

CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2021
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT AT MEETING¹:

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COUNCILPERSON DOUGLAS A. LAWSON, DISTRICT 5	COUNCILPERSON LAWSON
COUNCILPERSON JULIA A. BOTEL DISTRICT 4	COUNCILPERSON BOTEL
CITY MANAGER JONATHAN EVANS	CITY MANAGER EVANS
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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MAY 19, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lanier: We will call to order our regular City Council meeting for May 19, 2021.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Lanier: Roll call, Madam Clerk.

City Clerk Anthony: Mayor Ronnie Felder: [Pause]. Chairperson Shirley Lanier?

Chairperson Lanier: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Chair Pro Tem KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson: Present.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Tradrick McCoy?

Councilperson McCoy: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Douglas Lawson?

Councilperson Lawson: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Julia Botel?

Councilperson Botel: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: City Manager Jonathan Evans?

City Manager Evans: Present.

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

City Attorney Wynn: Here.

City Clerk Anthony: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Lanier: Thank you.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

31 **Chairperson Lanier:** We will have a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of
32 Allegiance, by Dr. Julie Botel. Commissioner Botel.

33 [Inaudible comment]

34 **Chairperson Lanier:** Councilperson.

35 [Moment of silence]

36 **Councilperson Botel:** I pledge allegiance...

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

39 [Inaudible comments]

40 **Chairperson Lanier:** As we... Madam Clerk, note that the Mayor has joined the
41 dais.

42 **City Clerk Anthony:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

43 **AGENDA APPROVAL**

44 **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

45 **Chairperson Lanier:** We will look at this Agenda and please, Board and Staff, let
46 me know if there any additions or deletions or substitutions for this Agenda.

47 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair. There are some modifications to the
48 Agenda. I'd ask that the Clerk read them into the record.

49 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

50 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, if you will indulge me,
51 under the Consent Agenda, Item No. 1 and No. 2 are the same. So Staff is requesting
52 that Item No. 1 be deleted.

53 On Item No. 9, the Resolution number that's on the Agenda is incorrect. When
54 you look at the backup information for this Item, the Resolution number states that it's
55 Resolution No. 48-21. That is the correct Resolution number. Resolution No. 27-21 was
56 used in a previous meeting.

57 Staff is requesting that Item No. 13, the renaming policy, be moved to under
58 discussion and deliberation. This Item will keep its number but be discussed after Item
59 No. 23.

60 Item No. 14, Staff...

61 **Chairperson Lanier:** Slow down, slow down.

62 **City Clerk Anthony:** Okay.

63 **Chairperson Lanier:** Slow down. Item No. 13 is going under No. 23?

64 **City Clerk Anthony:** Correct. Staff is requesting that it be moved to discussion and
65 deliberation, to be discussed after No. 23.

66 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, so clarify. Discussion and deliberation,
67 meaning you will not be expecting us, us to take action?

68 **City Manager Evans:** That is correct. We.., we're not expecting the Board to take
69 action. We're just asking for any comments or remarks so we can finalize the document.

70 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

71 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. Go ahead, Madam Clerk.

72 **City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 14, the Cone of Silence.., Cone of Silence
73 Ordinance, is being moved to under discussion and deliberation. And it will be discussed
74 after Item No. 13.

75 **Chairperson Lanier:** So, same goes for No. 13, as in no action, just discussion.

76 **City Manager Evans:** That is correct, Madam Chair.

77 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir. Madam Clerk.

78 **City Clerk Anthony:** Staff is requesting that item No. 17 be moved to the second
79 meeting in June. That is the Ordinance dealing with Chapter 2, Article IV of the City's
80 Code of Ordinances.

81 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. This, this is an Item that will be deleted or?

82 **Councilperson McCoy:** Deleted.

83 **City Manager Evans:** It will be postponed until...

84 **Chairperson Lanier:** Postponed?

85 **City Manager Evans:** Yes.

86 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. Okay.

87 **City Clerk Anthony:** And then, finally, Item No. 24, Staff is requesting that the
88 Board appointments be moved to under Consent Agenda, after Item No. 12.

89 **Chairperson Lanier:** So we'll have this as 12A or just...

90 **City Clerk Anthony:** It'll be just [stammer] No. 12... It will be Item No. 24, it will
91 retain its number. There's no need to make it 12A.

92 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay.

93 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, that concludes the
94 additions and deletions and revision that I have.

95 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Are there any of these deletions or substitutions
96 for the Board? [Pause]. Okay. Very good.

97 **DISCLOSURES**

98 **Chairperson Lanier:** : The next Item on our Agenda is the disclosures. Are there
99 any disclosures... There are Items that are on this Agenda, there are numerous Items
100 on this Agenda. From the Board, are there any disclosures for any of these Items on the
101 Agenda?

102 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Madam Chair?

103 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

104 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** I did speak with the group, Florida Sunstar,
105 regarding the Item regarding the Port issue.

106 **Chairperson Lanier:** Item No...

107 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Mm. I'm trying to... The Florida Sunstar.

108 **Chairperson Lanier:** I think that's the Port's Item. What number...

109 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Yeah.

110 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...is that?

111 [Pause]

112 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Is it the... 15?

113 **Chairperson Lanier:** Item 15. Yes.

114 Are there any other disclosures in regards to this Agenda?

115 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?

116 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

117 **Councilperson Botel:** I also had conversations on that Item.

118 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. My disclosure is that I also had a meeting with Sunstar.
119 Is it Sunstar? OneStar? Sunstar? At the Port of Palm Beach. So, I had my name under
120 this, this disclosure as well.

121 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

122 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

123 **Councilperson Lawson:** I've also had meetings with the organization as well.

124 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. Are there any other disclosures for the Items that are
125 listed on this Agenda? [Pause].

126 I also want to add... I want to get the Board's opinion about this. I also wanted to
127 add for under disclosures that although we ask the Council for disclosures, asking the
128 presenters, the entities, the developers for disclosures as if they have..., have had any
129 conversations with us. I wanna have it to be a two way street. And that will be something
130 that will be coming back at our next meeting. I want to make sure that these disclosures
131 are recognized on both sides of the aisle.

132 Yes, sir.

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

134 So, when we first started in '19, I specifically asked Legal what exactly was the
135 nature of disclosures. And I think we have become accustomed to saying who we met
136 with. But statutorily, disclosures are meant for disclosures of conflicts, not disclosures of
137 who you spoke to. So there's no legal requirement that we put it on the record, or even
138 gesture, or even [stammer] any of that.

139 And, I stay away from doing disclosures because, quite frequently, a individual
140 from the public, who doesn't understand that you have to meet with developers and those
141 that present. It also sometimes could give the perception of something that may not even
142 be there. So I, of course I talk to people all the time. In fact, I did talk to Sun'..., Sunstar,
143 but there was never anything that was legally required for me to disclose. I don't have a
144 conflict, I don't do business with them.

145 So, you know, quite frankly, even when I serve over on the Board with the School
146 District of Palm Beach County, the same thing exists. Unless you have a voting conflict,
147 that's the only time you have disclose. So..., and I think it's a little, you know, if that's what
148 the Board wants to do, but I, you know, I kinda wanna stay away from that. Because it
149 gives the impression...

150 **Chairperson Lanier:** And I..., and that is the reason why I brought it up at this
151 meeting because we are going to work with Legal to have some language to explain what
152 disclosures mean.

153 **Councilperson McCoy:** Right. But unless it's required, then I don't know that
154 you...

155 **Chairperson Lanier:** We're going to have language from the Attorney, and
156 according to our Charter, to explain what disclosures means. We're not going to go out
157 willy nilly, we're going to make sure that whatever we are going to talk about in regards
158 to disclosures, is something that's part of our Charter.

159 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

160 **Chairperson Lanier:** That we are held to.

161 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Well, I, I look to see that.

162 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good. Thank you.

163 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

164 **Chairperson Lanier:** The next Item on the Agenda is for you guys to adopt this
165 Agenda. Can I get a motion to do that?

166 **Councilperson Botel:** So moved.

167 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Second.

168 **Chairperson Lanier:** Madam Clerk.

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

170 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

172 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

173 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

174 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

175 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

176 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Yes.

177 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

178 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

179 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.

180 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

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

182 **CONSENT AGENDA**

183 **Chairperson Lanier:** We are now at the section of our Agenda that is the Consent
184 Agenda. All Items...

185 **MINUTES**

186 **1. APRIL 7, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES -- DELETED**
187 **CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK (561) 845-4090**

188 **2. APRIL 7, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.**
189 **CLAUDENE ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090**

190 **3. APRIL 21, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

- 191 4. FEBRUARY 25, 2021 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.
192 5. OCTOBER 8, 2020 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.
193 6. JUNE 1, 2020 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.
194 7. DECEMBER 10, 2020 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.
195 8. APRIL 28, 2021 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

196 **RESOLUTIONS**

197 11. RESOLUTION 55-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
198 OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN
199 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY
200 COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF RIVIERA
201 BEACH, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$114,238; FOR THE
202 CONTINUATION OF REENTRY SERVICES FROM JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022;
203 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO
204 SET UP A BUDGET FOR THE SAME AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY
205 CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
206 DATE.

207 ORIE BULLARD, DIRECTOR OF JUSTICE SERVICE CENTER, 561-840-3124

208 12. RESOLUTION NUMBER 56-21A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
209 THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN
210 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH (THE
211 "LOCAL GOVERNMENT") AND PALM BEACH COUNTY (THE "COUNTY") TO
212 PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NETWORK CONNECTION SERVICES;
213 DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS
214 AS SHALL BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT AND DESIRE OF THE
215 AGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

216 CHRIS PERSAUD, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, 561-845-4028

217 **Chairperson Lanier:** Should you get.., take a motion for this first? Alright. Go
218 ahead. Give me a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

219 **Councilperson McCoy:** I wanna pull No. 10.

220 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'm sorry?

221 **Councilperson McCoy:** I would like to pull Item No. 10 from Consent.

222 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. I would also like to pull Item No., I would like to pull
223 Item No. 9 as well.

224 Are there any other Items that the Board would like to take a second look at before
225 we approve this Consent Agenda? [Pause]. Very good.

226 **Councilperson Botel:** Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

227 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Second. With those being pulled, 9 and 10,
 228 second.

229 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

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

235 **Chairperson Lanier:** Madam Clerk.

236 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have any
 237 public comment cards on the Consent Agenda. The acceptance of public comment cards
 238 on the Con'., for the Consent Agenda is now closed.

239 Councilperson Botel?

240 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

241 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

242 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

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

244 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

245 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

246 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Yes.

247 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

248 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

249 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.

250 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

251 **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

252 **Chairperson Lanier:** Madam Clerk, could we start with the Items that have been
 253 pulled?

254 **9. City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 9.

255 **RESOLUTION 48-21. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
 256 **RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT**

257 **IN THE MATTER OF RUSSELL BYRD V. THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FEDERAL**
258 **MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICES CASE NO. 211130-01845 IN THE**
259 **TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$61,698.66; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE**
260 **PAYMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AFTER RECEIVING A GENERAL RELEASE;**
261 **AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

262 **O'NE' DUPREE, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR, 561-845-4880**

263 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Mr. Evans.

264 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, can I get a motion...

265 **Councilperson Botel:** Do we need a mo'...

266 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...please?

267 **Chairperson Lanier:** Oh, I'm sorry.

268 **Councilperson Botel:** Motion to approve that Item.

269 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Second.

270 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

271 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, this Item is seeking
272 authorization to resolve a claim against the City of Riviera Beach. The initial Item came
273 back to the Board some time ago and there was actually a miscalculation with regards to
274 the wages, back wages, that was owed to that particular individual. So Staff has made
275 the correct and modification and is recommending approval of the Item that's before you
276 this evening.

277 **Chairperson Lanier:** So that's the reason why it's coming back to us, because there
278 was a miscalculation? By whom?

279 **City Manager Evans:** That is correct. That was a issue that HR actually calculated
280 the number incorrectly and Finance provided some additional information, and was able
281 to resolve the, the incorrect number.

282 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Are there any other questions about this Item from
283 the Board? [Pause]. None being said. Madam Clerk.

284 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

285 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

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

287 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

289 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

290 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

291 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Yes.

292 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

293 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

294 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.

295 **10. City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION 49-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY**
296 **COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,**
297 **APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA**
298 **BEACH (THE "CITY") AND THE RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT**
299 **AGENCY (THE "CRA") FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
300 **MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES; DIRECTING AND**
301 **AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS SHALL BE**
302 **NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT AND DESIRE OF THE AGENCY;**
303 **PROVIDING FUNDING FOR IT SERVICES ANNUAL COST OF \$78,000.00 AND**
304 **TOTAL STARTUP COST OF \$207,500 NOT TO EXCEED \$285,500.00 IN THE FIRST**
305 **YEAR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

306 **CHRIS PERSAUD, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, 561-845-4028**

307 **Councilperson Botel:** Move to approve Resolution 49-21.

308 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Second.

309 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Mr. Evans.

310 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, this is the interlocal
311 agreement between the City and the CRA, to provide inter'.., IT services. We have
312 discussed this Item both on the City and CRA side, and this is the actual document that
313 will memorialize the relationship between both entities.

314 With regards to the services that will be provided, IT Director Chris Persaud is here
315 to answer any questions that the Board may have. And Staff recommends approval of
316 the interlocal agreement.

317 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Mr. Persaud.

318 **Chief Information Officer Persaud:** Yes. This is the interlocal agreement between
319 the [stammer] Community Redevelopment Agency and the City. It's for IT to handle their
320 day to day technical services, plus anything additional. We have reduced the cost, with
321 the CRA moving into the City Hall environment. So, that will reduce the cost by... It's in
322 the backup material as well.

323 So, I'd be happy to take any questions.

324 **Chairperson Lanier:** Any questions from the Board?

325 [Inaudible comment]
326 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Madam Clerk.
327 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?
328 **Councilperson McCoy:** No.
329 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?
330 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.
331 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?
332 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.
333 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?
334 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Yes.
335 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?
336 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.
337 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.
338 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Persaud.
339 **Chief Information Officer Persaud:** Thank you.
340 **Chairperson Lanier:** We are at the end of our Consent Agenda.

341 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

342 **Chairperson Lanier:** And we moved No. 13.

343 **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

344 **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

345 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

346 **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

347 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, we're now onto Item No. 15.

348 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good. Go ahead, Madam Clerk.

349 **15. City Clerk Anthony: ORDINANCE NO. 4166 AN ORDINANCE OF THE**
350 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**
351 **FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 31, ZONING,**
352 **ARTICLE V, IG GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, SECTION 31-383 (2), BY ADDING**
353 **A NEW SUBSECTION "a" INCREASING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BUILDING**

354 **HEIGHT IN THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE PORT FROM 50 FEET TO 150 FEET, AND**
355 **DEFINING THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE PORT AS “THAT AREA BORDERED BY**
356 **W. PORT ROAD & BROADWAY, AVENUE E, AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**
357 **BLVD.”; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND**
358 **PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

363 **Councilperson Botel:** I move that we approve Ordinance No. 4166.

364 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

365 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Mr. Evans.

