTH RENEWAL OPTIONS BASED**
2726 **UPON THE MUTUAL CONSENT OF THE PARTIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE**
2727 **DATE.**

2728 **ALTHEA PEMSEL, DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT, 561-845-4880**

2729 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have public
2730 comment on this Item. The acceptance of public comment on this Item is now closed.

2731 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to
2732 approve?

2733 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second. I mean, so moved. I'm sorry. So moved.

2734 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Second.

2735 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2736 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Second.

2737 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr. Evans, do we have a presentation?

2738 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair. If I can have the Director of Procurement,
2739 Ms. Althea Pemsel, make this presentation.

2740 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Good evening, Mayor, Chair Botel, Council.

2741 We are proud of the responses that we received for this Item. As we move forward
2742 with the initiatives of the Council, we're.., realize that we wanna be doing a lot of things in
2743 a lot of places at one time. And, as a result of that, the purpose of the owner's rep is to
2744 assist the City in many ways. We were proud of the responses that we received. We
2745 received six responses. In addition to the six responses we received, we have a hundred

2746 percent SBE, DBE, and MBE represented among the six firms in one form or fashion. So,
2747 at least three of the firms have a hundred percent in those categories, in one or more of
2748 those categories. The firms will be a pool of suppliers available to the City on an as
2749 needed basis. They will serve somewhat as a CMAR, Construction Manager at Risk.

2750 Each project is different, so there's no cost allocation with this award until a project
2751 is ready to be bid, among the pool of suppliers. This provides for an opportunity for
2752 local suppliers, including the ability to work with the larger firms to develop them. The
2753 firms range from small to large, and a varying degrees of expertise. Their primary
2754 functions are consisting of the three main project phases, pre-project, or construction
2755 services. That consists of reviewing plans, analyzing cost estimates, conducting design
2756 progress meetings. The construction phase, the coordinate with designers, contractors
2757 and assist with direct purchases, do progress reports, scheduling, re'..., review shop
2758 drawings and confirm payments for completed work. The closeout services ensure that
2759 as built drawings are provided, that operation and maintenance manuals are provided, as
2760 well as to ensure that any deductions or savings are then also realized.

2761 One of the primary things that we can benefit from, is communication, cost savings.
2762 Some people think it ranges from around two to three percent, but each project is unique
2763 so there's no real set dollar value that we can say that it's gonna be seven or eight, or,
2764 or, or, or ten percent. But we know that, that we will get what we negotiate, and it's my,
2765 my goal, always, to make sure that we steward the funds of the City properly.

2766 Another thing is constructability reviews. We have a lot of designs sometimes that
2767 require a little bit more viewing, and sometimes a different set of eyes is helpful to us. As
2768 with the Utility District, they have several projects that they would like to get out of the
2769 ground, the Lift Station No. 19, the canal crossing, and also Palm beach Shores. They'll
2770 need an extra set of hands to be able to help them to manage these projects as well.

2771 Software and information. Generally, they have great software accessible to them,
2772 to be able to track the project and for the records filing, permits, and all of those other
2773 things. There's, there's also the relationship of being an extension of Staff. They help
2774 with scheduling. So there's a lot of benefits that the City can achieve from the use of
2775 owner's representative.

2776 Are there any questions?

2777 **Chairperson Botel:** Any questions? Mr. McCoy, you're recognized.

2778 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Ms. Pemsel, this..., I think I seen,
2779 was it two years with an additional twelve months?

2780 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Yeah. I think it's three..., it's three years, and then two
2781 additional one-year periods.

2782 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, how often do we put out these, I guess these would
2783 be continuing contractors, how often...

2784 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Well, this is one of several that we've done recently.
2785 What we're trying to do is build a cadre of consultants and engineers and other
2786 professionals to assist us with the projects. So, I don't know in the past how often we've
2787 done that, but since I've been here, we've done a least four.

2788 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Alright. That's fine. And I'm okay with this, I just know
2789 you said a whole lot and I was just hoping that going forward, if we're just gonna be
2790 routinely recertifying these individuals, to be basically continuing service agreements,
2791 then that's something that will just be on a Consent. That's what I would hope that the
2792 Members.., because clearly this.., all we're doing is reauthorizing that the Staff can have
2793 on hand a dispense... What is this, six contractors?

2794 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Yes.

2795 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yeah, six. You said, six?

2796 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Yes.

2797 **Councilperson McCoy:** So we're not speaking of any monetary, but this is pretty
2798 routine and this just gives Staff that flexibility. But, I'm perfectly okay with it, I just, you
2799 know, I'm glad you made such a thorough explanation. I just hope that if this comes up
2800 again, you know, certainly, if Members wanna pull it, then I just think this is regular and
2801 routine. And, you know, because, you know, unless there's some significant issue, I don't
2802 see why we need a whole lotta extended discussion on it.

2803 So, thank you.

2804 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Did we have public com'... Anybody else? I'm
2805 sorry.

2806 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair and Members of the Board, we do.

2807 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead. You can have public comment.

2808 **City Clerk Anthony:** Delores Williams.

2809 **Ms. D. Williams:** I don't wanna talk on [inaudible] but what I'm up here for, to the
2810 Mayor, the Chairwoman, all of you.

2811 I just wanna give a comment to Mr. Blankenship, he had to leave, for the
2812 outstanding senior citizens Valentine's dinner. They always do a wonderful job. They
2813 just couldn't be over here this time. But, I'd just like to say that and thank them for the
2814 awesome job that Mr. Blankenship and Gwen did.

2815 And I'd like to say something about when the maintenance people for the streets
2816 cut the grass, why don't ya'll supply them bags to catch that grass instead of going...

2817 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

2818 **Ms. D. Williams:** ...down the drain?

2819 **Chairperson Botel:** This is about...

2820 **Ms. D. Williams:** And ya'll trying to get us [inaudible].

2821 **Chairperson Botel:** Excuse me. Ms. Williams, this is about the topic on Item No.
2822 15.

2823 **Ms. D. Williams:** I told ya, I didn't wanna talk but I wanted to give a compliment on Mr.
2824 Blankenship...

2825 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2826 **Ms. D. Williams:** ...about the parks. What ...

2827 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2828 **Ms. D. Williams:** ...he was doing for the dinner [inaudible].

2829 **Chairperson Botel:** But we're not on public comment now.

2830 **Ms. D. Williams:** But that's what I wanted to give a comment...

2831 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

2832 **Ms. D. Williams:** ...about that. I coulda discussed that...

2833 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Go ahead, and...

2834 **Ms. D. Williams:** ...but I don't think you should extend it two years, but still, I just
2835 wanna give them a comment.

2836 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. Thank you.

2837 **Ms. D. Williams:** I saw they [inaudible]...

2838 **Chairperson Botel:** I'm sure they appreciate that.

2839 **Ms. D. Williams:** [Inaudible] are doing, but I need ya'll to check on that too. When they
2840 cut this grass...

2841 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. Okay.

2842 **Ms. D. Williams:** ...it's going down the drain.

2843 **Chairperson Botel:** We'll , we'll check on that.

2844 **Ms. D. Williams:** And this stuff [inaudible].

2845 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. And now...

2846 **Ms. D. Williams:** ...[inaudible]...

2847 **Chairperson Botel:** ...Item 15....

2848 **Ms. D. Williams:** ...[inaudible].

2849 **Chairperson Botel:** Right. Thank you so much.

2850 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam chair, Members of the Board, that concludes...

2851 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2852 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...public comment.

2853 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Ms. Williams.

2854 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

2855 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized, Mr. Lawson.

2856 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam.

2857 [Inaudible audience comments]

2858 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Ms. Pemsel, thank you so much for hearing just the wishes
2859 and desires of ensuring local, women and minority participation. Because, that being
2860 included was something that we've been driving since I sat on this dais, and that's
2861 something that you've made sure that was addressed with this. So, thank you so much
2862 for that and ensuring that with this project.

2863 I have a question. The last time that we used owner's rep, based on my
2864 conversations during my Agenda review was the Marina Phase 1. What are we doing to
2865 ensuring some of these experiences that we had the first time, and some of the challenges
2866 that happened during the Phase 1 process, will not happen again this..., with Phase 2, or
2867 any other project that we use owner rep for?

2868 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Well, I can honestly say that, with these ones, we will
2869 certainly have strong performance metrics. Unfortunately, Mr. Lawson, I don't know really
2870 what happened in the past.

2871 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay.

2872 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** So, I don't have..., you know, a, a background or history
2873 on that. But I do know we've picked some solid firms and performance metrics are very
2874 important. But, I will, you know, get with Staff to figure out what exactly took place before,
2875 to make sure that we can avoid those pitfalls in the future.

2876 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Give me some examples of the performance metrics that
2877 we're gonna be looking at? What are we looking at with this, with this owner's rep?

2878 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Well, one of the performance metrics is making sure
2879 that they provide adequate reporting, that they conduct weekly construction meetings,
2880 that they ensure that if we're using the owner direct process, that that's done correctly...

2881 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mhmm.

2882 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** ...that we also ensure that the scheduling stays on
2883 track, that they inform the City if something goes wrong, or that they need a decision from
2884 us, that they have clear processes to be able to communicate back and forth all the
2885 elements of what's occurring with the project.

2886 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And who's the vendor gonna report to?

2887 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Who they will report to?

2888 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes, ma'am.

2889 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** It depends on the project. But, basically, it'll be the
2890 Public Works Department or the Utility District, or the department that's using their
2891 services.

2892 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So, whichever department that's using the services, gonna
2893 report directly..., is gonna report to that Director of their Department. So, whether it's in
2894 our Parks & Rec, Public Works, UD, they'll report to those Directors?

2895 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Yes. And City Administration overall.

2896 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. And then, that'll be weekly reports that they'll be
2897 giving?

2898 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** It depends on the project. Some of them will be weekly.
2899 We can ask for whatever we need, depending on the project.

2900 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** And then the perfoma that they're gonna be bringing to the
2901 table, when do we make a decision or determination that they're not gonna be hitting
2902 those points that we need as a owner rep, how long will that drag out?

2903 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** In my world, it doesn't drag out.