366 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, I’m asking for
367 Development Services Director, Mr. Clarence Sirmons, to make this presentation.

368 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Good evening, Madam Chair. I beg
369 your pardon.

370 **Chairperson Lanier:** Good evening, sir.

371 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Members of the Council, Mr. Manager
372 and Madam Attorney.

373 I am before you today to present the presentation for a project for Florida Sunstar
374 Logistics. This Item before you today is the voting for the proposed Land Development
375 Code text amendment for this project. But, as it is associated with a Site Plan application,
376 I will go over both Items with your today, but the Item for a vote today is only the text
377 amendment. If it is approved to have the second hearing for the Ordinance, the Site Plan
378 will be on the Agenda for a vote as well.

379 And this is not the correct PowerPoint.

380 **Councilperson McCoy:** So... Madam Chair?

381 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Alright. There we are.

382 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. I’ll wait.

383 **Chairperson Lanier:** There it was.

384 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** There it was.

385 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle]. Go ahead, ask your question, Mr. McCoy. While
386 they get their technical things together.

387 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you. Mr. Sirmons, I'm looking at the Ordinance
388 and thank you for having the new text that's being proposed underlined, which clearly
389 delineates what's being proposed.

390 But...

391 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** My pleasure.

392 **Councilperson McCoy:** If this is only specific to that location, I'm..., I guess, I'm
393 trying to understand, like, you know, thirty years from now, how would someone be able
394 to tell by looking at the Code, when the only descriptive features in this Ordinance just
395 says, 'As that area bordered by West Port Road and Broadway, Avenue E and Dr. Martin
396 Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.: 150 feet'?

397 So, like, I know when we did the Land Development Regulation for the CRA, we
398 actually had graphics that we actually adopted and got incorporated into the Code, but
399 I'm just curious, how is Boards and Councils and Development Services Department in
400 twenty years, gonna know that this is the only location? Without it being in the actual
401 Code?

402 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** So, there are, especially, as you
403 mentioned, in the downtown Codes, visual depictions of things being described in the text
404 that is not the norm for the rest of the body of our Ordinance, but it is not an issue to insert
405 a picture in there. I, I would have to do research on how that would reflect on websites,
406 such as Municode, which is heavily relied on for our Ordinances. And if we can insert a
407 picture in there without any issue., but generally we use the text descriptive.

408 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. 'Cause..., and, and let me just ask..., because, I
409 can already see that, in the future, somebody's gonna try to suggest that this applies to
410 the entire [inaudible]. And without a descriptive, almost like a survey or specific boundary,
411 then, you know..., you know, I, I think you have a, a very long future, but in forty years, I
412 don't know that you'll be here to remember...

413 [Chuckles]

414 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...that this was only specific to that one location. And,
415 my only concern with this Item was that I just didn't want it to be abutting some of the
416 places in the Port that serves right next to, or adjacent to, residential homes.

417 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** So, in the review of an application for
418 anything submitted in this area, Staff reviews all of those items and we look..., we look
419 closely into the text to make sure that what's proposed is allowed in that zone. So, we
420 would research the area and look at the text and ensure that if it's proposed over fifty feet,
421 that it does fall within the boundary of this [stammer] the location described in this
422 Ordinance.

423 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

424 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good. Do you wanna go ahead with your
425 presentation?

426 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Yes, ma'am.

427 Alright. For this one. Again, there are two applications involved in this proposed
428 development here. The Zoning text amendment, Application ZA21-01 and SP2101,
429 which is the Site Plan application. Only ZA21-01 is on the docket for a vote today.
430 However, in order for Council to make an informed decision, we will discuss their Site
431 Plan as well today.

432 We have been working with this applicant for close to a year, when they first came
433 in our doors proposing this development, and we believe that the product being presented
434 before you today is the result of [stammer] much diligence on the behalf of Staff to ensure
435 that both parties have been.., the interest of both parties are served by the proposed
436 development here.

437 The loc'.., location of the proposed text amendment is outlined by the hashed area
438 on the image before you. It extends to the top boundary between Avenue E and the lower
439 boundary of Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard. The area circumscribed in red shows the
440 site boundaries for this proposed Site Plan for this development.

441 The application for approval to increase the maximum building height from fifty feet
442 to a hundred and fifty feet on approximately 17.75 acres of land at the Port, in the center
443 of the IG Zoning District. This request comes from a desire to facilitate and expand the
444 opportunities for future growth and economic development of the Port of Palm Beach,
445 and allow for the construction of a hundred and fifty foot high material storage structure
446 by Florida Sunstar Logistics.

447 Other existing structures at the Port of similar or greater height include the FPL
448 stacks, the Cemex silos across from Broadway from this site, and some of the light poles
449 on the property also exceed fifty feet and come in close to a hundred and ten feet. The
450 increased height area is only a portion of the overall IG Zoning District of the Port property.

451 The application for the Site Plan contains a proposal to develop 12,271 square
452 foot, a hundred and fifty tall cement material storage dome; a one story, 2,080 square
453 foot office building; a 2,568 square foot mechanical equipment building; and then,
454 associated parking and mechanical equipment on a 3.9 acre portion of the 17.75 acre
455 property.

456 Additional information about the proposed use of this applicant. The material
457 storage dome is to store dry materials used to create concrete. The materials in concrete
458 would include stone, sand, and cement. The tank cannot be used to store liquids. This
459 is not a Bedish plant. And the closest resident in Riviera Beach is 1,400 feet away. Again,
460 this is the boundaries of the proposed Site Plan for this project.

461 And here is a image of the proposed Site Plan for the project. The dome structure
462 is shown by the circle here, and the auxiliary buildings by the rectangles here. Along
463 here, is the overpass or bridge. Under the bridge is the parking area proposed to serve

464 this site. The dome is proposed to be decorated with a mural and the words, 'Riviera
465 Beach,' will be along the top edge of the tank twice, so as to be visible to motorists
466 traveling either way over the bridge. Two design options are provided for the City Cou'...,
467 City Council's consideration. And the City Council should identify the preferred one to the
468 applicant.

469 This is the first rendering option of the dome. It would be illuminated at nighttime,
470 per the picture to the right here, with Riviera Beach shown on both sides of it. The next
471 rendering is for Option 2. Again, the initial conversation with this applicant involved a, a
472 generic, all white dome structure.

473 And the image before you, again, is the result of Staff deliberations and us pushing
474 to see if we can get something more aesthetically pleasing through this gateway into our
475 City. And the second rendering has more colors, it's higher..., the mural is higher on the
476 dome and it has different aquatic [stammer] creatures at the bottom. Excuse me.

477 This is an elevation of what the site would look like after development. You can
478 see the height of the proposed structure. The dome is now hidden behind the signage at
479 the top, and this is the elevated overpass next to it at scale.

480 So, the proposed site Plan Resolution for this project includes our standard
481 recommendations from the Development Services Department, but there are also several
482 additional recommendations that are a result of the conversations between Staff and the
483 applicant. The first are our typical conditions. Construction must be com'..., initiated within
484 eighteen months of the effective date of the Resolution or it will be considered null and
485 void. Two, City Council authorizes Staff to approve future amendments to the Stie Plan
486 administratively, so long as the Site Plan does not deviate greater than five percent from
487 the originally approved Site Plan. Three, the development must receive final Certificate
488 of Occupancy from the City for all buildings and units within five years of the [stammer]
489 approval of the adopting Resolution or it will be considered null and void.

490 All future advertising must state that the development is located in the City of
491 Riviera Beach in accordance with Code Section 31-554. Five, once approved, this
492 Resolution shall supersede any previous Site Plan approvals for this property. Six, the
493 concurrently proposed Ordinance No. 4166, associated with this text amendment,
494 Application, ZA21-01, shall be approved and adopted prior to the approval of the Site
495 Plan. Again, these are conditions for the Site Plan Resolution.

496 Seven, the applicant shall provide a check payable to the City of Riviera Beach for
497 not less than \$45,285.15 for landscape improvements in the City prior to the issuance of
498 a building permit. This a result of the Port property being not appropriate for the type of
499 landscaping that the City requires for development projects. So, in lieu of them planting
500 it within this industrial area, they will provide the City the funds for the required
501 landscaping for the project so that the City can install the landscaping at a more
502 appropriate location.

503 Eight, the applicant shall consider partnering with the City, as possible, to identify
504 opportunities to provide outreach and support to local residents, including but not limited

505 to, programs such as the Youth Empowerment Program, the Reentry Center, or the
506 establishment of a charitable foundation. This condition is a result of the applicant's offer
507 to, to partner with the community for development and the improvement of the quality of
508 life of cit'..., citizens here. They have similar initiatives in other communities in which they
509 work, so we added this condition to reflect that and future discussion will result in potential
510 partnerships and contributions to these organizations.

511 Ten, the applicant shall actively advertise employment opportunities for temporary
512 and permanent positions within the City of Riviera Beach, including participation at
513 community job fairs or hosting specialized improvement events. The developer shall
514 provide a report to the Development Services Department at six months post Certificate
515 of Occupancy, documenting the outreach efforts to acquire local employees, the number
516 of employees hired, the number of local businesses contracted with subject to
517 employment and privacy laws, and the percentage of construction costs expended with
518 local vendors.

519 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?

520 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

521 **Councilperson Botel:** If I might, just quickly before you finish that..., before you move
522 on. Could you just, very briefly, tell the watching viewers here about how many jobs this
523 will create?

524 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** So, the applicant, who is here and
525 prepared to present, can be more specific, but they anticipate a hundred plus jobs for
526 construction, and a hundred plus jobs for operations.. The majority of those jobs co'...,
527 connected to operations would be in logistics and, and trucks, and transportation.

528 **Councilperson Botel:** Thank you.

529 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Mhmm.

530 Ten, Florida Sunstar Logistics shall participate in efforts to enhance and beautify
531 the bridge and southern gateway to the City by working with the City and other partners
532 to provide a conceptual design for the beautification of the gateway and bridge to the City
533 of Riviera Beach. Florida Sunstar Logistics shall deliver the conceptual bridge and
534 gateway beautification design to the City prior to the issuance of a building permit. This
535 condition is related to our comments related to this portion of the City being a primary
536 gateway. If you're heading north on Broadway and you go over this bridge, it is one of
537 the main entry points of the City, and we want to ensure, as much as possible that the
538 experience of visitors coming to our City is a good one.

539 So, with this dome going there with..., serving as a sort of beacon, as persons enter
540 Riviera Beach with that signage and the mural on it, we wanna make sure the bridge itself
541 is a, a..., up to our standards in what it could be. So, what they have committed to doing
542 is to create a design potential plan for what this bridge could look like. And so, imaging
543 a, a bridge that has [inaudible] such as the Blue Heron Bridge, or others in the area for

544 the flyover bridge, for the Port to, again, improve the entry experience for entering into
545 Riviera Beach from the south.

546 And eleven, the final design of the mural on the dome structure shall be to the
547 satisfaction of the City Council and installed prior to the issuance of the Certificate of
548 Occupancy. The applicant shall provide an alternate rendering for consideration by City
549 Council. And that was at the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board, after
550 hearing this project.

551 So, Staff recommends approval of the amendment to the Code of Ordinance, for
552 Application ZA21-01, to increase the maximum building height from fifty to a hundred and
553 fifty feet on approximately 17.75 acres of land at the, the Port, in the center of the IG
554 Zoning District. The area is subject to the increased height identified as 'That area
555 bordered by West Port Road and Broadway, Avenue E and Dr. Martin Luther King
556 Boulevard.

557 And that concludes the Staff presentation. Again, the applicant is present and
558 prepared to present as well.

559 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you for that presentation.

560 Are there any questions from the Board?

561 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

562 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

563 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

564 Mr. Sirmons, let me get back up to the condition of the \$45,285. I've never seen
565 that we've ever asked any applicant or any developer to provide the City any money. Are
566 you familiar with how that came about?

567 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Yes. Because of the...

568 **Councilperson McCoy:** No, no. I know why, but...

569 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** I'm sorry.

570 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I know what it's for, but why are we asking someone
571 to give us \$45,000 in lieu of any kinda landscaping that would've been able to provide?

572 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Because the landscaping would not
573 be.., it would not serve its purpose in the location of the site. And so, it would serve the
574 community better if the landscaping is in'.., it is installed at another location in the City.

575 **Councilperson McCoy:** And at whose recommendation from the City was that?

576 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** This was a result of deliberations
577 between City Staff and the applicant.

578 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm trying to find the origin of the thought to ask them
579 to pay that? Would it have been you? Would it have been the Manager? Who exactly,
580 from the City, proposed that?

581 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** I believe the applicant sated that when
582 reviewing the landscaping requirements of the City, that it was impractical that any
583 significant landscaping installed in this area would survive, because it's an industrial
584 property. And furthermore, it would not be visible to the community, and not serve the,
585 the overall purposes of the landscaping Code.

586 So, because of the applicant bringing that forth to question and, and, and they
587 offered would it be possible for them to make a, a contribution in lieu of? This number, is
588 the result of a landscaping review of the property. They used our landscaping Coe and
589 they did the calculations of how many shrubs, how many trees per linear foot of property
590 boundary to calculate what the cost for the installation would be. And they used that cost
591 for the landscaping requirements to create this figure of the \$45,000.

592 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. The, the reason I'm asking is because we had
593 several projects and developments come through to the Port. We've had several
594 developments and projects come through to other industrial areas and we've never asked
595 anyone to give us a contribution, basically a donation.

596 And I, I guess I wanna correct you because it's not a donation in lieu of because
597 there's no requirement. If there's not any landscape that they can actually put in a, in an
598 industrial area, specifically at the Port, I don't understand how we can now proffer that.

599 But if we do, right? And that's where we are now, and I didn't see it until this just
600 came up, who makes this decision on where the money goes? Because, you know, if
601 we're gonna sit here and, in my opinion, it seems like shakedown money, if we're gonna
602 sit here and a tell a developer something we've never done before, that because you
603 don't have landscaping, just write us a check for \$45,000 and we'll figure out where else
604 in the City we're gonna do it.

605 And I'm, I'm only concerned because we have no program in place, we've not even
606 had a policy or even a previous example of this happening. That is not to be decided
607 today but the Site Plan is contingent on something we've never even built out a program
608 for.

609 So, I wanna figure out how we get to the end without first going to..., you know, we
610 get to 'z' without first starting at 'a' and 'b', and I've never seen this happen before. And
611 I'm really curious. I mean, you know, I don't necessarily agree with the idea, but, you
612 know, clearly there should've been, you know, a program. I know when Risk Management
613 came in and we decided that Waste Management had the ability to levy fees, we decided
614 to set..., set aside that money when they had charged commercial customers for overfilling
615 containers, that money was set aside in a fund that was specifically to..., went towards
616 neighborhood community revitalization.

617 So, I'm just curious how, how we get to the end before we get to 'a' and 'b'? And
618 certainly, if this is approved, which I don't necessarily like to make it a condition because

619 then that becomes the condition today, and that becomes the standard going forward.
620 But if a person just wants to open up a business, or open up a development in an industrial
621 area, they have to now subject themselves to paying a certain amount of dollars.

622 And there's no.., there's no precedent for it, there's no Ordinance, there's no
623 previous Resolutions that require it. It just seems like, you know, we wanna welcome
624 businesses. They offered to put the mural on the tank. So I'm sure that there's a cost
625 associated with that. And I think that that was in the spirit of reasoning and going back
626 and forth with...

627 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Mr. McCoy.

628 **Councilperson McCoy:** Am, am I gonna be able to finish?

629 **Chairperson Lanier:** No. Not right now. I want some other Members who are...

630 **Councilperson McCoy:** But I still...

631 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...waiting...

632 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...have my...

633 **Chairperson Lanier:** I understand that. You have a certain amount of time. I think
634 it's ten minutes to be able to have a conversation or discussion about an Item. We have
635 four other Members here that might want to ask questions...

636 **Councilperson McCoy:** Can I [inaudible]...

637 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...as well. And we will come back to you, sir.

638 Are there any other Members on this dais that would like to have a question for
639 either the presenters or for the Staff who has presented this Item? [Pause]. With that
640 being said, I want to...

641 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam, Madam Chair?

642 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

643 **Councilperson Botel:** Just a quick point of information for the developers. I want
644 them to be aware that we have a Palm Beach State College course in logistics and
645 transportation right now, with about twenty students enrolled. They'll be graduating at the
646 end of the summer and they're all gonna have a college credit cer'.., fifteen credit, college
647 credit certificate in logistics and transportation. So, if you need workers, you know where
648 to find them.

649 That's all. Thanks.

650 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** Madam Chair?

651 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

652 **Chair Pro Tem Miller Anderson:** I did wanna hear from the developers. The
653 Sunstar.

654 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good. Would the representative from Sunstar
655 please come up for any answers that you may provide.

656 **Mr. J. Shir:** Good evening, Mayor and Council Members. Jeremy Shir from Becker &
657 Poliakoff, representing Florida Sunstar. We have a brief presentation, although Director
658 Sirmons did a great job. He may have stolen some of our thunder, but if you have a few
659 minutes, I'd like to, to run through it.

660 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yeah. Sure.

661 **Mr. J. Shir:** Great. Excellent. Thank you so much.

662 So... Florida Sunstar Logistics. And, you can go on to the next page.

663 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** He has the clicker.

664 **Mr. J. Shir:** Oh, do I need a clicker?

665 [Chuckles]

666 **Mr. J. Shir:** Thanks. Excellent.

667 So, as Director Sirmons mentioned, this would raise the maximum height in the
668 central IG District to a hundred and fifty feet. The purpose would be to allow for a, a dome
669 that would contain up to fifty thousand tons of cement. And yes, this is a real word,
670 cementitious material.

671 **Councilperson Botel:** [Chuckles]

672 **Mr. J. Shir:** That is actually a real word. Yes. [Chuckle]. And the amount of storage
673 is necessary to accommodate a thirty thousand ton vessel, with a buffer of material until
674 reloading can take place. So very important, there's gonna be a lot of turnover. They
675 anticipate that this is gonna meet, you know, South Florida's construction industry
676 anticipated growth. The facility will be state of the art and meet EPA regulations, with any
677 dust or debris. And that's, I believe, 99.9 percent will be captured within the plant and
678 onsite pipes.

679 Here you can see the aerial, as well as..., the depiction as well, which Director
680 Sirmons already ran through. See here. And, as was previously mentioned, there are
681 other structures that are a hundred and fifty feet, or close to it. There's FP&L stacks to
682 the southeast of the site that are a hundred and fifty-four feet. And then there are existing
683 silos directly to the east of the site, east of Broadway, that are at a hundred and fifty feet.

684 So this is the first rendering. As you can see here, there's dolphins swimming.
685 There's the day and night view. We are taking requests if anybody wants to become the
686 face of the City, please just let us know. And, so yes, this is the, the first one.

687 And here is the alternative with various other marine life. I believe there's still a
688 dolphin, perhaps a shark and looks like an octopus at the bottom.

689 And... Alright. So talking about traffic, we are well, well below the minimum of five
690 hundred trips to do, you know, a full traffic report. We're at a hundred and seventy trips
691 a day. So not even close to that.

692 And, let's see here. There was a question earlier about how many jobs would be
693 created. So, we are anticipating over one hundred temporary construction jobs, as well
694 as a hundred and ten full time direct and indirect jobs. And that really runs the, the strata.
695 It's gonna management, operations, mechanics, [inaudible], truck drivers. So, you know,
696 it college graduates, could be, you know, high school graduates. Really..., it really runs
697 the gamut. It's gonna be a great job creator for the community.

698 And Florida Sunstar is really, really excited to partner with Riviera Beach. And,
699 hopefully, make a positive impact on the community.

700 Thank you very much.

701 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.

702 Are there any questions for this gentleman for his presentation?

703 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair?

704 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

705 **City Manager Evans:** If I may? To Councilperson McCoy's comments...

706 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, Mr. Evans, you haven't even heard my comments so I
707 would like to finish...

708 **Chairperson Lanier:** Sir. Let the City Manager speak, please.

709 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yeah. Ms., Ms., no.

710 **Chairperson Lanier:** Sir.

711 **Councilperson McCoy:** Point of order because...

712 **Chairperson Lanier:** No. There is point of order.

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

714 **Chairperson Lanier:** I am the...

715 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...the rules here.

716 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...Chair here, and I asked...

717 **Councilperson McCoy:** And the Resolution calls...

718 **Chairperson Lanier:** I asked the Ch'..., City Manager...

719 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

720 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...to speak.

721 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Well...

722 **Chairperson Lanier:** And that is what is going to happen, sir.

723 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, are we following the Robert's Rules...

724 **Chairperson Lanier:** We are following...

725 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...[inaudible]?

726 **Chairperson Lanier:** We are following Robert's Rules of Order. I called on the
727 Chair... I, I called on the City Manager to speak. Thank you. Go ahead, sir.

728 **City Manager Evans:** Madam, Madam Chair, we have also, in previous actions as it
729 relates to a site plan, we have gotten cash contributions. Most recently with the UPS Site
730 Plan that came before the Board. \$35,000, I believe, or \$40,000 was set aside for
731 infrastructure improvements in the community.

732 Also, it is very common in many municipalities that there is contributions in lieu of
733 landscape improvements in industrial parks to help facilitate community beautification.
734 It's also monies that have been aside for public art projects.

735 As it relates to the monies, the monies would be set aside and, as part of your
736 budget appropriation process, that's when the Board would allocate where the funds
737 would be utilized. So, if there is any project or initiative that Staff thinks would be within
738 that particular impacted area, that would come back before you all for consideration.

739 So, those monies would not go into operating or anything like that. It would be
740 something that the Board would have some conversations with Staff prior to moving
741 forward.

742 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.

743 Are there any other presentations from you guys? From Mr. Sirmons? From...
744 Anything else you wanted to add? Thank you so much.

745 Any other questions from the Board in regards to this Item?

746 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

747 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

748 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

749 Mr. Sirmons, I just wanted to publicly thank you for the work that you did on this...
750 bringing this to the Council. I got nothing but rave revenues from the organization in

751 regards to getting this done over this year of discussion. And, working with them, hand
752 in hand with the concerns of the dais, with the concerns of the community in regards to
753 the job creation, in regards to the beautification of the tank. So, thank you for your efforts
754 in this.

755 When I had the meetings with the organization with Florida Sunstar, they said they
756 were very pleased with the service that they received in regards to the consistency, the
757 customer service and the dialogue. So, thank you very much for that.

758 Mr. Evans, the \$45,000 that's being allocated, I would love for that, and colleagues,
759 for us to initiate moving forward with our Arts in Public Places program. This is a prime
760 example of one of the programs that we can create to beautify and create sustainability
761 in our area with arts, with the culture, with training, with education. And this would be a
762 great tool for the program to instill that money, that capital, into that program.

763 The businesses that are coming into the City have no problem donating and
764 contributing to different programs in our community because they're gonna be utilizing
765 the resources in our community, utilizing our land, our beachfront, our Port front, our
766 railroad areas. So, I wouldn't consider it a shakedown, as my colleague stated, more of
767 a contribution to the community that they're actually investing into.

768 And also with the jobs, I wanted to thank you very much for these jobs. I do have
769 a question though. The starting salary for these positions, what are some of the salaries
770 for these hundred and plus positions that are gonna be created for the residents here in
771 the community?

772 **Mr. J. Shir:** I believe \$15.00 an hour, would be the starting. So that would be the floor.

773 **Councilperson Lawson:** Okay. So the floor would be a living wage salary at fifteen.
774 Even though the cost of living is going up, even though the salaries are raising across the
775 country, \$15.00 is gonna be your floor for the positions, going up to what?

776 **Mr. J. Shir:** Right. So that would be floor. But as I mentioned earlier, you know,
777 Florida Sunstar is very eager to work with the community and, and grow, hopefully. You
778 know, have, you know, lifelong careers where, you know, people can grow within the
779 organization.

780 In, in addition to that, there are, you know, higher strata jobs that od require, you
781 know, more of an education where they would start at a higher salary. But yeah, that's
782 the absolute floor.

783 **Councilperson Lawson:** Okay. And then how do we..., how do guarantee or ensure
784 that these jobs are going to our local residents here in the community?

785 **Mr. J. Shir:** Right. Well, so there is a condition of approval that we're gonna report
786 back to, to Riviera Beach within six months. I believe we're gonna host a job fair and,
787 you know, we're gonna make our best efforts as well to hire qualified contractors.

788 **Councilperson Lawson:** Right.

789 **Mr. J. Shir:** So, we're really gonna make as much of an effort as possible to ensure
790 that we hire from within the community.

791 **Councilperson Lawson:** And I appreciate that. The report back is gonna be sufficient
792 for us to get a report, but also, to execute and to bring those job opportunities to the City.
793 'Cause just to report that we tired or made an attempt is not really sufficient for what we're
794 looking for. It's more of setting up those programs and opportunities for the residents,
795 actually training.

796 In one of the conversations, I made a recommendation that we partner with the
797 school, Palm Beach State College, and the provost to provide these jobs, the training and
798 the education necessary to hire these hundred plus jobs.

799 So, if we can provide that training while we're going through the construction
800 period, that would be perfect to prepare those residents and really give them the
801 opportunity to actually be gainfully employed. I just...

802 **Mr. J. Shir:** Yeah. That's a great idea.

803 **Councilperson Lawson:** As a, as recommendation for us to move forward with it prior
804 to construction, or during the process.

805 And also, Mr. Evans, that was part of the discussion. If we can allow for the
806 discussion to be given to Procurement, to our Development Services, with a list of
807 opportunities with the contacts with the provost in Palm Beach State College. And also,
808 making sure and guaranteeing that these jobs are actually brought to the City. 'Cause
809 follow ups are good, but at the same time, actually executing and getting it done is what
810 we wanna see.

811 Thank you.

812 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.

813 Are there any other questions from...

814 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

815 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

816 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Hi. I just wanted to say thank you all for hanging
817 in there with us and getting this done. As well as Mr. Sirmons, they did p provide a whole
818 lot of praise to your Department. So, that speaks to your leadership as well.

819 And also, I know with this business coming into that area, that'll be able to help
820 along with our partners at the Port with their tonnage. So, I think it's a win win for the City
821 and, and especially with Dr. Botel's logistics graduates that will be able to put their training
822 to work. So, hopefully, you'll be able to bring on quite a few of them, that have graduated
823 through that program as well.

824 So, thank you all so much. And I'm glad you all were able to get it done.

825 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

826 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?

827 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

828 **Councilperson Botel:** Just, just to follow up on that quickly. I just, this afternoon,
829 had a meeting with the Vice President of the college and she assured me that she would
830 be looking for people just like you to find jobs for those graduates of that program.

831 **Mr. J. Shir:** [Chuckle].

832 **Councilperson Botel:** So, we'll be in touch. Thanks.

833 **Mr. J. Shir:** Sounds great.

834 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Thank you so much.

835 Any other questions from the Board? Go ahead, sir.

836 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, Mr. Simons, the Staff report, the last page, gives
837 a legal description. Is that of the Port or is that of the specific, I guess, it wouldn't be a
838 parcel, but what exactly is the legal description described in the Staff report?

839 **Development Services Director Simons:** Apologies if.., if I could grab my
840 computer, I could pull up the Staff report. But I, I don't have it in...

841 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's, it's...

842 **Development Services Director Simons:** ...front of me right now.

843 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's immaterial. We'll, we'll see it on second reading.

844 That's it. I'll.., I guess I'll follow up, but I... It's pretty lengthy but, I mean, it's, it's
845 not a.., it's immaterial, so I'll certainly ask at a later date.

846 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you so much for, for your questions. Thank you for
847 your presentation, both of you. And, we really appreciate you doing business with the
848 City of Riviera Beach, providing us some incentive to be able to continue to do business
849 [chuckle] with your organization. And I thank you so much for creating jobs for our City.
850 We really appreciate it.

851 Thank you.

852 **Mr. J. Shir:** Thank you.

853 **Chairperson Lanier:** Madam Clerk.

854 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

855 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

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

857 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

859 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

860 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

861 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

862 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

863 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

864 **City Clerk Anthony:** That motion is approved.

865 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Next Item.

866 **16. City Clerk Anthony:** **ORDINANCE NO. 4163 AN ORDINANCE OF THE**
867 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**
868 **FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES**
869 **ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS", ARTICLE II, "BUILDING**
870 **AND TECHNICAL CODES", SECTION 22-37—22-60 ENTITLED "RESERVED", BY**
871 **ADOPTING BY REFERENCE A NEW PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ENTITLED**
872 **"RIVIERA BEACH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE"; PROVIDING FOR**
873 **CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN**
874 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

879 **Councilperson Botel:** I move that we approve Ordinance No. 4163.

880 **Councilperson Lawson:** Second.

881 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Mr. Evans.

882 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, if I can have
883 Director of Development Services, Mr. Clarence Sirmons, make this presentation.

884 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Thank you, Mr. Manager.

885 Madam Chair and Members of the Council, this is the first of three Ordinances that
886 was discussed last Council meeting related to our Clean and Lien initiative. There are
887 three Ordinances that will give the City additional tools to address portions of the City that

888 need to be cleaned up and, and, and enhancements of the, the appearances of them and
889 a reduction of their drain on City resources.

890 The particular Ordinance before you, the first of them is the Property Maintenance
891 Code. This is a Code that is not new to the City but it is something that we have not had
892 in several years. 2004 is the last time we have a record of the City having an active
893 Property Maintenance Code.

894 What this Ordinance will do is reinstate that Code. We have drafted this Item
895 based on the International Property Maintenance Code. Our Building Official modeled
896 this, this Ordinance after it, and it would be adopted as a standalone document via this
897 Ordinance. It will create a tool that would be utilized on two sides. One for property
898 owners in the City. This standalone document would be something that could be provided
899 to them and made available to them so they can understand clearly what the minimum
900 standards for property maintenance are in the City of Riviera Beach.

901 This could be especially useful as it comes to landlords, or owners of rental
902 properties to make sure they understand what the minimum standards are for their tenant
903 property. And secondary, for our Code Compliance Staff. Currently, the, the Code
904 Compliance Staff goes to a home and it is ill maintained on the exterior, often the Code
905 Compliance Staff has to refer to the nuisance section of the Code saying that this property
906 is in violation of the Nuisance Code and you're being cited as in violation of it.