2904 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay.

2905 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** If we see that they're not providing what we need, when
2906 we need it, we need to deal with it immediately.

2907 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. Are we gonna give construction.., constructive
2908 criticism, are we gonna give them the opportunity to make corrective measures, or are
2909 we gonna immediately terminate contracts? That's one of my concerns.

2910 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** I believe we should always do constructive criticism,
2911 and also, cure notices, whatever it takes, for us to bring them back in align. Our goal is
2912 to have partners. You know? And to use our stick, the, the stick of penalty when it's
2913 needed. There will also, of course in every project, be different nuances, like liquidated
2914 damages or things like that, depending on that.

2915 But yeah, I believe in... In the weekly meetings, or biweekly meetings, however
2916 we set them up to do, generally you start off with weekly meetings, when the project is
2917 new and then you adjust accordingly. But, at each of those meetings, we are going to
2918 also help Staff to understand how to work with owner's representatives as well. So, I am
2919 full., very committed to training Staff on the procurement process, and I will do so in this
2920 instance as well so they understand what the City's role is, and what the contractor's role
2921 is.

2922 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Perfect. Thank you, Ms. Pemsel. And again, I appreciate the
2923 work that you're doing as well. Thank you.

2924 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Thank you, sir.

2925 **Chairperson Botel:** Anything else? [Pause]. It has been moved and seconded
2926 that the Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute three-year continuing
2927 services agreements to provide owner's representative services. As your name is called,
2928 please answer yes or no. Madam Clerk.

2929 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier? [Pause]. Councilperson McCoy?

2930 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2931 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

2932 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2933 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

2934 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

2935 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

2936 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. That passes by a vote of 4-0.

2937 **16. Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 16.

2938 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE**
2939 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**

2940 FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER TO DEV-LAND DEMOLITION & SITE,
2941 INC., OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA TO DEMOLISH THE EXISTING WALGREENS
2942 AT BLUE HERON BOULEVARD AND CONGRESS AVENUE AND THE LIBRARY AT
2943 THE CITY HALL COMPLEX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,638.53 AND \$90,409.80
2944 RESPECTIVELY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE
2945 ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%); AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
2946 AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM
2947 PROJECT NUMBER 18034 AND 21010; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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2949 **TERRENCE BAILEY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, 561-845-4080**

2950 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have public
2951 comment on this Item. The acceptance of public comment on this Item is now closed.

2952 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to
2953 approve Resolution 18-...

2954 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

2955 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Second.

2956 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Evans, we have a presentation by Mr. Bailey?

2957 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair.

2958 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you.

2959 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Good evening, Mayor and City Council.

2960 As you know, we continue with our Reimagine Riviera Beach capital program. The
2961 Item before you today is for the demolition of two existing buildings. The first building
2962 being the Walgreens on Congress and Blue Heron. This is an effort that is required in
2963 order for us to bring the new Fire Station 88 out of the ground at that same site.

2964 In addition, the Library at the City Hall Complex, is currently not in use, and as you
2965 know, we purchased a new building at 2129 North Congress, and this Board authorized
2966 renovations, I believe last month for the interior of that building to house our Library and
2967 Youth Empowerment Services.

2968 So, this Resolution will authorize the contractor to begin prep work and contracting
2969 for the demolition of these two facilities at the.., immediately for Walgreens, and then after
2970 the Library is fully moved over to 2129 North Congress, that property will al'.., that building
2971 I should say, shall also be demolished.

2972 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Madam Clerk, you said we had public comment.

2973 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes, Madam Chair, Members of the Board. Fane Lozman,
2974 Bessie Brown.

2975 **Mr. F. Lozman:** Fane Lozman.

2976 One firm from Boynton Beach to demo that? That's not gonna cut it. [Chuckle].
2977 Back in 2006 when I moved to Riviera Beach, Michael Brown's brother, the Mayor, was
2978 a demolition guy. And there was a bunch of other demolition guys who wanted to tear
2979 down all the five thousand homes, and all the businesses around there for their \$2.4 billion
2980 contract. And I remember they came and talked to me. Said, 'Hey, why are you opposing
2981 the redevelopment project, to give away the Marina and knock down all these homes?
2982 We're gonna make millions of dollars. You know, we're struggling here in Riviera Beach.'
2983 And I said, 'Hey,' I said, 'I'm against eminent domain to take private property.' I said,
2984 'Why should poor people be kicked out of the waterfront?' Michael Brown's theory was
2985 that the poor people shouldn't live by the waterfront, it was too valuable, so everybody
2986 should move to Pahokee. But, in the process of doing that, I learned a lot about the
2987 demolition game. [Chuckle]. And the point being, there's plenty of demolition people in
2988 this City, and I don't know if was Mayor Masters, maybe, he said we need to give points
2989 when it comes to a competitive bid if they're based in this City.

2990 Somebody oughta go back to that mindset, and say we're gonna table this and
2991 we're gonna see is Brown's brother, and all these other guys who came up to me fifteen
2992 years ago, are they out of business? But if they're still in business in Riviera Beach, we
2993 need to do what's best for this City, not what's best for some firm in Boynton Beach. You
2994 know? I wanna understand why there's only one firm that applied? Did all those
2995 companies go out of business? Okay, great. If they did, I understand Boynton Beach,
2996 but what are we gonna do for the people of this City? Okay. For the people that work
2997 here. Why aren't we giving bonus points, like they do in other places that if you're a local
2998 city, you get points as part of the competitive process.

2999 I have a problem when I see one company in Boynton Beach, and I know for a
3000 fact, fifteen years ago, I had all these demolition guys yelling at me for fighting to keep
3001 those homes from being given by eminent domain. You know, does anybody really care?
3002 You know, you're up there, you're looking at your phones, you really... You got a poor
3003 woman here, Ms. Williams, you call the bullhorn lady, and you mock her. That's why you
3004 shouldn't be the Chair. She waited here all night to make three minutes of comments and
3005 you just pay her lip service. You are a disgrace, when this woman is an activist in this
3006 City. Okay?

3007 But, the rest of you up there, does anybody care about the businesses in Riviera
3008 Beach? I know Masters used to have job fairs. He used to wo'.., he used to have all
3009 kinds of stuff. You're just looking at the clock. Well, we're gonna talk the next twenty
3010 seconds, I wanna have an answer why we're giving this contract to Boynton Beach when
3011 there's plenty of demolition contractors in this City? I'm gonna ask the Mayor. Mayor,
3012 you ought to go around and see who's the demolition contractors and say we're gonna
3013 talk to them one on one. Maybe they were out with COVID. Who knows. But we should
3014 give that contact to somebody in this City, 'cause fifteen years ago...

3015 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you, Mr. Lozman.

3016 **Mr. F. Lozman:** ...there was tons of demolition contracts. Okay? Demolition...

3017 **City Clerk Anthony:** Bessie Brown.

3018 **Mr. F. Lozman:** ...contractors.

3019 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, it looks like Ms. Brown
3020 has left. And that concludes public comment for this Item.

3021 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any questions or comments from Council?

3022 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

3023 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized.

3024 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm sorry, Mr. Bailey, I think I must've missed it. So, where's
3025 the existing items for the Library? Is that gonna be moved over to the new facility?

3026 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes. Once the renovation at 2129 North
3027 Congress is complete, there..., all the items will be moved from the existing Library at City
3028 Hall to 2129. And, the 2129, will be their operating location until the permanent location
3029 of the Library is, is completed.

3030 **Councilperson McCoy:** Do you have a proposed timeline on... I, I guess we're waiting
3031 on the renovations. Do you have a proposed timeline on that?

3032 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes.

3033 **Councilperson McCoy:** For that?

3034 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Right now, we're anticipating early in the
3035 summer. And, early I mean, in June, we're anticipating having the grand opening for the
3036 new Library and Youth Empowerment Center at the..., on Congress.

3037 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And, this Dev-Land, is that the only submittal we had
3038 for this?

3039 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes. You'll recall in the last quarter of last year,
3040 we brought before the Council, many contracts in the pool of contractors. We had thirteen
3041 in the general construction arena, we had three vendors who came in for demolition. All
3042 three vendors were given opportunity to come to these buildings. As you can imagine,
3043 with the complexity and age of the buildings, we made the pre-bid meeting mandatory.
3044 You need to set foot in there before you can just throw in a price for this demolition. Dev-
3045 Land was the only vendor that showed up of the three that are on our demolition contract,
3046 and so, we are moving forward with Dev-Land.

3047 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

3048 **Chairperson Botel:** Any other questions? [Pause]. It has been moved and
3049 seconded that Council authorize a work order to Dev-Land Demolition and Site, Inc. of
3050 Boynton Beach, Florida to demolish certain properties. As your name is called, please
3051 answer yes or no. Madam Clerk.

3052 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

3053 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

3054 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

3055 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

3056 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier? [Pause]. Pro Tem Lawson?

3057 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

3058 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

3059 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. That Item passes by a vote of 4-0.

3060 **17. Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 17.

3061 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE**
3062 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**
3063 **FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER TO AE ENGINEERING OF RIVIERA**
3064 **BEACH, FLORIDA TO EVALUATE THE CITY'S ROADWAY NETWORK TO DEVELOP**
3065 **A LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00; AUTHORIZING**
3066 **THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT**
3067 **(10%); MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 FROM**
3068 **AVAILABLE IMPACT FEES - ROADS; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**
3069 **AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO CREATE PROJECT 21020 PAVEMENT**
3070 **ASSESSMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND**
3071 **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM PROJECT**
3072 **NUMBER 21020; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3073 **TERRANCE BAILEY, INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, 561-845-4080**

3074 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, there are no public
3075 comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment card on this Item is now
3076 closed.

3077 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to
3078 approve Resolution 19-21?

3079 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So moved.

3080 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

3081 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Bailey.

3082 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes. Toward the end of last year, I was before
3083 this Board in reference to roadway projects, and the question came up on the
3084 methodology with which roads were selected for reconstruction. I had mentioned at the
3085 time that there was a 2013 pavement analysis and study that we were attempting to use
3086 as a guide. That study is now outdated and requires updating, and this Resolution will
3087 provide for updating the pavement [stammer] pavement analysis throughout the City, and
3088 will provide us a five and ten year capital plan that we can then use and follow as we
3089 move through the worst streets first methodology for investing in infrastructure in our
3090 roadways.