907 However, this Property Maintenance Code would enumerate the different portions
908 of a property and what the minimum standards are for it. So, in that instance, the Code
909 Officer would say, 'You are in violation of Section 1.23 of the Property Maintenance Code
910 which states that the exterior of your property walls should be well maintained. They
911 should not be.., have.., they should not have chipped paint, discoloration, cracks in them
912 and things like that, that contribute to an appearance of blight.'

913 So, with them being able to cite that specific section of the Code, it strengthens
914 our Code Compliance cases that are presented to the magistrate. It allows less ability for
915 property owners or, or rental property owners, to, to argue the City statutes, because it
916 would be enumerated in this Code. So, the, the use of it as a manual to property owners,
917 it would go a long way. But also, it goes a long way in our Code Compliance process.
918 So, that is the purpose of this Code.

919 And, Staff recommends that City Council approve them.

920 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.

921 Are there any questions from the Board regarding this Item?

922 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

923 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

924 **Councilperson McCoy:** So Mr. Sirmons, this section in, in the Property Maintenance
925 Code that speaks of fees that they would, I guess, be set by Resolution, is that something
926 that we should expect to revisit?

927 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** It would be referring to the already set
928 fees for violations in Code Compliance. Is that the section you're referring to? [Pause].
929 This...

930 **Councilperson McCoy:** So...

931 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...par'...

932 **Councilperson McCoy:** So...

933 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Sorry.

934 **Councilperson McCoy:** So this, this is what I kind of feel like this is incomplete. That
935 section said the fees for activities and services performed by the Department in carrying
936 out its responsibility under this Code shall be as indicated in the City Code or by City
937 Resolution.

938 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Yes. It's referring to Code Compliance
939 fees that already exist in the Resolution in any situations where applications for permits
940 related to the Building Code, those are already established in, in City Code and
941 Resolutions.

942 **Councilperson McCoy:** So where are there those fees gonna be posted? Because
943 clearly, right now, nobody from the public can go onto our City's website and find out any
944 fees, other than the Business Tax Receipt fees. So, any Development Services fees,
945 aside from that, I mean, it's whatever Staff gives you.

946 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** The fees are established by
947 Resolution, in most cases for City fees. And that is referring to existing fees that, that
948 already exist. But, if there's an issue with the availability of that information on the
949 website, I'll certainly revisit to make sure it's posted.

950 **Councilperson McCoy:** No. It needs to be. Because there's no need to have a
951 Property Maintenance Code that's gonna be readily available that references that you
952 could face a fee to do any kind of improvements, but then you gotta still ultimately contact
953 Staff to go back and get the Schedule of Fees? Yeah. I would hope that is.

954 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good.

955 Are there any other questions from the Board?

956 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair? Can you clarify? How much time do I have
957 because it seems like every pause, I get you to stop me.

958 **Chairperson Lanier:** You..., and you... The operative...

959 **Councilperson McCoy:** Is it at...

960 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...word...

961 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...your discretion?

962 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...the operative word is pause. When you pause, I will go to
963 someone else.

964 **Councilperson McCoy:** So do you know how long the time is or is it just at your...

965 **Chairperson Lanier:** No. I do know...

966 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...discretion?

967 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...how long time is. Are you finished yet?

968 **Councilperson McCoy:** Can you share with me?

969 **Chairperson Lanier:** Are you finished?

970 **Councilperson McCoy:** So...

971 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'm asking you a question.

972 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...a, a...

973 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...are you finished, sir?

974 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...parliamentary inquiry, which is allowed...

975 **Chairperson Lanier:** Are you...

976 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...allows me to question...

977 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...finished with your question...

978 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...whether or not...

979 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...sir?

980 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...the rules... And my parliamentary inquiry, and maybe I
981 should address it with Attorney, is what exactly is the [inaudible]...

982 **Chairperson Lanier:** Well, what you can do, sir, is that you can finish your questions
983 that you have for this gentleman.

984 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. I wanna know how much time I have remaining.

985 **Chairperson Lanier:** You have about three minutes remaining.

986 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So what is the allotted time that's...

987 **Chairperson Lanier:** There is...

988 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...provided...

989 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...ten minutes allowed, sir.

990 **Councilperson McCoy:** Ten minutes?

991 **Chairperson Lanier:** According to parliamentary procedures, yes.

992 **Councilperson McCoy:** And I, I have not given you seven.

993 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes, you have, sir.

994 **Councilperson McCoy:** On this Item?

995 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes, sir. I got a clock right here.

996 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So what's the actual time...

997 **Chairperson Lanier:** You have three minutes left, sir. Please proceed with your
998 question.

999 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I yield back.

1000 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.

1001 Are there any other questions for this gentleman? [Pause]. Thank you. Madam
1002 Clerk.

1003 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?

1004 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

1005 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

1006 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

1007 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1008 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

1009 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

1010 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1011 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

1012 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

1013 **City Clerk Anthony:** That motion is approved.

1014 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Next Item.

1015 **ORDINANCES ON SECOND AND FINAL READING**

1016 **18. City Clerk Anthony:** We're onto Item No. 18.

1017 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

1018 **City Clerk Anthony:** **ORDINANCE NO. 4167 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY**
1019 **COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,**
1020 **AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 20 (UTILITIES), ARTICLE V**
1021 **(WATER), DIVISION II, CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL, TO ENACT CROSS-**
1022 **CONNECTION CONTROL REGULATIONS TO PROTECT THE CITY'S DRINKING**
1023 **WATER SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINANTS; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE;**
1024 **PROVIDING A CODIFICATION CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE;**
1025 **PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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1027 **DEIRDRE JACOBS, ACTIVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UTILITY SPECIAL**
1028 **DISTRICT, 561-845-4185**

1029 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have public
1030 comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comments cards on this Item is
1031 now closed.

1032 **Councilperson Botel:** I move that we approve Ordinance No. 4167.

1033 **Councilperson Lawson:** Second.

1034 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Mr. Evans.

1035 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, if I can have
1036 Assistant City Manager, Ms. Deirdre Jacobs make this presentation

1037 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1038 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Thank you, Mr. Evans. Good evening,
1039 Madam Chair, other Members of the Board, Mr. Evans and Mrs. Wynn, in respective
1040 places. For the record, my name is Deirdre Jacobs, and I'm the Assistant City Manager,
1041 here with the City of Riviera Beach.

1042 This particular Ordinance is on second reading and it deals with the , the adoption
1043 of a Cross-Connection Control Program. The program is generally set up so that we can
1044 have parameters in place, and regulations that deal with the, the contam'.., or, the
1045 systems in place so that we, we can have activities that Staff can conduct, that will prevent
1046 the con'.., contamination of water to our potable water supply system. Things like
1047 [stammer] backflow devices and other measures, are being put in place. As, as far as
1048 Staff being instructed and trained with regards to being able to install and repair such
1049 devices, there is a program that is in place now but it does not comply with the regulations,
1050 as far as the state statutes require us to. It was done back in, I believe, 2014, where the
1051 state actually established a new system that was put into place. So, even though we are
1052 a bit behind, we do believe that these particular parameters and systems that have been
1053 set up over the last couple of months will help us to get to where we need to get in terms

1054 of preventing..., preventing or assisting with the prevention of the contamination of our,
1055 our water supply system.

1056 If there are any questions, I can answer them, that the Board may have. As well
1057 as, we work with a consultant from Holtz Engineering that is here this evening to assist
1058 with answering specific questions that the Board may have.

1059 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you for your presentation, Ms. Jacobs.

1060 Are there any questions from the Board in regards to this Item?

1061 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes, Madam Chair.

1062 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Go ahead, sir.

1063 **Councilperson McCoy:** Ms. Jacobs, I'm still looking for the manual. And, I would think
1064 that this not ripe for the Council if you're telling us we're gonna adopt the Ordinance that
1065 constitutes the manual, when we don't even have the manual in the backup.

1066 And, again, the draft that I've seen, Ms. Jacobs, of that Cross-Connection Control
1067 manual... And by the way, Madam Chair, I am running my clock, so just in case, you
1068 know, you got your accelerated...

1069 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'm glad you reminded me.

1070 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm already running mine, so..., and it's of my time.

1071 So, Ms. Jacobs, how do you propose that this is gonna come forth because the
1072 Ordinance establishes a manual. And the draft manual establishes fees. So, we can't
1073 authorize an Ordinance without knowing exactly what that manual looks like, or what
1074 those fees look like.

1075 Certainly, if that is adopted, what is the process in order to have that manual
1076 amended?

1077 And I yield back. And turn off the timer, Madam Chair.

1078 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Well...

1079 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

1080 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. So, Mr.
1081 McCoy, thank you for your question.

1082 The manual, even though it is associated with the Ordinance, what it does is, the
1083 manual is an internal document that Staff will use from..., and it can be amended from time
1084 to time. It's a document wherein it's not a piece of legislation where the Board would
1085 have to adopt in a way that it would have to adopt this particular Ordinance. It's a working
1086 [stammer] document that Staff will use in order to carry out, administer, and implement
1087 the program.

1088 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up?

1089 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

1090 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, I'm gonna start my clock. I got nine minutes...

1091 **Chairperson Lanier:** Sir, go ahead, please.

1092 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...and twenty-nine seconds.

1093 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you so much.

1094 **Councilperson McCoy:** Ms. Jacobs, thank you for that. But, I don't understand how
 1095 regulations can be a working document. If you have the ability to levy fees for
 1096 noncompliance, that shouldn't be a working document. That shouldn't be held internally.
 1097 That has to be publicly provided. And I don't understand, and I think, Members, we're
 1098 running down a slippery slope if we adopt a Ordinance that says that we have a manual
 1099 when none of us, probably only me, have actually read the manual. And there was a lot
 1100 of things that I seen in the manual that referenced us back to the Code. And I brought
 1101 this up to Ms. Wynn and I don't see the manual has been provided in the backup.

1102 So, if we adopt something, we're literally adopting a manual that's a phantom
 1103 manual, that, quite frankly, nobody has, and I think that that's gonna create a problem.

1104 Stopping. I'm at eight minutes and forty-six seconds.

1105 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Thank you, sir. Is that it for your question?

1106 **Councilperson McCoy:** It is a question. I mean, that, that's not possible, Ms. Jacobs.

1107 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** So, sir, with due respect to your opinion,
 1108 based on my understanding in the way that we established the program, the manual is
 1109 an internal document for Staff to use to administer or implement the program. And it's a
 1110 document wherein, from time to time, if we needed to make changes to it, we could do
 1111 so. The Ordinance is a piece of legislation that the Board would approve, or disapprove,
 1112 at, at your desire, to establish the actual, actual regulations of the program, with regards
 1113 to what the state requires.

1114 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up?

1115 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

1116 **Councilperson McCoy:** Start my time at eight minutes, forty-five seconds.

1117 Ms. Jacobs...

1118 **Chairperson Lanier:** Sir... [Chuckle]..

1119 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...do you.., have you finalized the manual?

1120 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** No, sir. We haven't.

1121 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So this is just a exercise of adopting something that we
 1122 haven't even finalized. What if we disagree with what's in the manual?

1123 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** [Stammer]...

1124 **Councilperson McCoy:** Is there any recourse for the...

1125 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** So...

1126 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Board?

1127 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** So, Mr. McCoy, we're not asking...

1128 **Councilperson McCoy:** Eight minutes, twenty-eight seconds.

1129 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead, Ms. Jacobs.

1130 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** The Staff is not asking you to adopt the
 1131 manual. It's asking you if you would consider adopting the Ordinance.

1132 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up, Madam Chair?

1133 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

1134 **Councilperson McCoy:** Eight minutes, twenty-seven seconds.

1135 **Chairperson Lanier:** Sir. Hold on. One [stammer]... Let's, let's, let's be clear here.
 1136 You have ten minutes per question to ask...

1137 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Let me pause my time because you're speaking, so.

1138 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. You can pause it. You can.., you have ten...

1139 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm jumping back to eight twenty-seven.

1140 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...you have ten minutes per question to ask. But, my role as
 1141 the Chair, is to give everyone an opportunity to speak. So, if I can.., if I want to come
 1142 back to you in the middle of your time, I can. You still have that time left. I'm just telling
 1143 you that I'm gonna let you monopolize the opportunity for other individuals on the Board
 1144 to be able to speak.

1145 Go ahead. Proceed, sir.

1146 **Councilperson McCoy:** One second. I'm teeing up clock. One second.

1147 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Sigh].

1148 **Councilperson McCoy:** Starting at eight minutes, twenty-seven seconds again.

1149 So, Ms. Jacobs, but, you know, I'm just really.., and, you know, this is what's kinda
 1150 hard for me and difficult, because I literally asked this question in the beginning of May
 1151 and here we are, we still have this Item. We went through first reading and it was my

1152 understanding that the cross control connection manual would be adopted. And the
1153 reason why that that's important, because if you read the actual Ordinance, which I'm
1154 gonna just take a second, because I only have a few, according to the Chairperson, it
1155 specifically provides for [pause] referenced to the City's Cross-Connection Control
1156 manual. And, it says it may be amended from time to time, and it's available for inspection
1157 from the Riviera Beach Utility Special District.

1158 So, I guess, I'm not exactly sure how this is supposed to work, that we're adopting
1159 a Code of Ordinances, where we don't even know exactly what the manual consists of.
1160 So, I mean, I'll, I'll yield back but, even Ms. Wynn, I, you know, I think asked this question
1161 of you. You know, you're referencing the manual, and then when you look at the manual,
1162 it's going back to reference the Code of Ordinances. So, it doesn't make sense. And I'm
1163 not gonna support it.

1164 I yield. Thank you, Madam Chair.

1165 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Thank you, sir.

1166 **Councilperson McCoy:** Let me give you my timer. It is seven minutes, seven seconds.

1167 [Inaudible comment]

1168 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good, sir. I will make a note of that.

1169 Are there any other questions from the Board in regards to this Item?

1170 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes, Madam Chair.

1171 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

1172 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

1173 Ms. Jacobs, the cross-connections, will these be utilized in..., able to be utilized
1174 with the new water plant that we'll be instilling?

1175 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Sir, the, the Cross-Connection Program, it, it...,
1176 it doesn't necessarily deal with the water plant itself. The Cross-Connection Program is
1177 a program that establishes the regulations for us to be able to install backflow devices,
1178 and to be able to determine whether or not, if those units are not working properly,
1179 whether or not they provide for some type of contamination to our water system.

1180 So, even when we construct our new water plant, the back'..., the Cross-
1181 Connection Program will still exist, the backflow devices would still be required.

1182 **Councilperson Lawson:** Okay. So, the backflows will be required regardless of the
1183 plant, once we do install the new...

1184 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Yes, sir.

1185 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...water plant? And, the Cross-Connection Program, we're
1186 gonna talk about the fees in the next Item, and the cost for the residents, commercial and

1187 residential, but the actual program that we're just updating, and I think we had a
1188 conversation in reference to just updating the Code and the Ordinance for it. I guess my
1189 only concern is, it's gonna be on the next Item with the fees, but just making sure that
1190 once we actually do and set this cross-connection up, that it's gonna effect the new water
1191 plant. It's not gonna effect our residents. But the fees that we're gonna talk about in the
1192 next Item, they're kind of the concern that I head earlier.