3091 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. McCoy, you're recognized.

3092 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

3093 I was just curious. The worst streets methodology? I know between 23rd and 26th
3094 Court, they're pretty bad off, in Monroe Heights. So, is that on this..., where's that on that
3095 criteria list?

3096 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Could you provide the cross street on 23rd to 26th
3097 Court, that you're referring to, sir?

3098 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, we're talking from Avenue R, between Avenue R and
3099 President Barack Obama Highway. That whole section, from 23rd Street, there's a little
3100 valley in the middle of those streets. I would hope that that's on your list.

3101 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** This plan intends to look at all of the streets and
3102 determine, based on their age, the last time they were..., they had a significant investment,
3103 if there are significant issues with their water, sewer or drainage infrastructure that require
3104 immediate attention. Those are the primary criteria that determine the sort of age and the
3105 life expectancy remaining on the road.

3106 I think that the roads you're referring, sir, recently had a significant investment, and
3107 based on general criteria, probably will not rank very high in the need for replacement,
3108 based on engineering analysis.

3109 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Follow up, Madam Chair.

3110 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

3111 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I know the engineering and, you know, the timeline. I,
3112 you know, that's cool but, you know, even recognizing in 2019 when we started here as
3113 new Members, we had some significant challenges, and they still exist with that. And we
3114 had to really bite the bullet and move forward.

3115 But, to make matters worse, we're not doing a great job at managing these pro'...,
3116 projects, Mr. Bailey. As a matter of fact, we're doing a terrible job. And I'm gonna point

3117 out to you. I called the Assistant City Manager one day when somebody called and said
3118 you guys turned the streets into one way. I said, 'I can assure you that didn't happen.'
3119 But when I went over to Avenue M at Monroe Heights Park, and I traveled southbound
3120 from 25th Street down to 23rd Street, when I got to 24th Street, clearly, whoever the road
3121 pavement person, literally turned 23rd Street into a one-way street. And it's very clear
3122 because you see the markings of the, of the, I guess the paint that was on the road. And,
3123 I'm just saying to myself, all the money that we spent, and we asked, you know, asked
3124 the Board to approve for these projects, we literally have a contractor that put the stripping
3125 and put directional arrows going in the wrong direction. How do we get that... And then,
3126 clearly, there is.., not even it was repaved, it seems like somebody just painted over top
3127 of it, but clearly, if you were traveling east on 23rd Street, West 23rd Street and you came
3128 around that curve in the, in the 1100 block, you literally had someone painting it as if it
3129 was a one-way street driving northbound.

3130 So, I just, you know, this all sounds good, but I just see that.., I don't see where
3131 we're really improving and how anybody is managing it. I know they cleaned it up but
3132 that goes to show that we're not doing what we should be doing when it comes to these
3133 projects because, if this... You know, I know we had the guys that were managing it, the
3134 outside firm that was doing the day to day management, I guess the construction
3135 management portion, but I just don't see that we're doing a good job. And I'd really like
3136 to see how we can put together again, a plan to address, not just, you know, Citywide,
3137 but more importantly, the issues that we didn't correct the first time. And to make matters
3138 worse, we doubled down and got it wrong.., well, not we, but it's wrong because people
3139 look at the City Council Members. You know, they call and come by personally and say,
3140 'This is wrong.' That was a big one.

3141 You know? And as far as I'm concerned, that should be high on the charts, when
3142 you're literally asking these folks, that are taxpayers... And then, you know... I'm sorry.
3143 Let me deviate for a second. That goes back to the very point of why we need more
3144 public information, Mr. Evans, on that fifty percent improvement that's being repealed
3145 from the Charter because it just was repeated here tonight, several times, incorrectly and
3146 improper. And this is the stuff that we get crucified for in our communities. This very
3147 thing where there's a lot of misinformation outta here. And believe it or not, that passed
3148 four to 1, and then the Police and Fire Charter, passed unanimous.

3149 But, getting back to the street thing, that was just outright ridiculous. I know we
3150 had some challenges that were beyond, you know, this body's control when it came to
3151 the overall design of that, but when we were here, they literally painted the directional
3152 signs in the wrong direction. And that's unacceptable. So, I.., well I hope that, not just
3153 this item authorizing this firm to take an assessment and, you know, come up with a long-
3154 term plan, but we have to just do a better job in managing these.

3155 And I just have one question. I guess I said all that to ask this question. I'm not
3156 understanding how is this coming.., it said it's coming out of the impact fees.., impact
3157 main'.., \$55,000 from available impact fees. What does that mean? Can you explain
3158 what, what that means? It's from the available impact fees.

3159 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** I would request our Finance Director... That
3160 was his component of the, of this Resolution on the funding source.

3161 **Councilperson McCoy:** And while he's coming, I guess I wanna make the question
3162 more specific. Are we budgeting to receive that [stammer] well, an allotment of impact
3163 fees, and then we're re..., I guess, we're rebudgeting to expend that amount of \$50,000?
3164 I'm sorry, \$55,000. I can't see. Mr., Mr. Sherman?

3165 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Randy Sherman, Finance
3166 Director.

3167 Yeah. As projects occur within the City, new construction occurs, they're paying
3168 impact fees. They pay for roads, they pay for public buildings, they pay for parks, they
3169 for police, they pay for the Fire Department, so those funds are kept to the side, they're,
3170 they're separated and then we come back here, and we get those dollars appropriated.
3171 So, what we're doing is, we're taking some of the dollars out of the, the, the roads impact
3172 fees and that's what we're appropriating for this project.

3173 **Councilperson McCoy:** Last question, Madam Chair.

3174 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

3175 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, Mr. Sherman, when we collect impact fees, it does not go
3176 into general fund?

3177 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** No.

3178 **City Manager Evans:** No.

3179 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** We keep it in a capital
3180 project fund.

3181 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well...

3182 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Because the impact the
3183 impact fees have to be used for specific purposes. So it's a, it's a special revenue that
3184 we keep to the side.

3185 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Thank you.

3186 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may?

3187 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. You're recognized.

3188 **City Manager Evans:** With regards to the comment that Councilperson McCoy
3189 made with respect to the roadway projects, after this analysis is complete, we would bring
3190 the analysis back, and then obviously bring back what the anticipated cost would be
3191 associated with. So, if we then move forward with a plan to fund roadway projects, or the

3192 reconstruction of roadways, you know, we can look at certain areas to find out, hey, what
3193 would the cost be associated with that?

3194 So, if there is any previous construction activities or roadway projects that may
3195 have recently been done, and conceivably would score high as it relates to the, the
3196 condition of the asphalt, we still would have the ability, if we go out for a bond issuance
3197 or what have you, to look to address that as a part of our holistic roadway network plan
3198 that we look to bring forward. So that's gonna be also something that we would discuss
3199 once the study is complete. But definitely looking at it from the standpoint as which
3200 roadway has the greatest chance for failure, or is, is not up to standard. And then, having
3201 that discussion with the Board holistically, how do we fund it and how do we address
3202 maybe some of the other concerns that the community has articulated.

3203 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. I have a comment to make. Just with regard to
3204 the little section there, across from Publix. I think that, Mr. Evans, you've been receiving
3205 complaints from people on that side of Blue Heron about the fact that the trucks from
3206 Publix are really ruining the streets over there. So, I'm hoping that you take a close look
3207 at those streets when you do this study.

3208 Anything else? [Pause]. It has been moved and seconded that Council authorize
3209 a work order to AE Engineering to evaluate the City's roadway network to develop a long
3210 range capital plan. As your name is called, please answer yes or no.

3211 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

3212 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

3213 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

3214 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

3215 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

3216 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

3217 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson? [Pause]. Chair Botel?

3218 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. That motion is approved 4-0.

3219 **18. Chairperson Botel:** Item No. 18.

3220 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE**
3221 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**
3222 **FLORIDA, AWARDED BID 1016-21-1 TO ZABATT ENGINE SERVICES, INC. DBA**
3223 **ZABATT POWER SYSTEMS, INC. OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA TO PURCHASE**
3224 **AND INSTALL GENERATORS AT PUBLIC WORKS, LINDSAY DAVIS, AND THE**
3225 **BROOKS CENTER FACILITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$652,741.04; AUTHORIZING**
3226 **THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT**

3227 (10%); AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
3228 SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM PROJECT NUMBER 21010 AND
3229 GL 26630101-552000; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3230 **TERRENCE BAILEY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, 561-845-4080**

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3232 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, we do not have
3233 public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item
3234 is now closed.

3235 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to
3236 approve Resolution 20-21?

3237 **Councilperson Lanier:** So moved.

3238 **Chairperson Botel:** Do we have...

3239 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Second.

3240 **Chairperson Botel:** ...a second? Thank you. Mr. Bailey? This is you too? Yes.

3241 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes. Council, you will recall, traditionally each
3242 year, Staff brings a hurricane preparedness plan and a request for funding in preparation
3243 of our summer storm season. At last year's meeting, the question was raised why we
3244 continue to rent generators, and the Council directed Staff to install permanent generators
3245 and not rent them another year.

3246 This is the coming to fruition of that directive. We conducted the design, put a
3247 solicitation out and the winner..., the lowest responsive bidder was Zabatt. You will note
3248 that we've expanded to two new facilities in addition to previous conversations, the
3249 Lindsay Davis Center and Brooks Center are now going to be provided with generator
3250 power. This is a direct result of changes based on COVID. You will recall in years past,
3251 we packed a significant number of Staff members, when there was a storm coming, in the
3252 Public Works building. Under COVID scenario, that is no longer an option. So, we are
3253 bringing these two facilities online, into our sort of quiver, as opportunities and locations
3254 where we'll be able house Staff during a storm. These are the two newest buildings, other
3255 than the Public Works building, that have been built to post-Hurricane Andrew standard,
3256 that would also now have generators. So we'll be able to spread the Staff out, do sort of
3257 distancing while we brace for an impending storm, and also allow us to deploy, more
3258 rapidly, as we will be embedded in the community at these facilities.

3259 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any comments or questions? Mr. McCoy.

3260 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

3261 Mr. Bailey, I'm just curious. Looking at both proposals... I'm sorry, both submittals.
3262 Excuse me, that's a more appropriate terminology. Give me one second, I gotta get 'em
3263 back up. There's a bit of a disparity in the amount of the generator cost and I'm not sure
3264 if I understand that, and I mean disparity between the two firms. And, it said... Give me
3265 one second, I'll get it back here. [Pause]. On the bid sheet, why is the purchase different
3266 on.., between the different contractors? Am I seeing that correctly? Seems I see...

3267 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** I'm sorry. Why is the...

3268 **Councilperson McCoy:** Purchase price different?

3269 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Well, the..., under the construction plans, we, we
3270 generally do a performance specification for the generator. It'll have to be, let's say, 500
3271 kilowatts, but we will limit it to say the top three brands. We're not going to allow the
3272 vendor to propose, say some very cheap brand. Similarly, when you buy an a/c unit,
3273 you're gonna buy a Trane, you're gonna buy one of the American brands that you know
3274 has a longevity and history. So, the difference in price could be explained potentially by
3275 the different selection in the brand of equipment that was proposed by the two different
3276 vendors. And if you look, Zabatt is an actual generator company. The other firm is a
3277 general contractor that would simply be buying a generator sort of off the self, for lack of
3278 a better word, and, you know, sort of cobbling together a team, and that's not necessarily
3279 their specialty.

3280 So, they potentially have different cost profiles, embedded costs, and different
3281 levels of experience installing generators of this scale.

3282 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, and forgive me if it seems that I'm..., well, I am
3283 naïve to this, but wouldn't the City be better positioned to purchase this or going through
3284 that supplier? Because it seems like the, the difference in price.., the difference in the
3285 two bids is the price of the generator.

3286 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** I, I think to your question of would the City be
3287 better off...

3288 **Councilperson McCoy:** I mean..

3289 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** ...purchasing the generators...

3290 **Councilperson McCoy:** As far as the price.

3291 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** ...directly?

3292 **Councilperson McCoy:** Right.

3293 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** That.., we possibly could. That's not a model
3294 that we have done...

3295 **Councilperson McCoy:** Fair enough. I, I just didn't know if that was how it works. But,
3296 clearly, what I'm seeing here is that the difference of the two bids is mostly made up of
3297 the actual purchase price of the generator.

3298 Not to mention, you know, I don't know if the Member, Council Member is gonna
3299 say this, but I was looking exactly at this whole, I guess this new one is DBE. What is
3300 that? I know MBE and SBE, but there's a notation of a DBE. I don't know what that
3301 means, that acronym is.

3302 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** DBE?

3303 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's saying one of the pages that there's a MBE, SBE and DBE.
3304 Ms. Pemsel, are you aware what a DBE is?

3305 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Disadvantaged [inaudible].

3306 **Councilperson McCoy:** Disadvantaged. Okay. Alright. Okay. So, this was a hard
3307 bid and the only difference that I seen was the price. Correct? In the generator?

3308 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes, sir.

3309 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, okay. And these hard bids, we can't stipulate any
3310 kind of specific local participation or sub-participation? In those solicitations?

3311 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** I would have to rely on Ms. Pemsel on what our
3312 Procurement Code would allow in a direct hard bid of this nature.

3313 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Good evening, Council, Mayor, Chair.

3314 In our solicitation packets, we generally have forms for them to fill out. We call
3315 them now Schedules 1 through 4, for them to list the different firms that they're going to
3316 use. And that's always a part of our solicitation packet. So we, we do ask.

3317 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Does, does it provide any preference of.., does it
3318 provide any benefit in a hard bid?

3319 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Does it provide any benefit?

3320 **Councilperson McCoy:** In terms of how Staff recommends these. Because, if it's a
3321 hard bid, it's my understanding that you're only looking at the price.

3322 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** We are looking at lowest, most responsive, yes. That
3323 is the driving force behind that. So, if we have RFP's and RFQ's, we have a little bit of
3324 more.., we have a committee and we have other factors we can use. But our Code does
3325 not support that at this time, to be able to make a different decision...

3326 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible].

3327 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** ...based on the...

3328 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's yes or no, Ms. Pemsel. I don't., you confuse me when
3329 you start saying too much. So, [inaudible]...

3330 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Okay. So, I'm a little tired. So sorry about that.
3331 [Chuckle].

3332 **Councilperson McCoy:** So you're saying no?

3333 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** No.

3334 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Alright. Good enough.
3335 [Chuckle]

3336 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I mean, when you start...
3337 [Inaudible dais comments and chuckles]

3338 **Councilperson McCoy:** When you start explaining, I'm like, I even forget the question
3339 that I asked. So, okay. No. Alright. Good enough.

3340 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Alright.

3341 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

3342 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** You're welcome.

3343 **Chairperson Botel:** Any other questions? Comments?

3344 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh, I'm sorry. One last question, and I think this is not for Ms.
3345 Pemsel, it's probably a Mr. Sherman question but, Mr. Manager, would you know that this
3346 money, because it's hurricane related, is coming out of the hurricane, I guess, the., not
3347 the catastrophic, I love to call it that, but...

3348 **City Manager Evans:** The major disaster fund?

3349 **Councilperson McCoy:** Major disaster. Yes. Is that where it's coming from?

3350 **City Manager Evans:** I believe so. Mr. Sherman, is that the funding source?

3351 **Chairperson Botel:** Just go like this or this. It's gonna be yes or no.

3352 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** The generator that's going
3353 at the Public Works facility is being paid out of the major disaster fund. The other two
3354 generators are being paid out of the, the facility funds. For., because one is going to
3355 2129 Congress, that's coming out of that project. And, where's the other one going?

3356 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Lindsay Davis.

3357 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Lindsay Davis, right.
3358 That's coming out of that project as well.

3359 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** 2129 already has a generator.

3360 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Right.

3361 **Councilperson McCoy:** So...

3362 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Where's the other one...

3363 **Councilperson McCoy:** So...

3364 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** ...going?

3365 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Lindsay Davis and the Brooks Center.

3366 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** And Brooks Center. I'm
3367 sorry. Yeah. Those...

3368 **Councilperson McCoy:** [Inaudible]...

3369 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** ...are coming out of the
3370 municipal facility fund that we budgeted.

3371 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

3372 **Interim Public works Director Bailey:** Moving a lot of facilities...

3373 **Councilperson McCoy:** Right. But there's not...

3374 **Interim Public works Director Bailey:** ...[inaudible].

3375 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...a fund specific to each building, correct, Mr... this is overall
3376 municipal building...

3377 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Right.

3378 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...fund? So, it's not one specific to each project.

3379 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Correct.

3380 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Good. Thank you.

3381 **Chairperson Botel:** Anything else? It has been moved and seconded that Council
3382 award a bid to Zabatt Engine'..., Engine Services to pur'..., purchase and install generators.
3383 As your name is called, please answer yes or no. Madam Clerk.

3384 **City Clerk Anthony:** Resolu'... Oh gosh.

3385 [Chuckles]
3386 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?
3387 **Councilperson McCoy:** No.
3388 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?
3389 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.
3390 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?
3391 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.
3392 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?
3393 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.
3394 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?
3395 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. That passes by a vote of 4-1.
3396 **19. Chairperson Botel:** No. 19. We're getting there.

3397 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE**
3398 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**
3399 **FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER TO ADVANCED MODULAR**
3400 **STRUCTURES INC., OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA TO DESIGN, PERMIT, AND**
3401 **INSTALL MODULAR BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO HOUSE TEMPORARY**
3402 **FIRE STATION 87 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,582,181.25; AUTHORIZING THE CITY**
3403 **MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%);**
3404 **AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO**
3405 **TRANSFER \$125,000 FROM AVAILABLE FIRE IMPACT FEES-FUND 303,**
3406 **TRANSFER \$253,064.97 FROM PROJECT 18010-CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS,**
3407 **TRANSFER \$400,000 FROM PROJECT 18036-FIRE STATION 86 REBUILD,**
3408 **TRANSFER \$626,886.85 FROM PROJECT 18033-FIRE STATION 87 RENOVATION**
3409 **FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT TRANSFERRED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,404,951.82 TO**
3410 **PROJECT 21010-MUNICIPAL FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF**
3411 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME**
3412 **FROM PROJECT NUMBER 21010; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3413 **TERRENCE BAILEY, INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, 561-845-4080**

3414 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, we do not have any
3415 public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item
3416 is now closed.

3417 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to
3418 approve Resolution 21-21?

3419 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** So moved.

3420 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

3421 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Bailey.

3422 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Yes. It is with great pleasure that I bring this
3423 Resolution and work order forward. This is for our temporary Fire Station 87 on the
3424 southside of Blue Heron, in the corner of Blue Heron and Avenue H on the Wells property.
3425 This is the first move in our advancement on the City Hall site and facilities there. We've
3426 discussed this multiple times. There is a.., we put a solicitation out for modular firms, to
3427 be able to react quickly and bring our facilities, temporary and/or permanent facilities out
3428 of the ground timely.

3429 So, with this.., with this work order, we will be bringing a.., the Fire Station, the
3430 apparatus bay, and a storage area, all associated.., parking, lighting, security and all
3431 elements, as well as fencing to secure this temporary Fire Station location.

3432 Of the \$1.5 million being contemplated for this project, we know local participation
3433 is a priority of this Council, and we are working with our vendor. While this is a design-
3434 build, so that they haven't yet engaged all of their design professionals to get a site plan,
3435 a layout and fixed elements, the vendor has provided a list of commodities or trades that
3436 they foresee really being available to our local vendors to participate. Those commodities
3437 are the civil underground, paving, security elements, fire alarms, sprinklers, concrete
3438 work, and landscaping trades are right for local participation here with Riviera Beach
3439 firms. The elements that I've outlined total \$465,000, or represent a potential twenty-nine
3440 percent local participation of those elements of the project.