1193 So, I'll support this but moving forward with the fees is something I want us to really
1194 address.

1195 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Yes, sir.

1196 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

1197 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.

1198 Are there any questions for Ms. Jacobs in regards to this Item?

1199 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair?

1200 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

1201 **City Manager Evans:** If I may? Ms. Jacobs, with regards to the manual, you stated
1202 that the manual is an internal working document. Is there anything incorporated in the
1203 manual that would levy a fee or adversely impact the residents? Or, is it a mechanism
1204 that outlines the maintenance requirements, the expectations for testing, et. cetera? Is
1205 there going to be..., is there something in the [stammer] manual that invariably could affect
1206 the property owner to where they needed to come to seek relief from the District or the
1207 Board or what have you?

1208 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** No, sir. The manual is, is simply a document
1209 that Staff will use in order to implement the program. It will provide different guidelines
1210 and directions for us to be able to...

1211 **Councilperson Lawson::** [Inaudible].

1212 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** ...to do what we need to do on a daily basis.

1213 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir. Madam Clerk.

1214 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1215 **Councilperson McCoy:** No.

1216 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?

1217 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

1218 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

1219 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

1220 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

1221 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1222 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

1223 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

1224 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.

1225 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Next Item.

1226 **ITEMS TABLED**

1227 **REGULAR**

1228 **19. City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 19.

1229 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 57-21A RESOLUTION OF THE**
1230 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**
1231 **FLORIDA, ADOPTING CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM FEES AND**
1232 **PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1233 **DEIRDRE JACOBS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, 561-812-6192**

1234 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have public
1235 comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is
1236 now closed.

1237 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Madam Clerk. Mr. Evans.

1238 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** So moved.

1239 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'm sorry. Go ahead with the motion.

1240 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** So moved.

1241 **Councilperson Botel:** Second.

1242 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Mr. Evans.

1243 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I can have the Assistant City Manager, Ms.
1244 Deirdre Jacobs make this presentation.

1245 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Thank you, Mr. Evans. Again, for the record,
1246 my name is Deirdre Jacobs. I'm the Assistant City Manager here, with the City of Rivera
1247 Beach.

1248 Resolution No. 57-21 is a, a document that simply asks the Board please consider
1249 the fees that would be associated with the particular Cross-Connection Program that you
1250 just approved. [Stammer], excuse me, the fees are, are generally minimal and they don't
1251 technically affect any of our residents, unless the residents have fi'.., unless the, the

1252 customers, the types of backflow devices that are associated with those certain residential
1253 customers have [stammer] propensity to cause some type of high hazard or
1254 contamination for our potable water system.

1255 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1256 Are there any questions for Ms. Jacobs?

1257 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

1258 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

1259 **Councilperson Lawson:** Ms. Jacobs, could you outline some of those factors, or some
1260 of those residents, that may be affecting the backflow.., water flow?

1261 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** So, excuse me. You're asking... Could you
1262 please ask that...

1263 **Councilperson Lawson:** The type...

1264 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** ...question again?

1265 **Councilperson Lawson:** What, what residents would actually effect that?

1266 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** If there.., if there is a particular customer, and
1267 the unit is a residential unit, in that unit there may be a pool. There may be a poo that
1268 that particular resident, or it might be a resident that has a fire line there.., that exists at
1269 their unit. Units like that. Maybe there might be a residential unit that also has some type
1270 of business that operates there, maybe like a barber shop or a beauty salon at that
1271 particular customer's property. Those are units that would be considered to have a high
1272 propensity of contamination to our system. Those types of residential units would be
1273 affected with a fifty dollar fee.

1274 **Councilperson Lawson:** And I believe you also said irrigation systems as well?

1275 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Yes. Irrigation systems as well.

1276 **Councilperson Lawson:** So residents with irrigations, under single family properties,
1277 pools, would possibly be receiving this fee for this backflow?

1278 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** And it's only the initial fee. So that's a one-
1279 time fee.

1280 **Councilperson Lawson:** So the annal fee would not be a part of what the residential...

1281 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** No. There's...

1282 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...[inaudible].

1283 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** ...a fifty dollar initial fee. And that would be
1284 the time that the backflow unit was initially installed at that particular property.

1285 **Councilperson Lawson:** Mm.

1286 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** The other fee would be the fifteen dollar
1287 annual fee.

1288 **Councilperson Lawson:** So there is a annual fee for the residents?

1289 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Yes.

1290 **Councilperson Lawson:** Okay.

1291 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** There is.

1292 **Councilperson Lawson:** So, the..., whether it's commercial or residential, they will have
1293 a annual fee. And, whether it's commercial or residential, it's gonna be a fifteen dollar fee
1294 for..

1295 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Actually, I believe for the residential, it's...,
1296 excuse me.

1297 **Councilperson Lawson:** Mhmm.

1298 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** [Inaudible comment]. I think it may be a two
1299 year fee, as opposed to the one year fee for the residential ones that have the, the high
1300 hazard.

1301 Could you help me out?

1302 **Councilperson Lawson:** Okay.

1303 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead, Mr. Hunter.

1304 **Unk.:** [Inaudible] answer that question.

1305 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Mr. Hunter.

1306 **Mr. S. Hunter:** Good evening. For, for the record, Stephen Hunter, Holtz
1307 Consultant. Good evening to the Council.

1308 To answer the question, I, I like to throw out a number. You all have about 13,500
1309 water customers in your, your service area.

1310 **Councilperson Lawson:** Mhmm.

1311 **Mr. S. Hunter:** This Cross-Connection Control only affects about 3,000 customers.
1312 Of the 3,000 customers, and we're, we're still doing your inventory on your system, you
1313 only have about a hundred to maybe a hundred and fifty residential customers that will
1314 be affected by a annual, a biannual report. So, those are the ones gonna be affected.
1315 Now, that's only residential.

1316 All of your commercials will be affect because they are..., they have to have their
1317 devices tested yearly. And so, all of your commercial will be meeting the fifteen dollar fee
1318 if you all pass that.

1319 **Councilperson Lawson:** Okay. Follow up, Madam Chair.

1320 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Well actually, Mr. Hunter, they would..., the
1321 fifteen dollar fee would go along whether or not they passed it or not, right?

1322 **Mr. S. Hunter:** Yeah. And, and..., the, the way it reads is, so back up with the, the
1323 program. Every backflow device, and let's use a number, somewhere around 2,500,
1324 3,000 backflow devices that you all have in your system. Each one of those devices get
1325 tested once a year per the state mandate. When that test report comes into your City,
1326 we're recommending that you charge fifteen dollars for that test report to come in to be
1327 handled through your administrative Staff.

1328 Now, the plumbing industry, the industry out there, they don't submit reports, bad
1329 reports. They just don't do that. So, it's not like your customer is going to be faced with
1330 submitting two and three reports on one backflow per year. The only reason one of your
1331 customers will submit a second report on a device, will be because they had damage to
1332 the device. At that point in time, they have to submit a second report.

1333 But under normal conditions, your water users, they receive..., they'll be charged
1334 fifteen dollars per year, per device.

1335 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?

1336 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

1337 **Councilperson Botel:** Do, do we have a history of problems with backflow devices?
1338 Has this been an ongoing situation that we've had for... Why do we do this? Because
1339 there was an issue?

1340 **Mr. S. Hunter:** Okay. I can give some issues. Riviera Beach has had..., not had an
1341 issue.

1342 **Councilperson Botel:** Oh.

1343 **Mr. S. Hunter:** Delray Beach had an issue, \$3MM, just took place in the past two to
1344 three months, which took about eighteen months to study.

1345 **Councilperson Botel:** Right.

1346 **Mr. S. Hunter:** West Palm Beach, 2007, had a major hit with backflows. You don't
1347 find the problem often, but when it happens, it happens. And what it does, it effects your
1348 entire drinking water supply. So what you do? You protect your supply to the best of
1349 your ability.

1350 **Councilperson Botel:** So, this is preemptive.

1351 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Dr. Botel?

1352 **Councilperson Botel:** This, this...

1353 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** We...

1354 **Councilperson Botel:** ...is preemptive. We just....

1355 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** Yeah.

1356 **Councilperson Botel::** ...wanna be sure...

1357 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** It is.

1358 **Councilperson Botel:** ...it doesn't...

1359 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** We haven't had any issues. But, in an
1360 abundance of caution...

1361 **Councilperson Botel:** Yeah.

1362 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** ...we were preparing.

1363 **Councilperson Botel:** Okay. Thank you.

1364 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Very good.

1365 Are there any other questions about this Item?

1366 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes, Madam Chair.

1367 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

1368 **Councilperson McCoy:** Alright. So, to, to the point that was made earlier, Ms. Jacobs,
1369 the manual itself, right? Does that incorporate the fees? Or is it gonna be solely this
1370 Resolution?

1371 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** I., actually, I can't remember if we outlined the,
1372 the fees that...

1373 **Councilperson McCoy:** Because I thought...

1374 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** ...are being adopted here...

1375 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...that was the question...

1376 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** ...in the Resolution.

1377 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Mr. Evans has.

1378 **Assistant City Manager Jacobs:** I'm sorry?

1379 **Councilperson McCoy:** I thought Mr. Evans just asked, does the manual have, you
1380 know, a schedule of fees. Or adverse affects on the customers.

1381 **Mr. S. Hunter:** Okay. The man'.., excuse me, if I may answer it. The manual talks
 1382 about the fees. The manual talks about you have to submit a report. You know, you have
 1383 to submit the report to the City in order to show that your device is in compliance. The
 1384 manual mentions the fifteen dollar fee on that app'.., on that part of it.

1385 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So, so the answer will be yes that the manual does
 1386 include the fee then, if you said...

1387 **Mr. S. Hunter:** It mentions... I, I don't, I don't wanna wordsmith. The manual
 1388 mentions fee. So I don't know how we're putting it together. We talk about it because
 1389 there's a cost associated with any work that's performed under the manual.

1390 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. My next question is, does the manual, which I.., does
 1391 the manual provide that the City or the Utility Special District, can bring a lawsuit against
 1392 a person? For enforcement?

1393 **Mr. S. Hunter:** The manual speaks of the City taking the position of shutting off the
 1394 water.

1395 **Councilperson McCoy:** But that's not the question I asked.

1396 **Mr. S. Hunter:** Well, let me, let me... Can I [stammer].., I'm just.., I don't.., I can only
 1397 tell you what the manual says. There's nothing in the manual talks about lawsuits.

1398 **Councilperson McCoy:** It...

1399 **Mr. S. Hunter:** The man'...

1400 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...[inaudible] .

1401 **Mr. S. Hunter:** ...manual says this, it says it gives the water purveyor the authority
 1402 to protect their drinking water.

1403 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, I reclaim my time.

1404 **Chairperson Lanier:** Wait a minute. Hold on. Let him, let him finish. Let him finish.
 1405 Go ahead, sir.,

1406 **Mr. S. Hunter:** So, by actions that the water purveyor takes to protect their drinking
 1407 water against the public, basically shuts off the water. From that point, if gets to a lawsuit,
 1408 I don't know how that's handled. But we.., we're.., you're gonna shut off the water to
 1409 [stammer] prevent contamination in your entire water supply.

1410 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, would the answer be yes, no or you're not, you're not
 1411 sure?

1412 **Mr. S. Hunter:** I'm not sure that it has lawsuits.

1413 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

1414 **Mr. S. Hunter:** I'm not sure about lawsuits.

1415 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, and this is exactly what my concern was because the
1416 draft that I got clearly says the City has the right to enjoin you in a lawsuit for violations of
1417 the manual. And I'm just so concerned as to how we can get so far into talking about
1418 litigation, when the manual is not even published for us, as Board Members, to review.
1419 And this draft that I have is from the month of April.

1420 So, that's why, you know, as much as you many not agree with me, I'm trying to
1421 get to a point that we cannot sit here and adopt some manual blindly, when the manual
1422 provides that a person, unknowingly, can be sued in court by the, by the City or the Utility
1423 Special District.

1424 And, I'm not gonna support the Item. Just, Members, just kinda keep this in mind,
1425 we're supporting and passing a manual, and then now adopting fees for something that
1426 we've not even seen.

1427 So I yield back.

1428 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.

1429 Are there any other questions about this Item? [Pause]. Madam Clerk?

1430 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?

1431 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

1432 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

1433 **Councilperson Lawson:** No.

1434 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1435 **Councilperson McCoy:** No.

1436 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

1437 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1438 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

1439 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

1440 **City Clerk Anthony:** That motion is approved.

1441 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good. Next Item.

1442 Thank you so much for,...

1443 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

1444 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...your presentation. Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Hunter, thank you so
1445 much. We appreciate the fact that you are being preemptive in trying to protect our water
1446 supply. We really appreciate that. And thank you for your exemplary work, Ms. Jacobs.

1447 Next Item, please.

1448 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – 7:30 P.M. – NON-AGENDA ITEM SPEAKERS**
1449 **(Three Minute Limitation)**

1450 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair...

1451 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'm sorry. Let, let me..., let, let, let us, let us pause here
1452 because it's 7:27 and we do have public comment. I don't wanna get into the next Item
1453 before that. So, let me start with our public comment section of our Agenda. And there
1454 is something that I have to read. It says:

1455 **Chairperson Lanier:** PLEASE BE REMINDED THE CITY COUNCIL HAS
1456 ADOPTED RULES OF DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING
1457 OFFICIAL MEETINGS, WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE FRONT DESK. IN AN
1458 EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO,
1459 THE COUNCIL CHAIR MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER OR ATTENDEE
1460 REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING AND/OR THE BUILDING, IF
1461 NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

1462 PUBLIC COMMENT SHALL BEGIN AT 7:30, UNLESS THERE IS NO FURTHER
1463 BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WHICH, IN THAT EVENT, IT SHALL BEGIN
1464 SOONER. IN ADDITION, IF ANY ITEM IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 7:30, THEN
1465 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ITEM
1466 HAS BEEN CONCLUDED.

1467 ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS,
1468 PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF
1469 BEFORE THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTIONS IS ANNOUNCED.

1470 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have public
1471 comment cards at this particular time. The acceptance of public comment cards is now
1472 closed.

1473 Billie E. Brooks, Bessie Brown, Marvelous Washington.

1474 **Ms. B., Brooks:** Good evening, Mayor, Chair, and Council Members.

1475 **Chairperson Lanier:** Good evening.

1476 **Ms. B., Brooks:** My name is Billie Brooks, 1325 West 28th Street, here in Riviera
1477 Beach.

1478 I'm here tonight just to, first of all, thank the Council for allowing the Riviera Beach
1479 Cares Coalition to come before you last week, well, last Council meeting to do a
1480 presentation to talk about the services that we are giving to homeless families in Riviera
1481 Beach. The good news is that, as a result of that, the good company that is one of your
1482 clients, called us right away and made a very generous donation, and are now agreeing
1483 to enter into a partnership with us. So, I just wanna thank you for that opportunity because
1484 it did open up a door for us.