3441 You can imagine as a modular firm, the building itself comes off their factory and
3442 there's really no local participation available there, but all of the onsite work that'll happen
3443 here, on the property, is where we would consider a ripe opportunity for that participation.
3444 Speaking of, while this is a \$1.5 million request to move forward, please understand, the
3445 buildings themselves, and you'll see it in your backup, represent \$467,000. And that's an
3446 asset that'll move into the City's portfolio, so as we move through this Reimagine Riviera
3447 Beach, we will be able to relocate these facilities.., buildings, I should say, to other
3448 properties, for other uses. They're being designed to be flexible for a multitude of
3449 purposes as we go forward. So, the \$467,000 building will be a fixed asset that we will
3450 use over and over again, as we move forward with the entire capital program for new
3451 facilities for Staff.

3452 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Any comments or questions?

3453 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

3454 **Chairperson Botel:** You're recognized.

3455 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So, Mr. Bailey, there's no local, minority participation on this
3456 project as of yet, that has been engaged?

3457 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** No. Because there is no design yet. So it's hard
3458 to ask the subcontractors to bid and participate when there is no design. But, it is our
3459 intention, and that's why I, I've sort of outlined..., we've worked with the vendor on what
3460 commodities we foresee having available for local participation. As the design moves
3461 forward, there'll be..., and I know Ms. Pemsel is working with them directly, opportunities
3462 to engage the local community and firm up the participation, as we get a little further along
3463 in the project.

3464 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. So... Follow up, Madam Chair.

3465 **Chairperson Botel:** Go ahead.

3466 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I guess this is my only concern, I don't wanna go forward with
3467 supporting this item without having a concrete path on what we're gonna expect for local
3468 participation. Whether it's a percentage or an expectation, or an amount because, right
3469 now, we're gonna begin to engage them but any vendor or any person on this contract
3470 can just simply say there's no local participation that we can utilize for this process. They
3471 can say that we don't have the ability, or that we don't have the, the trained individuals
3472 which we know that's just a cop out or an excuse for not using locals and minorities on
3473 this project. I want that actually to be detailed and outlined, 'cause if this is a design bid,
3474 we have the flexibility to determine how much percentage of local and minority
3475 participation we want, correct?

3476 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** I would have to yield to Ms. Pemsel on the
3477 structure of the solicitation...

3478 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mhmm.

3479 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** ...and, the contract as to whether that statement
3480 is, is accurate.

3481 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may?

3482 **Chairperson Botel:** Mr...

3483 **City Manager Evans:** With regards to the local participation component, what we
3484 can do is, once we get to design the facility, and get to have the conversations with the
3485 developer, we can look to bring an update to the Board, as it relates to the anticipated
3486 number related to local participation. That would be before any type of activity related to
3487 construction can commence, so we would be able to give you a really good or close to
3488 accurate number. It is our intent, if there is twenty-nine percent of the \$1.5 million
3489 available, our intent is to get twenty-nine percent of local participation. We have
3490 communicated to the vendor, on multiple occasion, our expectation is to allow for
3491 individuals that are qualified and capable of providing the service in our community, to be

3492 provided the opportunity to participate on this project. Especially, since it is our project,
3493 and it's an important project moving forward.

3494 So, if it's the [stammer] Board's pleasure, we can come back with a more accurate
3495 information, and also provide you the information when we do have the outreach meetings
3496 with the perspective entities that would be working with us.

3497 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** What... Thank you, Mr. Evans. Well, what amount of money
3498 will we have expended up until that design portion?

3499 **City Manager Evans:** What would be the anticipated cost for the design?

3500 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** We're, we're not gonna actually know about locals until we get
3501 to that design portion. Will we have expended any..., will we have expended any money
3502 up until that process?

3503 **City Manager Evans:** The design is usually about ten percent of the cost. Isn't that,
3504 as far as industry standards, Mr. Bailey?

3505 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** Ten to twelve percent. So you're in that hundred
3506 and fifty to \$180,000 range. But, you're gonna need the design irregardless of how we
3507 end up moving forward. You need the design, you're gonna need to go through site plan
3508 approval and things of that nature before you really can put a shovel in the ground.

3509 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So once we have that design and we are owners of that
3510 design, if we decide not to move forward with this process, with this project, we could still
3511 utilize that design for whatever other vendor we move forward with?

3512 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** In theory, but on this particular contract, there is
3513 only one vendor.

3514 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Mhmm.

3515 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** ...for modulars. We would have to look at a very
3516 different process if we were to make that decision after the design is completed.

3517 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So understanding that the design is essential, regardless of
3518 what direction we go, but it's only gonna be germane to this vendor versus us using any
3519 other place, so it wouldn't matter if it's going to be a necessity or not, we're gonna have
3520 spent a hundred fifty to \$160,000, and we just, at that time, we either make a decision to
3521 move forward with this vendor or we make a decision to stop the whole process and then
3522 we'll be out of that one hundred and fifty to \$160,000?

3523 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** No. The..., the element that is really propriety to
3524 the vendor is just the building. Right? 'Cause they're a modular building company. We
3525 would have to seek out a different modular building company that could meet the general
3526 dimensions of the building and some of the other connections, fire alarms and things of
3527 that nature, but a very minor component of... The building's the building. The square is

3528 gonna be on paper. We would just need to find somebody else who could build us the
3529 same...

3530 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Same...

3531 **Interim Public Works Director Bailey:** ...building with a different modular company, or
3532 we could do a traditional hard bid and find a company that might build it out of block or
3533 some other material in a, in a timely manner. But you would have options at that point
3534 that the design is complete.

3535 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Okay. So, I just wanna make sure that my colleagues, and
3536 I'm sure that they..., I do have their support that, once we get to that level, we've expended
3537 ten percent of this total project, that we can move forward with minority and local
3538 participation. So..., making sure that Staff has instructed, and I know you have, this vendor
3539 that that is a necessity for us to move forward with this project. We have to empower our
3540 community when it comes to development, when it comes to growth and building and
3541 equity. 'Cause if we don't demand it, then they're just gonna continue to use their own
3542 G.C. So, making sure that the use a percentage of our community to develop this. And
3543 that minimum fifteen percent that we have in our Charter is not something that I have an
3544 expectation, especially when we have the ability to determine what we want to bring to
3545 the table with this being a design bid.

3546 That's it, Mr. Bailey. Thank you, sir.

3547 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Anything else? [Pause]. It has been moved and
3548 seconded that Council authorize a work order to Advanced Modular Structures to design,
3549 permit, and install modular buildings and infrastructure to house temporary Fire Station
3550 87. As your name is called, please answer yes or no. Madam Clerk.

3551 [Inaudible dais comment]

3552 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

3553 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

3554 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier?

3555 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

3556 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

3557 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

3558 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Lawson?

3559 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Yes.

3560 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Botel?

3561 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes. That passes by unanimous vote.

3562 **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

3563 **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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3565 **DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

3566 **Chairperson Botel:** Discussion by City Manager.

3567 **20. City Clerk Anthony: DISCUSSION ON PROCUREMENT CODE**
3568 **REVISIONS**

3569 **ALTHEA PEMSEL, DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT, 561-845-4180**

3570 **21. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CONE OF SILENCE**
3571 **ORDINANCE**

3572 **ELIZABETH MCBRIDE, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, 561-812-6590**

3573 **22. ITEM NO. 22**

3574 **DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE.**

3575 **ELIZABETH MCBRIDE, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, 561-812-6590**

3576 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, the, the three Items that
3577 are listed here, if it is the Board's pleasure, we can place that on another Agenda. If you'd
3578 like to go through them, we can certainly go through them. Staff is prepared to do so.

3579 **Chairperson Botel:** I dare anyone to say we want this tonight.

3580 [Chuckles]

3581 **Chairperson Botel:** Seriously, does anybody really care to have this tonight? We
3582 can postpone it?

3583 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** No, I don't care.

3584 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay. I think we agree. We can postpone it. Thank you, Mr.
3585 Evans. Anything else, Mr. Evans?

3586 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair. If, if I may. With regards to some of the
3587 comments and remarks and things that have occurred over the last couple of weeks, I
3588 think it's important for the public to, to know the, the effort and energy that goes into these
3589 Staff meetings and, as well as the Agenda process. Each particular Agenda item is
3590 reviewed by a number of Staff persons. The Staff person's contact information is listed
3591 on the Agenda when it is posted seven days in advance. And, to our residents and
3592 members of our community, if you ever have any questions, comments or concerns, or
3593 would like to share your perspective, please feel free to reach out to us. We want to make
3594 sure that the items are as crisp as possible, that it communicates exactly what the
3595 intentions are of Staff, and help to move this City forward.

3596 Some of the comments and grandstanding and just false narratives that are being
3597 shared out there in the community is just disingenuous in so many ways because there's

3598 a lot of great people that work in this agency and put a lot of effort to try to move our
3599 community forward. And if we want to be a community of choice and a place where
3600 people spend their dollars and invest in our community, we have to lead by example. And
3601 so, when elected officials get death threats, when elected officials are criticized and
3602 scrutinized... I can tell you that these elected officials work very hard for this community.
3603 They get and receive hundreds, if not thousands of emails on a monthly basis. So, they
3604 get tons of phone calls, they are talked to in parking lots. And so goes for Staff. And
3605 they're doing their level best to do what's in the best interest of this community forward...
3606 to move this community forward.

3607 And if we're to see the fruits of this labor, materialize into something that we can
3608 all be proud of, we have to work together collectively, for the betterment of this agency.
3609 We are all entrusted with a responsibility to make this community better for future
3610 generations, and take care of those that have paved the way for us.

3611 And so, when we hear information with regards to the Charter amendments, and
3612 what that means, some of the information is grossly inaccurate. And what it does is, it
3613 scares employees and people that rely on this agency for their livelihood. The first Charter
3614 amendment that is on the ballot, the one that speaks specifically to the assessment.
3615 There is a provision in the Charter right now that says the City shall, not may, shall assess
3616 for investments in roadway or stormwater that a private individual benefits from. So, if
3617 there is a roadway that's in front of your home, or stormwater improvements that are in
3618 front of your home, in the Charter now, there is a provision that the City shall assess. It's
3619 not a mechanism that hasn't been..., it's a mechanism that hasn't been utilized since the
3620 1980's, but it's a 'shall'.

3621 We're looking to ask the voters to change that because we believe that what you
3622 pay in ad valorem revenue is enough to be able to budget appropriately for roadway
3623 improvements. We don't want the additional burden to be placed on the taxpayers. We
3624 are looking to create a situation where it relieves any particular burden. Roadway projects
3625 cost millions and millions of dollars, and nobody wants to place undue burden on the
3626 residents of this community.

3627 The issue with regards to the Police Department, and the Fire Department. We're
3628 trying to make those Chartered departments. So, what it does is, the elected officials now
3629 have the ability to establish, abolish, or modify any department in the City of Riviera Beach
3630 now. They have that authority now. By making the Police Department an Charter
3631 departments, you are taking the authority away from the elected body to ever make that
3632 decision, and you the voters will be empowered to make that decision. So, in the event
3633 that the voters ever decided that they did not want Police or fire services, it would require
3634 a referendum. Right now, as it stands, if the Board ever took action to say they wanted
3635 to contract out, modify, tweak, or abolish, they have that authority now.

3636 What they're asking for in the Charter amendment, is giving the residents back the
3637 authority and the ability to ensure that you will have a Police and Fire Department in
3638 perpetuity, because it would require the voters to make a decision on the service provision
3639 as it relates to Police and Fire.

3640 So when you hear things that are out in the community, we've made ourselves
3641 available. We will visit you at your home, we will do whatever is necessary to educate
3642 and inform the community to make sure that you make a good decision, based on all the
3643 information and facts that are in front of you.

3644 The fear mongering, the coming to the podium and attacking persons, that's not
3645 productive. We're looking to try to bring well over \$300 million worth of investments to
3646 this community. The world is watching. They can sit in their living room and watch our
3647 meetings and when there's disruption, or there's personal attacks, it's not conducive and
3648 it's not the Riviera Beach that we all know and love. We want better for this community,
3649 but it starts in every conceivable thing that we do.

3650 Staff has to step up, the community has to step up and we have to work together
3651 for the betterment of this community. And so, as we get ready to go into what has been
3652 a challenging election season, vote your conscious. Vote based on what you think is in
3653 the best interest of your community and your family. But, it doesn't have to get personal,
3654 divisive, nasty. We have to understand that we have a lot of people that have come here
3655 that believe in the vision here for this community, from all different walks of life. We want
3656 to be the community of choice. We want people to work here, we want people to move
3657 here, and we want people to spend their disposable income here. But when we have
3658 outbreaks, or we have things that are personal, it doesn't reflect who we are. And I beg
3659 and plead with you, allow for us to work together. We may be different sides of an issue,
3660 but it doesn't mean that it has to be personal.

3661 If anyone wants to sit down and have a conversation with anyone in Staff, it doesn't
3662 matter the time, ener'.., area, whatever is necessary to make sure that you know you have
3663 access to your government. We're here. The true authority in government is derived by
3664 the public's agreeance to be governed. The real power is in the public. And so, what we
3665 ask of you is, instead of believing what's out there, the rumor mongering, pick up the
3666 phone and give us a call. We'll meet with you Monday through Sunday, sun up to
3667 sundown, because we're here to make sure that we move forward to make this community
3668 truly, truly the best community in which to live, work and play. And let us focus on the
3669 business of the public and let the loud noises and the nonsense cease.

3670 We're better than this and I believe. And we've got a lot of exciting projects ahead
3671 of you.., ahead of our community. So please, we just ask that.., there needs to be some
3672 civility and some decorum because it needs to happen, and it needs to happen now. And,
3673 folks are watching us. And I know that's it's not a reflection on our community. We can
3674 do better, we expect better and we can rise to the challenge that's in front of us.

3675 Thank you, Madam Chair.

3676 **Chairperson Botel:** Bravo. And thank you, Mr. Evans.

3677 **DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY**

3678 **Chairperson Botel:** Discussion by City Attorney.

3679 **City Attorney Wynn:** No comments. Thank you, Madam Chair.

3680 **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

3681 **Chairperson Botel:** City Council committee reports. I'll postpone mine until the
3682 next meeting. Does anyone else have a committee report?

3683 **]Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. I did want to... I'm not sure if you
3684 received the email from the Government Affairs of Palm Beach Chamber North. The...

3685 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh yes. Thank you.

3686 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** They're having the Mayor's breakfast, I guess,
3687 in September, but they want to do a mid-year update. So, they wanted to know, Mayor,
3688 would you be available to do a five minute update on March 12th? It's a Zoom call from
3689 8:00 to 9:30?

3690 **Mayor Felder:** Yes.

3691 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

3692 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Would you...

3693 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Okay. So, I'll them back.

3694 **Chairperson Botel:** Would you let them know? They say they haven't heard so,
3695 will you get back to them, Mayor?

3696 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** I'm gonna... Yeah. I can email...

3697 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, you will. Good. Thank you. Thank you. Statements by
3698 Mayor...

3699 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Madam Chair?

3700 **Chairperson Botel:** ...and City Cou'... Yes.

3701 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Sorry, I have committee reports.

3702 **Chairperson Botel:** Oh, go ahead. I'm sorry.

3703 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam.

3704 First committee report. Mr. Evans, if you can just give us an update. I had a
3705 meeting with, or attended the meeting with the Ports, and the concerns with us scheduling
3706 a upcoming meeting for a administrator.., or, arbitrator to have a meeting, I believe
3707 February. They were kind of concerned because we originally scheduled it for January,
3708 but now it's scheduled for February 23rd and 24th, I believe.

3709 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Councilman. We've scheduled a meeting for February
3710 twenty'.., 23rd and 24th. If I'm not mistaken, I thought we anticipated that we were gonna
3711 do the meeting in February. I wasn't sure if the...

3712 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I think the Board was.., the, the Port Commission was under
3713 the impression that we were gonna host the meeting in January, and then didn't realize it
3714 was gonna be in February. And then there's two meetings that they had scheduled for..,
3715 that they wanna schedule for February. So, I'm assuming that's the 23rd and 24th?

3716 **City Manager Evans:** That is correct.

3717 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** So, I just wanna.., just bring that clarity to them 'cause they
3718 were concerned about the delays and just having the proper direction for where we're
3719 going as a Council for the discussions about Peanut Island.

3720 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair, if I may? With regards to, to Peanut
3721 Island, at my last presentation to the Port Commission, we had the discussion in regards
3722 to trying to work together with the surrounding municipalities, the Town of Palm Beach,
3723 Palm Beach Shores, Palm Beach County, and the City of Riviera Beach, looking to have
3724 a facilitated discussion and conversation because when I did go and have the initial
3725 presentation or discussion with the Port of Palm Beach, there still was some concerns
3726 with regards to Riviera Beach taking the lead as it relates to the project. So, I promised
3727 to the Port Commission that we would schedule a meeting with representatives from
3728 those entities to look if there's conceivably a way to facilitate an arrangement that all
3729 parties can see some progress associated with this.

3730 And then, our intent is, after this facilitated discussion, being able to report back to
3731 the Port's Commission at their March 18th meeting. And then I also will be attending the
3732 Port meeting this Thursday at 4:00 p.m. to update them on what has gone on since our
3733 last conversation.

3734 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you. And TPA meeting, we have a scheduled virtual
3735 TPA meeting for tomorrow morning. So colleagues, I'll have a report for you from the
3736 meeting tomorrow, on our first meeting on the 3rd, unless Councilman McCoy is available
3737 for that 8:00 a.m. meeting?

3738 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, are you going?

3739 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** I can attend, but I do have an interview with Ms. Verdenia
3740 Baker at 10:00, so I just wanted.., in case the meeting's running long, I wanna see if you'd
3741 be available and accessible, at least to jump in. I think the meeting starts at 8:00. But
3742 normally runs 'til about 11:30.

3743 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'll make an attempt.

3744 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, sir.

3745 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

3746 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

3747 **Chairperson Botel:** Any other committee reports?

3748 **STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

3749 **Chairperson Botel:** Statements by the Mayor and City Council, starting with the
3750 Mayor.

3751 **Mayor Felder:** No comment.

3752 **Chairperson Botel:** Commissioner Miller-Anderson.

3753 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Yes. I know there was a comment that was
3754 made regarding the 15th Street pothole. That has been being monitored and I did speak
3755 with Ms. Jacobs regarding the, the permanent paving of that spot. They did not pave it
3756 yet because they've been monitoring it to make sure that it does not sink again, and they
3757 didn't want people driving over it. I pass there every day so, twice a day at least, so I do
3758 see it and that's why I've been in communications with the Public Works Department, as
3759 well as the Utility District. So, they're looking to be paving that very soon, but it was not
3760 forgotten.

3761 And, regarding the amendments. I, I appreciate Mr. Evans mentioning that. And
3762 I kinda eluded a little earlier about the amount of scare tactics that are being put out there.
3763 I know the individuals that are pushing the opposite of what the amendments mean are
3764 educated enough to know that, that is not true. And so, to deliberately put out lies and
3765 play on the intelligence of the community, makes absolutely no sense. So, you know, I
3766 just wanna make sure that people understand, although you may know a person, please
3767 do your research, read the amendment. It's pretty clear that what is being put out there
3768 is the direct opposite of what the amendment said.

3769 Unfortunately, alternative facts is, is really making a comeback here where we're
3770 now taking something and then thinking that it's okay to just straight out lie about
3771 something. And, and that, that's very disingenuous. And so, I wish..., if people have
3772 issues, just, you know, talk about the issues. I mean, say what your problem is, but don't
3773 sit here and try to confuse the community. And I know it's an election time, and thank
3774 God I'm not running against anyone, but I do understand how this goes. Every election,
3775 you always have the foolishness that goes on. But, [stammer], going to a point of just
3776 straight out lying is, is a issue. It's a serious issue.