1485 I do have a question now. I understand that the RBC was approved for funding in
1486 the City's annual budget, but we've not received any information as to when or how we
1487 would be able to access those funds. Right now, the Board Members, through their
1488 generosity, is providing money out of pocket to help with some of the residents, the
1489 homeless families that we're working with.

1490 So, at some time, we really would like to know when we'll be able to get those
1491 funds. Maybe you can't answer right now, but maybe, you know, later on we will get
1492 something. 'Cause we really need it.

1493 And so, with that, I just wanna thank you all for, for allowing us that opportunity.

1494 Thank you.

1495 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1496 **City Clerk Anthony:** Bessie Brown, Marvelous Washington, Mr. Willie Milsap.

1497 **Ms. B. Brown:** Good evening. [Pause]. Can you hear me?

1498 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. You can speak into the mic closer. It'll..., you can hear it
1499 better.

1500 **Ms. B. Brown:** Good evening. Is this better?

1501 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes, ma'am.

1502 **Ms. B. Brown:** Okay. I'm, I'm here about... I didn't have a card for Item 18, but if
1503 there is a manual, I think the man'..., there should be a manual. I'm trying to find out how
1504 can I get a copy of the manual? And it's actually written..., it's actually written in the Item...,
1505 Item 19. I'd like to know how can I get a copy of the manual?

1506 And, common practices to approve these Ordinances..., these Resolutions, should
1507 be approved by Ordinances. Everything [stammer]..., you, you do the Resolution for one
1508 shot. Ordinance on first and second reading gives people an opportunity to have
1509 something to speak on. Now..., and, and, and that..., and you all have passed Resolutions
1510 so, so much 'til citizens can't even speak on anything.

1511 13th Street railroad tracks are horrible. How can we do something about that?
1512 What can we do to have 13th Street railroad tracks redone? Because, if you..., it just..., all
1513 it does, it tears your car up. And I'd like a response on that. And then, the intersection at
1514 Blue Heron and Broadway, that's just the ca'..., the caving in week by week. You need to
1515 do something with that intersection, at Blue Heron and Broadway.

1516 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, ma'am.

1517 **City Clerk Anthony:** Marvelous Washington, Mr. Willie Milsap, J.B. Dixon.

1518 **Ms. M. Washington:** Good evening, Councilpersons, Chair, Mayor and City
1519 Manager.

1520 I didn't get a chance to speak on the last Item because I came in a little late, but I
1521 do have some questions and corrections as it relates to that last Item. As I read it, that
1522 these fees will be put forth on the residents due to if you have a irrigation system or a pool
1523 at your residential area. In the neighborhood that I live in, the majority of the homes in
1524 my neighborhood has a irrigation system and/or a pool. So, he stated that it would be
1525 only about a hundred residential houses or homes that would be affected by this, that's
1526 not true.

1527 He also stated the City of West Palm Beach has enacted something similar. That's
1528 not true. That was reversed because it was deemed that those devices were
1529 unnecessary.

1530 So, my questions are, at the beginning of the pandemic, you guys voted on to
1531 increase the water rates by a certain percentage for a certain amount of years. Mr. McCoy
1532 did file a lawsuit stating that the residents were not properly communicated about this
1533 increase. Who's to say that you guys are gonna properly communicate this to residents,
1534 that they have to install this device?

1535 I mean, my water was interrupted multiple times last month. And, the first time, I
1536 didn't receive any communication. The second time, I received communication nine
1537 hours after the interruption. And at 11:00 o'clock that night, that's when I saw on the news
1538 that I need to boil my water. Considering my water had been off since 9:00 o'clock that
1539 morning. And I was told that I had to take this up with the Utility District.

1540 Now, I mention that to say that when my water bill is due, or if it's, it's threatened
1541 to be turned off, I get a email. So, I don't understand why that same communication can't
1542 be used as it relates to boil water notices.

1543 Now back to the original reason why I'm up here, about this last Item. You guys
1544 are willing to put forth fees on residents again during a rough time of the year. I don't
1545 understand why we contin'.., why you guys continuously approve additional fees on
1546 residents, due to the City negligence?

1547 The amount that we're paying each month, the percentage that we're paying each
1548 month, I have a question about that. Where's that percentage going to? What is it paying
1549 for? Why is not paying for these devices? Because, who's to say that it's gonna be fifteen
1550 dollars each year as a annual fee? Because cost of living increases. So you're not gonna
1551 tell me in 2021, twenty.., well, 2022-2023, that you're gonna still be expecting us to pay
1552 just fifteen dollars to test these devices.

1553 I mean, it's getting really redundant. And, and it is actually disheartening to see
1554 that you guys are continuously voting on items that's causing undue financial hardship to
1555 residents in our City. And during the worst time in our national history, during a pandemic,
1556 which residents are really not paying much attention to what's going on locally, because
1557 they're so distracted what's going on in the national level and the state level.

1558 [Timer]

1559 **Ms. M. Washington:** You really need to reconsider what you guys just voted on.

1560 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1561 **City Clerk Anthony:** Mr. Willie Milsap, J.B. Dixon, Mary Brabham.

1562 **Mr. W. Milsap:** Good evening. Mr. Willie W. Milsap, Riviera Beach.

1563 I have questions. And I'd like to address the Council as well as our City Manager,
1564 pertaining to certain things that are happening west of the tracks. First of all, I wanna
1565 thank ya'll for what ya'll did during the time that you gave away the food, you assisted the
1566 individuals that needed to take shots and everything.

1567 But I'm asking a question, why is it that everything to be done in the City, have to
1568 be done east of the tracks? Why is that the Councilpersons that came to our residences,
1569 in our neighborhood, and asked us to vote for them, they don't do anything west of the
1570 tracks for the individuals there. Are we living in a third world country? Or just this City?
1571 Because what you do represents everybody east of the tracks, nobody west of the tracks
1572 has benefited from anything that you all have done since you've been sitting on the
1573 Council seat.

1574 Ya'll saying you're building a Fire Station for the City, on the corner of Congress
1575 and Blue Heron. Can somebody explain to me, 'cause this is my thought, who got paid
1576 to buy that corner? Because, how can you get a fire truck outta there in a major
1577 intersection to a fire? You know, you're talking a major highway within the City itself.

1578 Also, my question is, if I travel down 95, I don't see nothing on 95 that says,
1579 'Welcome to the City of Riviera.' We have service stations, we have this, we have that.
1580 There's no identity pertaining to the City of Riviera. But when you get inside, you can see
1581 everything for Singer Island. You all put up a new marquee up there. On that new
1582 marquee, you see Singer Island, you see all of the things east of the tracks but ya'll still
1583 have not addressed us, that's west of the tracks and putting anything that we can identify
1584 with.

1585 Ya'll allow all the mom and pop stores and service stations to serve food. Why,
1586 why do you all do that? Do they have to have a license? Do they have to have health
1587 inspection, or what? Ya'll don't take ya'll family there to eat, so why would ya'll expect for
1588 us to take our family there to eat? Why is it some of ya'll can't go out and solicit and bring
1589 us some business here to the City?

1590 We got open land and stuff that's out there to be utilized if you wanna buy some
1591 that somebody could put.., put something up. The only thing that has been done in this
1592 City over the years, is you built a building on the corner of 13th and Barack Obama, and
1593 J., J.W. store changed from Martin Luther King corner to 4th Street. That's the only thing
1594 that's been done for the City on that side of the tracks.

1595 But again, we got Calloway Complex over there. So when ya'll start giving away
1596 something, when ya'll start having events, why can't ya'll have something over there? Or
1597 is it because we [stammer] predominately black neighborhood? That ya'll don't wanna
1598 be aggravated with or won't address with the people? Because ya'll do not give us our
1599 due.

1600 And w res'..., earned that respect. I said something to ya'll before. When residents
1601 have to catch public transportation, they don't have a bench nowhere from Blue Heron,
1602 Singer..., Silver Beach Road...

1603 [Timer]

1604 **Mr. W. Milsap:** ...or the 1st Street, to sit down on a bench.

1605 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.

1606 **Mr. W. Milsap:** Nowhere. You [inaudible].

1607 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1608 **City Clerk Anthony:** J.B. Dixon, Mary Brabham, William [stammer Wyly].

1609 **Ms. J.B. Dixon:** J.B. Dixon, Singer Island in Riviera Beach.

1610 I also have some concerns about water notification when you have to boil your
1611 water. There have been, in the last month or so, instances both on the west side and on
1612 the east side on the Island, of water interruptions, after which people are asked to boil
1613 their water. Now, I realize that boiling your water after such a brief interruption is, you
1614 know, in an abundance of caution, but people are very concerned about it. So, to me,
1615 you have to get to those people before they brush their teeth, before they cook, before
1616 they shower in that water, that they believe is contaminated. And, in fact, may be
1617 contaminated.

1618 So, I think we have a system, is called a Red Code? Or Red Button?

1619 **Councilperson Botel:** Code Red.

1620 **Ms. J.B. Dixon:** I know I registered for it. Red what?

1621 **Councilperson Botel::** Code Red.

1622 **Ms. J.B. Dixon:** Code Red. Code Red. And Code Red is supposed to give you
1623 notifications, like, if there's a hurricane or whatever. And..., that's why I signed up. So, I
1624 wonder if people have signed up for that, and if that system is capable of selecting from
1625 among all of our addresses, can you pinpoint, can... I think IT can do this, pinpoint
1626 neighborhoods. So, if you know that there are four streets that need to boil their water,
1627 you can get that out instantly because that is text or a call. And one thing people always
1628 have with them is their phone. [Chuckle].

1629 They may not see the door hanger that you put out, or the flyer that you put out
1630 several hours later, sometimes the next day later. They can come in through their garage
1631 and not see anything at the front door. And those people are concerned. On both sides
1632 of the bridge, about these boiled water notices.

1633 Considering the fact that we are going to be building a new water treatment plant,
1634 the po'..., probability of those interruptions is going to, realistically, gonna be increased.
1635 And there's going to be far more of them. And so, I would really encourage IT and Staff

1636 to work out a system where within fifteen, twenty minutes, people who are affected can
1637 be notified through Code Red. And then, we need to rally encourage people to sign up
1638 for that program.

1639 Thank you.

1640 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1641 **City Clerk Anthony:** Mary Brabham, William Wyly.

1642 **Ms. M. Brabham:** Good evening, good people. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

1643 First of all, I would like to say, Ms. Chairperson Shirley Lanier, continue. You're
1644 doing a great job. Nothing is never dictated nowhere in history, in any government, that
1645 any Chair belongs to anyone. It is entirely left up to the governing Board. A Chair is not
1646 guaranteed when your character and your behavior is displeasing. And that goes for a
1647 Chair, as well as Vice Chair, or any Councilperson. I stood here last year and I tried to
1648 tell you, don't go against us as residents, because we know what to do. And we will do
1649 what we will do in this co'., in this election here.

1650 And it's so strange because now we talk about all of this that is going on now. We
1651 are in a new century here. COVID, every historical event in history, those of us who went
1652 to school, colleges and stuff know, every historical event carries a different century to it.
1653 And we are in a new century here. And we have to govern, and we have to live and do
1654 business in what we're in now. It is not going back. Back that you did do, you shouldn't
1655 do it now because that's passed and gone.

1656 And then you're apt to talk about monies and stuff. You have some Councilpeople
1657 up there., see, Ms. Brabham wearing her money outfit tonight here, because see, some
1658 of you Councilpeople sit up there and that's all you do is run around here spending the
1659 taxpayer's money. Yes, Ms. Brabham has been engaged behind the scene. I got a whole
1660 lotta people in to do the vaccine.

1661 And I wanna thank the general public because I., my., I buried my sister March
1662 of this year, and you all came out in full force to support Ms. Brabham. And Ms. Brabham
1663 got you all the vaccine. I've been vaccinated as well, and I'm encouraging all of the
1664 residents to do the same thing too.

1665 And on Monday night, that event was terrific. The Icee, we liked that. It's good to
1666 see new vendors coming in here without taking advantage of us. And the popcorn, you
1667 could smell it. It just melted in your mouth.

1668 [Chuckles]

1669 **Ms. M. Brabham:** And the macaroni and cheese was exquisite. Never tasted anything
1670 like it. And the Icee, yes, we as kids and adults, we like that. Because we want to see
1671 new things coming into our City here. And we want to move the things that need to be
1672 moved in our City here.

1673 And we are tired of some of you all going after this man here unnecessary. You
1674 must go. When Ms. Brabham say you're gonna go, you're gonna go. Javar [sp] is sitting
1675 back there and I told him...

1676 [Audience exclamation]

1677 **Ms. M. Brabham:** ...in 2019, 'Oh, you're gettin' up outta this place here, because of
1678 your conduct,' And the way that you have utilized this City for your own benefit.

1679 [Timer]

1680 **Ms. M. Brabham:** Don't think that we citizens, we are not sweet, because we're not.

1681 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1682 **Ms. M. Brabham:** Support these new vendors.

1683 Thank you.

1684 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1685 **City Clerk Anthony:** William Wyly.

1686 **Mr. W. Wyly:** Good evening, Council.

1687 **Chairperson Lanier:** Good evening.

1688 **Mr. W. Wyly:** My name is William Wyly. I'm born and raised here in Riviera Beach.
1689 Honors algebra schoolteacher at Roosevelt Middle School, and also, was at public., Palm
1690 Beach Lakes. So, a lotta my students are here in the City. In our City.

1691 First, I wanna start off by talking about something good about our City, about the
1692 police exposure. I know a lotta people complain about the police, and I don't see that
1693 issue because I have a second job where I work at the Palm Beach County Courthouse.
1694 Myself and Mr. McCoy graduated as., a couple years ago as process servers, and a lot
1695 of my business is here in the City and Lake Park and in Palm Beach Gardens.

1696 And I see lotta good police exposure here. Every time I'm around, I see the police
1697 officers in different positions, so just in case if something happens, they're ready to go at
1698 it. And I always see them, always wave at them, speak to 'em, and I think they're doing
1699 a good job. But what I am gonna ask the community to do, is to make sure that we give
1700 our help to the Police Department, because the community is only as good as what we
1701 provide, the safety for our City, and assisting our police officers in doing their job. So
1702 please, let's do that.

1703 I would like to thank also, Cedrick Clark, along with Mr. Bailey from Public Works.
1704 They're agreeing to do some work inside the Federal Gardens. We have a couple areas
1705 there that need a lotta work, as far as the alleyway area. And they have agreed to come
1706 within the next two weeks to get a lot of things cleaned out and dumped, 'cause I was
1707 paying for a lot of this stuff myself, and now to find out that we can actually get this stuff
1708 done, well, myself and a couple neighbors, to get some properties cleaned out.

1709 I would like to thank Mrs. Shirley Lanier for the beautification project that she got
1710 in Federal Gardens for, for the UPS to donate money there, to be able to assist in our City
1711 to help with the traffic. And, be able to make it a safer community.

1712 And, I have to agree with Mr. McCoy with what he said earlier, that we don't want
1713 this.., with new businesses coming in, to seem like we're shaking them down. We don't
1714 want it to seem.., to have that kinda atmosphere, but as Mr. Lawson said also, we wanna
1715 make it to where, when these companies come in, they're investing in something that
1716 actually make them feel like they're a part of doing something, to make a part of this
1717 community. 'Cause they're gonna benefit from it also. So we wanna make sure we are
1718 doing that.