3777 And, you know, I just wanna tell the community, please read because they're
3778 banking on you not reading, and just taking something because they put it out there.
3779 Which is an absolute lie. What Mr. Evans just explained, it clearly tells you, you're the
3780 one that is in control. And that is the whole point of having it. And I think it would best if
3781 we..., I mean, we know the truth. We know what it means. I mean, it..., and so, I think it's
3782 incumbent upon us to make sure people are telling the truth, correct people when they're
3783 putting the wrong thing out there. And they're doing it deliberately. They know it doesn't
3784 mean..., it don't mean that at all.

3785 Also, you know, Ms. Lanier, I think a couple meetings ago, mentioned about the
3786 death threat. She's not the only one that got death threats. There's a couple of us., a
3787 couple more of us up here that got death threats, including myself. But I understand that
3788 it's election time. And people do stuff, trying to scare people up, but they need to
3789 understand that kinda stuff, nobody, nobody's thinking about that because I know where
3790 it's coming from. Just understand that, people protect themselves. Just understand that
3791 when you, you think about doing stuff like that.

3792 Also, you know, I'm glad the people who were in the audience earlier spoke about
3793 the secret meeting situation. [Sigh]. I think it was kinda put., I hope it was put to bed
3794 when they came up here and explained it, but I [audio disruption]... That's my que to stop
3795 talking?

3796 [Chuckles and inaudible comments]

3797 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** Well, regarding that whole [sigh] what's out
3798 there now, social media talking about a secret meeting, that meeting is nothing near what
3799 they want to equate it to being of this Hurst Chapel situation that happened years ago.
3800 There are a number of homeowner's associations and neighborhood associations that
3801 request Staff, and Councilpeople, to participate in their meetings. The picture of the
3802 Agenda clearly says it was Pine Point. That was their Agenda. And again, it goes back
3803 to the fact that people who are putting this out there, they know the truth, but yet, they
3804 continue to push this conspiracy theory.

3805 And so, you know, if it's an issue, it's an issue, but it's not uncommon for
3806 Councilpeople and Staff to go to different meetings and present information. So, when
3807 we talk about this, [sigh], just, just get the facts. And that, and that's all I can say to
3808 people. Stop running with information that you get from people. Do your research
3809 because you're pushing stuff that is not true all the time.

3810 And I think that's about all I have for tonight.

3811 Thank you.

3812 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Commissioner McCoy.

3813 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

3814 I don't know. Council Member Miller-Anderson and the Manager about said it all.

3815 **Chairperson Botel:** Yes, she did.

3816 **Councilperson McCoy:** But not quite.

3817 [Chuckles]

3818 **Councilperson McCoy:** I would agree, Councilwoman Miller-Anderson about the
3819 death threats. I've been threatened three times, twice by members of the public, and

3820 once by a City employee who said he was gonna drop me. And I don't think anybody has
3821 to wonder whether or not I'm gonna protect myself. It is what it is. And to that point, we
3822 still haven't had anything done by City Administration, when the same City employee lied
3823 to the police and denied it, but came back later in the redetermination hearing and
3824 recanted and admitted he did make threatening comments to me, but, in his mind, he said
3825 it in a joking manner.

3826 So., and, I didn't know, initially, Council Member Lanier, that you had received
3827 those death threats and, I guess to my surprise, I had the same ones in my mailbox. So,
3828 I guess that's being handled with the Police Department.

3829 Thank you, Mr. Evans, for bringing out that explanation of the Charter amendments
3830 because I was literally outraged when I seen individuals... And I, you know, I wanna
3831 believe that they didn't understand, but before this was actually adopted to be sent to the
3832 voters, there was two times that we voted on it. There was one time where there was a
3833 workshop on it. So to suggest that, is outright incorrect. And, you know, I was very much
3834 in support of the Police and Fire Station., I'm sorry, the Police and the Fire Department
3835 Charter amendments being presented to the voters and it's specifically to give the voters
3836 that authority or that power to be able to control that. And, you know, I, I agree that I don't
3837 know..., I wanna believe that they were, they were mistaken, but it's clear that this was
3838 very much intentional to put that out there.

3839 I'm just gonna jump right to the next Item and that was something I brought up to
3840 Mr. Evans regarding organized activities at Parks & Recreation facilities and, to my
3841 surprise, and also because of it I've gotten calls from individuals about why are we doing
3842 organized sports at Wells Recreation in the middle of COVID. And I wanna say that I
3843 found out that those activities being done are not actual City activities. And, I wanna ask
3844 the question about this interlocal agreement that we had, Ms. Wynn, for you to, and your
3845 office, to look into. But clearly, I'm surprised that we're now having the school Suncoast
3846 Community High School coming to use our facility because of an interlocal agreement
3847 when, in my opinion, they have the same facilities over at their school campus. And that
3848 presents the same thing that I was suggesting earlier that we literally get the calls of why
3849 is it that certain individuals can use certain amenities that have been restricted to citizens
3850 and to the community at large.

3851 So, you know, I wanna know if there's something within the agreement because of
3852 the current situation of this pandemic, that we've restricted it for our own residents, that
3853 we cannot have a whole group of intermural sports taking place right in front of City Hall.
3854 And it looks like, in some fashion, that it's sanctioned by the City, when that's not the
3855 case, and I think they're using this interlocal agreement. And, I wanna know if there's any
3856 provisions that we can exercise to suspend that activity to coincide with what we're doing.
3857 Because clearly, the School District doesn't allow them to do that on their own property,
3858 so I don't think that we should just be the immediate substitute because it creates a lot of
3859 problems for us as a City, and even more so as Members of this body.

3860 So, Ms. Wynn, that literally came up I think yesterday, and I would ask if you could,
3861 you know, look into it or, or come back with some, some explanation as, as to... And I

3862 guess this is a collaboration with also the Manager, because, I mean, his office and his
3863 Staff would be the ones that will be implementing this.

3864 That's all I have.

3865 Thank you, Madam Chair.

3866 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr...

3867 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh, I'm sorry. One last thing. One last thing, I'm sorry. I can't
3868 read my writing.

3869 It appears again, we're lacking public notice and publications of these meetings,
3870 consistent with the law. And I think this has probably been the third or fourth time that
3871 I've particularly noticed this, and I just wanna know what are we doing and where are we
3872 going? Because, it seems like I keep finding ourselves in the same situation time and
3873 time again.

3874 That's all I have and I just wanna make sure that other Members were aware that
3875 I'm putting it on the record in front of the Manager.

3876 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** What [inaudible]...

3877 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

3878 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** ...are you talking about?

3879 **Councilperson McCoy:** The publication that has to be published outside the City Hall.

3880 **Councilperson Miller-Anderson:** What, are you talking about, out on the board?

3881 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

3882 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Is that? Mr. McCoy?

3883 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair.

3884 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you. Mr. Lawson.

3885 **Chair Pro Tem Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

3886 My only concern, colleagues, is the discussion about these amendments that's on
3887 the ballot. We had this conversation. I was hesitant to even support the Chartered
3888 department, which I think is a vital discussion. But, my hesitation was that we did not
3889 have enough time to have community involvement, and community charettes. I stated
3890 this on the record when we first voted on this, and Mr. Evans gave me clear direction that
3891 we would have something out within a few day'.., within a few weeks, and our first public
3892 meeting is not until February 22nd, which is gonna be virtual. And then our in-person is
3893 gonna be March 1st. I think we opened up the.., we opened up the opportunity for

3894 discussion because we did not take the proper steps necessary to go through educating
3895 our community, having the community charettes, having the discussions and going
3896 through the steps necessary to discuss these amendments. And we left ourselves
3897 viable'.., open for discussion.

3898 That was my biggest concern, and that was the discussion. That's why I dissented
3899 on these Items, because I knew that these topics would be hot button Items that were
3900 brought to the residents in a fashion that they would feel [stammer].., that they would feel
3901 like they were rushed into making this vote and this decision. So them telling the narrative
3902 and us still not even having a public forum to discuss them, when that was the epitome
3903 of what I said we needed to do. Yet, our first public meeting's not until February 22nd.
3904 And that's to have a discussion which will be a week out.., or, two weeks out from our
3905 election. Two weeks out from the day that they have to make a decision. So, it gives the
3906 opportunity for anyone to tell the story, the narrative, i.e., the same reason that the media
3907 can tell whatever story they want about the City, where we have to be crystal clear about
3908 what the City represents and what we're doing.

3909 So, before we even put these ballot initiatives out, we should've had these
3910 community charettes, or we should've just waited until the next time that we could get
3911 them on the ballot. Because there was no reason to rush these through. We have
3912 protected our departments for a.., for.., since the inception. So, I'm not sure if our
3913 colleagues had a change of heart or something was gonna happen to where we had to
3914 get that Charter departments on there. And from my understanding, since Mr. Evans
3915 said, I think, we've never implemented the charging our residents a percentage, in
3916 regards to something that said shall in our Charter.

3917 So, that is my other concern, if we've never actually charged our residents and we
3918 have not actually voted to make this a Charter department, my colleagues here seem to
3919 be in support of our Police and Fire, why did we rush this on here to have these residents
3920 vote on it? Because I'm absolutely in support of these Items. My concern is that the
3921 residents may not know what we're voting on. The residents may be voting against it and
3922 we may be having an issue or a problem to where they, they have a certain direction that
3923 we're having a discussion where it doesn't pass. 'Cause I believe back in 2008, we had
3924 this same discussion. So why would we rush this onto the ballot? And that's my biggest
3925 concern. I wanted to make sure we were on the record 'cause we talking about the
3926 narrative that's being portrayed, but we haven't done our due diligence, and we dropped
3927 the ball. This was something we instructed our Staff to get done immediately and we still
3928 haven't had a public meeting or forum. That's the first concern.

3929 So, if we really wanna hold anyone accountable, we have to hold ourselves
3930 accountable, first and foremost. Because we need to make sure that we're telling the
3931 story.

3932 Colleagues, we have.., we have a few events that I wanna announce for the City
3933 that's coming up. Tomorrow, JFK is actually gonna be hosting an event. It's gonna be
3934 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Emory Moore, he's actually a Profession School of
3935 Behavioral Health professional, and he's hosting a big event at JFK from 10:00 a.m. to

3936 1:00 p.m. There's gonna be a lot of coverage, media coverage there, there'll be a lot of
3937 support for the kids. They're trying to really get the kids engaged. They had a hundred
3938 and twenty-five withdrawn from the school, and they really wanted to get the kids back
3939 engaged, and they need the support of the City, of the residents. So, if you have an
3940 opportunity to go by JFK tomorrow morning, they'll be there from 10:00 to 1:00.

3941 Black History Month. I'm hosting a series of events for the community to honor
3942 Black History Month. The first one is gonna be supporting black business. This week, I
3943 made it an initiative to support Black Business Week and to support black businesses in
3944 the community. Because of Black History Month, I wanna make it kind of normalcy within
3945 our community to support black businesses. So, I've visited different black businesses
3946 within our community, throughout Palm Beach County and I'm asking for other residents
3947 to go out and support local black businesses.

3948 Trailblazers and community pillars. I'm gonna start airing that series that we..., that
3949 I've been interviewing residents from the community. I'm gonna..., I'm gonna start that
3950 series, I'm gonna interview residents from the community. It's gonna be airing on the
3951 22nd. I'm gonna actually be airing that on Channel 18 on Facebook Live, on YouTube,
3952 and that's interviewing local pillars of our community.

3953 On March 30th, I'm gonna be hosting 'Surviving Emotional Trauma.' That is gonna
3954 be a mental health in the minority ser'..., community series that I've been doing within the
3955 community, and I would love for my colleagues to support that as well.

3956 Finally, next Thursday, hosting a job fair at the Marina. It's gonna start at 10:00
3957 a.m. and it's gonna finish at 1:00 p.m. And that is February 25th. It's a job fair at the
3958 Marina. So please, residents, come out to support these events, and come to things that
3959 you can. This job fair will be practicing social distancing, CDC guidelines, and we'll have
3960 a lot of opportunities for our residents.

3961 Thank you.

3962 **Chairperson Botel:** Commissioner Lanier.

3963 **Councilperson Lanier:** I just wanted to say that if anybody has ever heard the term
3964 gaslighting. Gaslighting means that I'm telling you that the sky is purple but really it's
3965 blue, but you just keep trying to convince me that it's purple. Gaslighting is saying that
3966 you're supposed to be doing the same thing that we've been doing and we're in the middle
3967 of a pandemic. Nothing is the same. Things are different. And gaslighting is actually
3968 saying that people have misinformation when really it is a lie.

3969 [Chuckles]

3970 **Councilperson Lanier:** People are lying. It is not mistruths, it is not misinformation, it
3971 is a blatant, boldface lie. And when you say that we are putting out amendments that
3972 people don't understand, again, don't gaslight me. The people in Riviera Beach, the
3973 residents who live here, are smart enough to read, and to know what is on the table here.

3974 There are two amendments. One says that, guess what, I'm not gonna make a
3975 motion and somebody gives me a second and then the Police Department now becomes
3976 the sheriff department. That is what that means. And number two, I'm not gonna charge
3977 you fifty percent if I'm gonna.., I'm.., if I'm gonna do roadwork on your road. It's two
3978 simple, very clear items. And people are actually lying and it's so funny because it
3979 appears that.., when people come up here and they start lying, it's like, 'Do you really
3980 know that you are actually lying here?' And that people can't buy this. You're trying to
3981 gaslight me. You're trying to muddle the waters. But these things are very simple, these
3982 amendments are.

3983 We are having the City to go out and talk about what these amendments are, but
3984 they are very simple. We don't have residents who are dumb or who are stupid, or who
3985 can't read or who don't know what time it is. They do know. They know what this means.
3986 And just, like, two years ago, two and a half years ago, when we had our election and the
3987 people in this City said they were fed up. They were fed up with how this Council was
3988 being run, how people were here and how they were doing business. And got rid of every
3989 last one of them. That is what the residents of this City does, and this is what they will
3990 do. If people continue to lie and gaslight us, and to thinking that one thing is something
3991 else, the residents are not stupid, they are not blind and they know what is happening
3992 here. They know who's behind these things. To say things like, 'Dr. Botel is racist.' When
3993 you say.., when you say that Dr. Botel is racist, I.., if anybody who sees me on Facebook
3994 would say that, you know, that, that Shirley is a Black Panther party type of girl.

3995 [Chuckles]

3996 **Councilperson Lanier:** And I have been black all my life so I know a racist when I see
3997 one. People like Fane Lozman who say, 'Oh, you know, I'm gonna tell my [stammer], my
3998 black friend, key, Bingo. When you have to tell me about your black friend, then I know
3999 already what time it is.

4000 [Inaudible dais comment]

4001 **Councilperson Lanier:** So, what we have here is people making these accusations
4002 that are lies. And I know a racist when I see one, and Dr. Botel is not one of them. Trust
4003 me. I've been black all my life. I know it when I see it. So, to have people to come to
4004 this Council to gaslight us, to tell us what we, we know to be blatantly untrue. Not only
4005 does it does a disservice to the City, but you look foolish. I don't think that people
4006 understand when they come up here and lie, how foolish they look.

4007 So, I would caution you people, who come to the Council and who blatantly lie,
4008 and who try and gaslight us. You better be careful, because not only do the residents
4009 notice, the residents will check you on this.

4010 So my comments tonight are about the fact that no longer are we going to continue
4011 to allow too be gaslighted and to be lied to. And it's.., what Mr. Evans has said, and what
4012 Ms. KaShamba Miller has said is that, if you want any information about what is happening
4013 in the City, what is going on, any information that you need, come.., call us. Call City Hall.

4014 The people who are supporting other candidates, look who... Malcom X said, 'If you want
4015 to know who a person is, look behind them and see who's supporting them.' That will tell
4016 you everything you need to know about that person. Who supports them. Birds of a
4017 feather type of deal.

4018 So, I just want to make sure that everybody understands this, especially the ones
4019 who are looking at us at 11:30 at night. I'm so sorry it went..., ran so long. But the fact
4020 that we are sitting here and we know the game that's on table here, and that we are going
4021 to continue to dispel these rumors. Not rumors, not mistruths..., to dispel these lies. That
4022 are continuing to go on.

4023 And, Madam Chair, those are my comments.

4024 **Chairperson Botel:** Thank you so much. I also wanna make a statement about
4025 the amendments. And I was not certain until this evening, Mr. Evans, that we could
4026 encourage people to vote. Can we? I don't wanna say too much un'..., unless I have the
4027 legal authority to say what, what's on my mind. Is it appropriate for me to say what's...

4028 **City Attorney Wynn:** I don't think that that was done. There was..., you can't tell
4029 people how to vote. You...

4030 **Chairperson Botel:** Okay.

4031 **City Attorney Wynn:** It was...

4032 **Chairperson Botel:** But I can tell you...

4033 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...an explanation.

4034 **Chairperson Botel:** ...that I voted yes on both those amendments, and I think
4035 most people in this City are smart enough to know when they've been lied to. Yes, on
4036 the amendment about the Police means that we are protecting our Police and Fire from
4037 being outsourced. I never advocated for anything, any'..., for the sheriff to take over, no
4038 way. Yes, on that amendment means we're protecting our Police and Fire.

4039 Yes, on the amendment about the fifty percent means we're protecting you, the
4040 taxpayers, from being doubly taxed. We're protecting you from being taxed for the roads
4041 that we put in front..., or for the bridges, as a matter of fact, in, in Palm Beach Isles. We're
4042 protecting you, if you vote yes. And I have [stammer]..., because I've been cautious about
4043 recommending what people..., how people vote, I've always just said to them, 'I'm voting
4044 yes.' And then they can make their own minds. They're smart enough to read those
4045 amendments and know what they mean.

4046 And thank you for reminding me about that term gaslighting. Because that's what's
4047 been going on, they've been lied to. And it's really a shame. I sh'..., it's shameful that
4048 people would take that..., take the, the position that our citizens aren't smart enough to
4049 know when they're being lied to.

4050 I'm not gonna even comment about the meeting that I held on Thursday night. I
4051 think enough has been said about a that. It was, it was not a special, secret Hurst Chapel
4052 meeting. It was not anything of the kind. It was a meet'... Oh, I'm not gonna comment.
4053 I think enough has been said.

4054 I do wanna say that tomorrow night, I'll be having a town hall meeting here in this
4055 building. And, everyone is welcome to attend. It'll., it's a very chock full agenda. I think
4056 it'll be of interest to many people. We're starting at 6:00 o'clock tomorrow evening and I
4057 hope to see you here. We will be practicing CDC guidelines and masks will be required.

4058 **ITEMS ADDED LATE**

4059 **TRADRICK MCCOY - TO SUPPORT FEEDING RESIDENTS 5 DAYS WEEKLY. STS**
4060 **OF THE JUNETEENTH OF PBC BLACK HISTORY MONTH LIVE PANEL**
4061 **DISCUSSION**

4062 **RIVIERA BEACH CARES - \$1750.00 - COUNCILMAN TRADRICK MCCOY**
4063 **SUPPORTS THIS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY FOOD AND SHELTER TO**
4064 **RIVIERA BEACH FAMILIES**

4065 **ADJOURNMENT**

4066 **Chairperson Botel:** And, if there's nothing else from this Council, this meeting is
4067 adjourned. Thank you.

4068 [Gavel]

4069 [End Of video]

City Employees, Public Comment Speakers and Others

Senator Bobby Powell Senator B. Powell
TanAngels Sandra Price Ms. S. Price
Willie Milsap Mr. W. Milsap
Margaret Shepherd Ms. M. Shepherd
Dr. Glen Spiritis Dr. G. Spiritis
Lynne Hubbard Ms. L. Hubbard
Karen Gleason Ms. K. Gleason
Steven Craig Mr. S. Craig
Brenda Smith Ms. B. Smith
Cindy March Ms. C. March
Ladi Goldwire Ms. L. Goldwire
William Wiley Mr. W. Wiley
Jill Wardle Culligan Ms. J. Wardle Culligan
Terrance Davis Mr. T. Davis
Bessie Brown Ms. B. Brown
John Miller Mr. J. Miller
J.B. Dixon Ms. J.B. Dixon
Fane Lozman Mr. F. Lozman
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Development Services Director Clarence Sirmons
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