1719 And one topic also I wanna discuss with Mr. Evans also, was that I'm getting a lotta
1720 questions from a lotta people 'cause I managed a couple organizations before I became
1721 a schoolteacher, and a lotta people know me from there and asking me a lotta questions.
1722 And so, when the new businesses come in, developers, property owners, anyone willing
1723 to come into our City, what is the protocol for Council Members communicating with
1724 people who wanna do business in our City prior to coming to the meetings? Because if
1725 we're gonna vote, people are gonna vote on these meeting, vote on what's.., when they
1726 come into our City, what is the protocol so we understand what's going on? Because, we
1727 don't want anything to be, how to say it nicely, compromised. Alright?

1728 So, I think we need to have a, a.., so we can understand what's going on in our
1729 City, to where we know what the rules and regulations are.

1730 [Timer]

1731 **Mr. W. Wyly:** Alright.

1732 Thank you.

1733 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.

1734 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, that concludes public
1735 comments at this time.

1736 **Chairperson Lanier:** That concludes public comment but we're gonna take a five
1737 minute recess for.., until we come back. We have a five minute recess.

1738 [Gavel]

1739 [City Seal displayed during recess]

1740 [Chamber chatter]

1741 [Gavel]

1742 **Chairperson Lanier:** We'd like to resume our meeting of May 19, 2021, Regular
1743 City Council Meeting. Madam Clerk, next Item, please.

1744 **20. City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we're on Item
1745 No. 20.

1746 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NO. 53-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY**
1747 **COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,**
1748 **APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 27 LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEMS FROM**
1749 **FLOCK SAFETY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE**
1750 **AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE**
1751 **SERVICES TO MAKE ANNUAL PAYMENTS FOR SAME; AND PROVIDING AN**
1752 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1753 **NATHAN OSGOOD, CHIEF OF POLICE, 561-845-4130**

1754 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, we do have public
1755 comment on this Item. The acceptance of public comment on this Item is now closed.

1756 **Chairperson Lanier:** Can I get a motion for Resolution 53-21.

1757 **Councilperson Botel::** Motion to adopt.

1758 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** So moved. I mean, second.

1759 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle]. Thank you. Mr. Evans.

1760 **City Manager Evans:** Sorry, Madam Chair.

1761 **Chairperson Lanier:** It's okay. [Chuckle].

1762 **City Manager Evans:** We'll have Police Chief, Nate Osgood make the presentation.

1763 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Mr. Osgood.

1764 **Police Chief Osgood:** Madam Chair, Pro Tem Miller-Anderson, Mayor Ronnie
1765 Felder and Council. Good evening. I'm Chief Nate Osgood.

1766 I'm here to discuss Resolution 53-21. The Police Department, we're seeking to
1767 upgrade our license plate readers technology by migrating to a new state of the art
1768 platform, from Flock Safety.

1769 For more than a decade, the Riviera Beach Police Department has leveraged
1770 automatic license plate reader [stammer] technology to effectively identify vehicle
1771 subsequently, and their drivers involved in a commission of a crime. The availability of
1772 this resource has consistently produced investigatory leads directly resulting in the
1773 identification and conviction of numerous of criminals across the City and throughout the
1774 county.

1775 In addition to crime suppression activity, the LPR system has also been credited
1776 with locating numerous missing and endangered individuals, such as, Silver Alerts, the
1777 Amber Alerts. LPR has been very effective in that. This technology is a complement of
1778 other crime fighting technology we have such as Shot Spotters, security cameras, as well

1779 as other database systems inside of the Police Department, working at a real time crime
1780 center.

1781 As with all technology, as you know, technology gets old and it fails. The City of
1782 Riviera Beach's current LPR system is more than ten years old. Features such as artificial
1783 intelligent vehicle, analytical and behavior patterns, identification will greatly increase our
1784 capabilities by allowing us to directly search for vehicles based on witnesses, description
1785 and rarely include complement vehicle description, or a license plate information.

1786 Our current providers do not do such features. It will require substantial
1787 infrastructure investment on our part to develop this capability.

1788 As such, for approximately the last two years, the Police Department has been
1789 actively evaluating and competing to produce [inaudible] products, trial and comparing to
1790 both our current system and each other offers.

1791 Flock Safety has emerged as the overall best value for our needs. Flock Safety
1792 provides the advanced analytical we desire, along with the subscription based service
1793 model that requires no infrastructure investment in our part. Each of their LPR cameras
1794 cover at least two lanes of traffic versus the single lane that our current LPR system
1795 provides. The [stammer], the Flock system identifies vehicles not only through your
1796 license plate, but also allows investigators to search through make, model, color and other
1797 vehicle characteristics.

1798 The Flock Safety pro'.., the Flock Safety has proposed a fixed twenty-six.., twenty-
1799 seven cameras deployment. This will, this will almost four times.., give us four times the
1800 coverage of our current seven, six camara system.

1801 The annual cost for cameras is \$2,500, with a one-time \$250 installation fee. This
1802 amounts to a first year cost of \$74,250 with an ongoing annual cost of \$67,500. All prices
1803 are based on a term of Polk County Sheriff's Office competitive RFP, which was also
1804 awarded to Flock Safety.

1805 The Riviera Beach Police Department currently budgeted \$50,0000 annually to
1806 maintain our current LPR system, which would be used to offset the annual cost of the
1807 proposed subscription. For an additional \$17,500 annually, the City will essentially
1808 receive four times the coverage, which would greatly increase the vehicle recognition and
1809 searchability.

1810 The initial term of agreement is one year, and renewed for a subsequent one year
1811 period. The City can terminate this agreement at any time during the year's period.

1812 Council, Madam Chair, any questions?

1813 **Councilperson Botel::** Madam Chair?

1814 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

1815 **Councilperson Botel::** So, the cameras that we have now in place, we're just gonna
1816 get rid of them? They're.., we can't repurpose them for any reason? We just...

1817 **Police Chief Osgood:** That... That's correct. We're gonna replace them with the
1818 upgraded system.

1819 **Councilperson Botel::** Okay.

1820 **Chairperson Lanier:** Any other questions for the Chief? [Pause]. Thank you.
1821 Madam Clerk.

1822 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have a public
1823 comment on this Item.

1824 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'm sorry.

1825 **City Clerk Anthony:** Mary Brabham.

1826 **Ms. M. Brabham:** Ms. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

1827 Apparently, here I had some deviating questions about this Item as well here,
1828 compared to what we already have. You say this will include two lanes instead of one.
1829 Do you find this as a cost saving mechanism here? You know, compared to...

1830 **Police Chief Osgood:** Cost saving, ma'am?

1831 **Ms. M. Brabham:** Yes.

1832 **Chairperson Lanier:** No. You cannot address the Chief.

1833 **Ms. M. Brabham:** No, no, no. He...

1834 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yeah.

1835 **Ms. M. Brabham:** [Stammer] I know he can't [inaudible]...

1836 **Chairperson Lanier:** He answer it after you're finished.

1837 **Ms. M. Brabham:** But that.., but that was one of my questions here. What, what cost
1838 savings compared to what we're gonna be getting here now.

1839 And, I do know that we had the license plate readers in the City here previously.
1840 And, I do understand he.., you want to go with a, a new system here but also does this
1841 also save us lives or do you find it is more useful as far as really helping combat the crime
1842 that we have in this City here?

1843 I was just reading here today, and crime is on the rise all over. Not just Riviera
1844 Beach but all over. Yes, yes, yes. I come from a lineage of police officers, secret service
1845 agents and all of that. So I do know that data can be falsified, you know, to meet
1846 everybody's criteria. But, for what we experience in this City here, we have constantly
1847 said cameras in these places that we know that are hot spots in our City here.

1848 And I'm not gonna stand here over and over to say the same thing about cameras
1849 that need to be placed in these hot pockets in our City here. You bring all the technology

1850 that you have and want, if you are still not doing what needs to be done, it useless. And
1851 I say that. It is useless. It becomes useless.

1852 Because it's just like kicking against the brick. It's okay doing new things but you
1853 need to do the things that you should be doing. And that's helping the City as well as the
1854 residents. Because I'm not gonna ask Ms. Sally, Ms. Ann or Ms. Sue or nobody else,
1855 what's gonna happen when there's a shootin' all over in my neighborhood? I can't sit on
1856 my front porch. I can't sit in my..., on my patio. Because I'm constantly hearing gunshots
1857 that are going off over in this City.

1858 And this is not one day. Every week, and every day, there's something that's going
1859 on in this City, in Riviera Beach. And I think..., and I know that the residents can attest to
1860 it. Because I'm engaged with them, and they say the same thing too.

1861 So, so we need, we need better ingenuity, and...

1862 [Timer]

1863 **Ms. M. Brabham:** ...we need to move on the things that we need to move on.

1864 Thank you.

1865 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Ms. Brabham.

1866 Are there any questions for the Chief, on this Item?

1867 **Councilperson Lawson::** Madam Chair?

1868 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

1869 **Councilperson Lawson::** Chief, can you just give a brief overview of the difference
1870 between the license plates for this Resolution and the cameras of the next Resolution?

1871 **Police Chief Osgood:** Okay. This one is a license plate reader which will give you
1872 the identification of the car, make, model and the potential owner of the vehicle.

1873 **Councilperson Lawson::** Mhmm.

1874 **Police Chief Osgood:** The camera system is different. It will..., it's only designed
1875 to..., it's sort of like a closed circuit television, just monitoring.

1876 **Councilperson Lawson::** Okay.

1877 **Police Chief Osgood:** The license reader gives you a little data check on vehicles
1878 moving about. And this is actually giving us four times the coverage than our current
1879 system. And I, I compared it today as sorta like an upgrade car, such as a Tesla, a BMW,
1880 Mercedes compared to an older model car that was made twenty, thirty years ago.

1881 **Councilperson Lawson::** Okay. Well, thank you, Chief.

1882 I'm absolutely in support of whatever it's gonna take just to improve the quality
1883 over there, and the support that you need 'cause your Police Department is doing a
1884 phenomenal job. It just needs additional support. And, these cameras, these license
1885 plate readers, will give you that additional tool, innovative tool to continue to do that job
1886 that you guys are doing.

1887 With the last speaker that said the gunshots in our community, this will kind of
1888 assist with trying to catch some of those individuals that are just shooting guns in our
1889 community, that are killing individuals in our community, these additional cameras and
1890 the quality cameras. And then also, the plate readers will allow to catch some of these
1891 individuals that are getting away from these sites.

1892 So, whatever it takes to support and to make sure that we're giving you that support
1893 in this area, I'm for.

1894 Thank you, Chief.

1895 **Police Chief Osgood:** Thank you, sir.

1896 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1897 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

1898 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

1899 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

1900 Chief, similar to the body worn cameras that has a policy, is there a policy for
1901 license plate readers that's currently at the Police Department?

1902 **Police Chief Osgood:** Yes, sir.

1903 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And, without me knowing or revealing much of, you
1904 know, the criminal intelligence part, but does the policy speak to how the information can
1905 be used and retained? And, what specifically is prohibited? Or is there some sort of state
1906 guidance on this?

1907 **Police Chief Osgood:** Councilman McCoy, I would have to get back to you on that
1908 policy, but I do know we have policy about it..., written about the license plate readers.
1909 And you, you have, obviously, information you just can't share with the public. It'll be a
1910 time sensitive matter to the point, like, you hold it for a period of time depending on what
1911 you pick up on it.

1912 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Well, just..., let me just ask this plain and simple and
1913 maybe you can or can't answer this. Can these license plate reader information, the data
1914 it recovers, be used for something outside of a criminal investigation? As it stands under
1915 the policy?

1916 **Police Chief Osgood:** I don't think it can.

1917 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I mean, obviously, criminal, and maybe even traffic
1918 related, but...

1919 **Police Chief Osgood:** Criminal and traffic, we can use it for that. But just a routine
1920 search just to see who's traveling about? No, sir. We will not...

1921 **Councilperson McCoy:** Oh, that's a good... That is the perfect point that you brought
1922 up. Routine searches. So, we can't just do routine searches?

1923 **Police Chief Osgood:** No, sir.

1924 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. So that, that's true for automobiles that's driving up the
1925 street? What about people walking down the street?

1926 **Police Chief Osgood:** The license plate reader will not pick up on people.

1927 **Councilperson McCoy:** No. Can we do routine searches for people just walking down
1928 the street?

1929 **Police Chief Osgood:** No, sir.

1930 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. What about if they came into... You know what?
1931 Never mind.

1932 I yield back.

1933 [Inaudible comment]

1934 **Councilperson McCoy:** I yield back.

1935 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you so much, sir.

1936 Are there any other questions for the Chief in regards to this Item?

1937 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

1938 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

1939 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I do know some time ago, the Port of Palm
1940 Beach purchased some of those license plate readers for us. Did we, by any chance,
1941 reach out to them and try to see if they wanted to partner with us again on supplying us
1942 with some support on that?

1943 **Police Chief Osgood:** Pro Tem, I do not know the answer to that, but I will
1944 research and find out and get back with you on that.

1945 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Well, maybe there's some other thing we
1946 may be doing down the line that we could probably reach out to them for, since they did
1947 do that for us some time ago.

1948 Alright. Thank you.

1949 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair? If I may?

1950 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes, sir. Go ahead.

1951 **City Manager Evans:** I, I did have conversations with the Port of Palm Beach and
 1952 they have put in for another safety security grant to assist in acquiring some monies that
 1953 the City can utilize for public safety devices. They haven't received notification if they've
 1954 received the grant but they have submitted for a grant to assist us.

1955 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

1956 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

1957 Any other questions for the Chief? [Pause]. Madam Clerk?

1958 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

1959 **Councilperson Lawson::** Yes.

1960 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1961 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

1962 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel? [Pause]. Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

1963 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1964 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

1965 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

1966 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.

1967 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Next Item?

1968 **21. City Clerk Anthony: RESOLUTION NO. __54-21__ A RESOLUTION OF**
 1969 **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**
 1970 **FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 24 CAMERAS;**
 1971 **AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO**
 1972 **MAKE PAYMENT TO BROADCAST SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,059.40;**
 1973 **AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1974 **NATHAN OSGOOD, CHIEF OF POLICE, 561-845-4130**

1975 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, we do not have
 1976 public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item
 1977 is now closed.

1978 **Chairperson Lanier:** A motion for this Item, please?

1979 **Councilperson Botel::** So moved.

1980 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Second.

1981 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Chief.

1982 **Police Chief Osgood:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Council, Chair, Mayor.

1983 Okay. Once again, this is Resolution 54-21. The Police Department seeks to
 1984 enhance our deployment of security cameras throughout the City by purchasing and
 1985 installing an additional twenty-four cameras throughout the City. This is in addition to
 1986 what we have.

1987 So, over the decade, the Riviera Beach Police Department has successfully
 1988 leveraged cost effective technology to suppress criminal activity and to provide critical
 1989 evidence needed to prosecute offenders. Security cameras have proven to be a reliable
 1990 an efficient crime fighting resource for law enforcement agencies in this City, and just
 1991 throughout the county, and the country.

1992 The network of cameras are [inaudible] to the Riviera Beach in real time crime
 1993 center, allow officers to monitor large sections of the City from a central location with only
 1994 a minimum amount of staffing. Cameras are used in conjunction with other crime fighting
 1995 technology, such as Shot Spotters, license plate readings. The video footage has been
 1996 instrumental in pursuit of criminal offenders, and has led to [stammer] numerous arrests,
 1997 convictions, as well as the recovery of stolen property.

1998 The Police Department received a proposal from Broadcasting.., Broadcast
 1999 Systems in the amount of \$75,059.40 for the purchase and installation of twenty-four
 2000 cameras. The proposal includes the cameras, the cameras licenses, data, electrical
 2001 component, and, as well as, the complete installation of twenty-four various cameras
 2002 throughout the City.

2003 The price is based on the GSA Contract No. GS-07F-173GA.

2004 Any questions, Madam Chair?

2005 **Chairperson Lanier:** Any questions for the Chief in regards to this Item?

2006 **Councilperson Botel::** I have a question for the Chief. It's not...

2007 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2008 **Councilperson Botel::** ...necessarily.., not necessarily about this Item, but I wonder,
 2009 at some point, could we get a report from the Sheriff's Department about the recent goings
 2010 on, on the Island? And.., people are asking and I don't have too much information. So.

2011 **Police Chief Osgood:** Yes. We have a meeting set up with the Sheriff's
 2012 Department.., the Sheriff's office to address the recent crime that's in their area, that's...

2013 **Councilperson Botel::** Yeah.

2014 **Police Chief Osgood:** ...adjacent to the City of Riviera Beach.

2015 **Councilperson Botel::** Okay.

2016 **Police Chief Osgood:** And we're gonna be working conjoi'.., jointly with them. We
2017 have a signed MOU that we can take enforcement in those areas, such as Ocean Reef,
2018 Phil Foster, and... So, we're gonna be meeting to see what collaborative effort we can
2019 put together to help combat the crime.

2020 Also, we've taken a look at social media accounts to see whenever they have large
2021 scale events. Not just at those parks, anywhere throughout the City. So, a lot of times,
2022 they seem to wanna post their events on social media and that'll give us a head start to
2023 get out there and, and, at least monitor what's going on.

2024 **Councilperson Botel::** Great. Thank you.

2025 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

2026 Any other questions for the Chief? [Pause]. Thank you so much for bringing this
2027 Item forward, Chief. I, I do have a, you know, this.., I think about Big Brother in terms of
2028 cameras and things following people around, but I do understand that we need every
2029 piece of help that we can get to be able to kind of stem some of the crime in the City. And
2030 I implore the residents who live in this City that it is going to take more than readers and
2031 cameras and police to be able to do this. It's going to be up to us to be able to do this.

2032 So, I want the residents to become involved in trying to stem this wave of crime
2033 that we have. And, I'm sure that, as we move forward, and as we.., as the years pass,
2034 we're gonna have crime and it's going anywhere.. It may go down but it's not going
2035 anywhere. And I want to be able to live in a City that we feel like we can be safe, and I
2036 don't have duck at night when I hear gunshots. Because, I'm very, very upset about how
2037 this wave of crime has came in the City of Riviera Beach. But I do understand that it's
2038 going to take us, as residents, to be able to fix it.

2039 And, I really appreciate the Chief bringing this forward so that we can have
2040 something to be able to move forward to help us to save our City.

2041 Thank you. Madam Clerk.

2042 **Police Chief Osgood:** Thank you.

2043 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2044 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2045 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?

2046 **Councilperson Botel::** Yes.

2047 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

2048 **Councilperson Lawson::** Yes.

2049 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

2050 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2051 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

2052 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

2053 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.

2054 **Chairperson Lanier:** Next Item.

2055 **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

2056 **22. City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we're now down
2057 to Item No. 22, which is a discussion and deliberation Item. It is an Ordinance that will be
2058 coming back before you, based upon discussion this evening. The heading of the
2059 Ordinance will read:

2060 **City Clerk Anthony:** **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
2061 **RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF**
2062 **ORDINANCES AT CHAPTER _____ TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF**
2063 **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR; PROVIDING FOR POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE**
2064 **AUDITOR; CREATING AN AUDIT COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHING SUCH**
2065 **POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE; REQUIRING AN AUDIT PLAN AND**
2066 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE AUDITOR; PROVIDING THE AUDITOR ACCESS TO**
2067 **CITY STAFF, RECORDS AND PROPERTY; REQUIRING PEER REVIEWS OF THE**
2068 **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S OFFICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR**
2069 **OTHER PURPOSES.**

2070 **ELENA GEORGIEV, INTERNAL AUDITOR, 561-812-6591**

2071 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have public
2072 comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is
2073 now closed.

2074 **Chairperson Lanier:** As this is a discussion Item, Mr. Evans.

2075 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair and Members of the Board. I will ask that
2076 the Internal Auditor, Ms. Elena Georgiev make the presentation this evening.

2077 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** Good evening.

2078 **Chairperson Lanier:** Good evening.

2079 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** ...Mayor, Madam Chair, Members of the Board, Mr.
2080 Manager, Madam Attorney. Thank you for having me here tonight.

2081 During the recent financial audit, the external auditors commented that the City
2082 does not have an Ordinance vetted and approved by the governing body related to the
2083 Internal Audit Department. The document we're presenting to you tonight, for your
2084 consideration, is based on the standards adopted by the general... Wait, sorry.

2085 Government Accountability Office, The Institute of Internal Auditors and the Association
 2086 of Local Government Auditors.

2087 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Thank you very [chuckle] much.

2088 Are there any questions for Mrs. Elena for this Item? Yes, sir. Go ahead.

2089 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you. Can you give those acronyms? I heard you say
 2090 GAO.

2091 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** Of course.

2092 **Councilperson McCoy:** And, what was the other two? I'm, I'm sorry. Somebody had
 2093 a telephone that was ringing.

2094 [Chuckle]

2095 **Councilperson McCoy:** And I couldn't hear.

2096 **Councilperson Botel::** It's turned off.

2097 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** It's okay.

2098 **Councilperson McCoy:** So. One more time?

2099 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** Of course. So, the first one is the Government
 2100 Accountability Office.

2101 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

2102 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** The second is The Institute of Internal Auditors,
 2103 which is the IAA. And, the last one I mentioned is the Association of Local Government
 2104 Auditors.

2105 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up?

2106 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2107 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, Ms. Wynn and Ms. Georgiev, my question is, what's
 2108 proposed in this Ordinance...

2109 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** Mhmm.

2110 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...for the Audit Committee, is that the same as the statutorily
 2111 required Audit Selection Committee or is that going to be a separate committee?

2112 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** Well...

2113 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I, if I may?

2114 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** Okay.

2115 **City Manager Evans:** With regards to that. The, the intent behind this Audit
2116 Committee is that it would still handle the responsibilities that the statute provides. But,
2117 we didn't want to... Well, in best practices and based on the research of the Internal
2118 Auditor, that there is an audit component that is necessary and it needs to be enumerated
2119 in some type of policy. Plus, we wanted to have the office more robust and have the
2120 ability to function in a more active way than it's done in the past.

2121 Traditionally, in the past, you all will hear from the Internal Audit..., Auditor once in
2122 a blue moon. And we wanna have more activities, more involvement and we thought that
2123 we beefed up the responsibilities and duties of the Audit Committee to be able to facilitate
2124 that. So they will work and in hand with the Auditor and the Auditor will [stammer] provide
2125 the findings and their audit plan that will be reviewed by the Committee.

2126 So, yes, it, it would be that committee, but they would also have additional duties
2127 and responsibilities.

2128 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up?

2129 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2130 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. I appreciate that, but, Ms. Georgiev and..., from your
2131 experience, and even if Mr. Sherman can, you know, offer his but, you know, the very
2132 committee that selects the auditors is also gonna be the same committee that's gonna
2133 support in providing internal auditing functions and reviews? That seems like that lacks
2134 the total independence of it all.

2135 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** Well, the Audit Committee will be responsible for
2136 selecting the external auditors. And also, overseeing the audit function, which is
2137 traditionally how it's set up. I am not sure I really see the, the problem..., the independence
2138 issue.

2139 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up?

2140 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2141 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, from a publicly traded company that, you know, subject to
2142 SEC [inaudible], I can see it, but from government accounting, is it your recommendation
2143 that those are the same committees? And if so, can you give me an expel of a
2144 government organization that they act as both?

2145 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** Of course. I will tell you that, for example, the City of
2146 West Palm Beach, their audit..., Audit Committee oversees the function, and they also
2147 select the external auditor.

2148 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Alright. Good enough.

2149 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you so much, sir.

2150 Any other questions for Ms. Elena?

2151 Thank you for your presentation.

2152 **Internal Auditor Georgiev:** Thank you very much.

2153 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, so I'm clear, we're not taking any action but this was to
 2154 get feedback?

2155 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. You got some more?

2156 **Councilperson McCoy:** No. But I, I guess we'll..., I, I can always have a conversation
 2157 or a meeting to kinda better understand some of these things. You know...

2158 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yeah. It's, it's...

2159 **Councilperson McCoy:** I [inaudible]...

2160 **Chairperson Lanier:** It's kinda very..., it's..., it is kind of a lot of...

2161 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well...

2162 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...kind of intense on [inaudible].

2163 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, you know, here, here's what I was gonna say and I had
 2164 this conversation with someone and this deals... Ms. Elena, not too far away, 'cause I
 2165 wanna make sure that...

2166 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

2167 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...we understand, also, the functions, and the Members
 2168 understand the functions because us, as Board Members, we serve as a governing body,
 2169 and that has the level of governance over, you know, the three organizations that we
 2170 serve as Members over. But, I would think that's the case with the Audit Selection
 2171 Committee. But I'm certainly gonna..., would like to have a meeting. I think we're
 2172 scheduled to meet, right?

2173 So, yeah. I'll follow up with a, a meeting. So.

2174 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good.

2175 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

2176 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Thank you so much, Ms. Elena for your, for your
 2177 presentation.

2178 Madam Clerk, next Item, please.

2179 **23. City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 23.

2180 **City Clerk Anthony:** **SELECTION OF WOMEN FOR THE WATER TANK ART**
 2181 **PROJECT.**

2182 **RONNIE FELDER, MAYOR, 561-845-4145**

2183 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have public
2184 comment on this Item. The acceptance of public comment on this Item is now closed.

2185 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr. Evans.

2186 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, if the Mayor would
2187 indulge us, I'd like for the Assistant to the City Manager, Ms. Marsha Noel, to make the
2188 presentation with regards to the public meetings that have been held in regards to the two
2189 females that are being proposed to be placed on the water tank.

2190 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir. Go ahead, Ms. Noel.

2191 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Alright. Trying to set up here. Okay. Good
2192 evening, Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Ms. Wynn and everyone else who has joined
2193 us this evening.

2194 So, just as a brief update since our last presentation regarding the water tank art
2195 project, we last discussed that we would be going out to the community to garner
2196 feedback in terms of the two African American women to be selected to be placed on the
2197 project. As it currently stands, we have two males that have been approved by you, which
2198 is Martin Luther King, Jr. and President Barack Obama.

2199 And so, since then, we've held two community meetings. We've held one April
2200 19th, and also, May 11th regarding the selection of women. In addition to that, we had an
2201 online poll through Survey Monkey that was circulating online and that we've pushed out
2202 through some of our communication platforms as well.

2203 And, to this date, we have received responses. And we've also received twelve
2204 individuals that were shared or sent over to the Mayor's office to be considered in the poll.
2205 And I can list to you all the women that were provided to us for the poll. And then, I can
2206 also share with you who the top two picks were.

2207 So briefly, I'll just list all their names. We received Mary McLeod Bethune, Serena
2208 and Venus Williams, Mary Eliza Mahoney, Alice Dunnigan, Wilma Rudolph, Shirley
2209 Chisholm, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Charlotte Ray, Michelle Obama, and Mae
2210 Jemison. So, all of these women were listed on the poll. In addition to the poll, there was
2211 a section where individuals can also share any names or ideas that probably weren't
2212 listed.

2213 But so far, we've gotten the top two picks as Harriet Tubman, and the second
2214 Michelle Obama. So, we're presenting these two individuals to you for consideration and
2215 for your blessing to move forward to add them to the project.

2216 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

2217 Are there any questions for Ms. Noel?

2218 **Councilperson Botel::** Madam Chair?

2219 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2220 **Councilperson Botel::** I, I don't have questions, I have a couple of comments that I
2221 feel compelled to make because constituents, from all over the City really, responded to
2222 something that was put on Nextdoor which is, I don't know if you're familiar with that but
2223 it's a communications vehicle that many people in the community use to express their
2224 feelings.

2225 Someone put something up there about the water tower, it's called water tower
2226 painting [stammer] contract, and it generated two hundred, I'm looking at it right now. It
2227 generated two hundred and thirty-nine comments. Questions about how many people
2228 attended the April 19th and May 11th sessions? Was there input from a sufficient number
2229 of people in the community to make this kind of a decision? Comments about the fact
2230 that the City, although it's sixty-nine percent African American, there are other people,
2231 other races, represented in the City and why weren't they considered?

2232 These are not my comments. These are comments coming from people who
2233 reported these things on Nextdoor.

2234 So, I'm just wondering if you can give me some of those answers. What was the
2235 purpose of..., what was the intent..., what, what group of people was intended to be on
2236 honored? Was it Civil Rights leaders or was it popular figures in sports? And, and media,
2237 and so forth? I'm trying to think what else they asked. Sorry. Well, those are, those are
2238 a beginning.

2239 I, I think people are questioning how many responses there were. And generally
2240 when the CRA does a project like this, they have a number of community meetings and
2241 many, many people have input into it. So, I just wondered if you could respond to how
2242 many people had input. And, I guess to placate some of the questions that came up as
2243 a result of this Nextdoor thing, what's the future for the water tank? Will there be other
2244 people..., other races involved? Other kinds of people up there? And is the intent to honor
2245 Civil Rights leaders or is it in general to say these are people we like so we want them up
2246 there?

2247 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Right. I get...

2248 **Councilperson Botel::** The last thing I'll say is...

2249 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Okay.

2250 **Councilperson Botel::** Well, it's, it's kind of a moot point now because we've already
2251 started down this road, many people said, 'Why don't you just put something up there
2252 about the environment because that should really represent Riviera Beach.'

2253 Go ahead.

2254 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** No, no. That's fine. And I've actually provided
2255 a more comprehensive presentation at our last community meeting. I understand every
2256 time we hold one, it's someone's first time, you know, getting the information on the
2257 project.

2258 So, just to kind of start from the beginning, back in October of last year, the Mayor
2259 brought before you the idea of doing a water tank mural. And the purpose of that was
2260 ahead of what was going to be a, I think, Black History Month project. Obviously, we've
2261 bypassed that in terms of not meeting that particular deadline.

2262 There was a lot of work on the backend that had to be done. And so, we're still
2263 continuing down that vein of representing Black History Month or supporting or
2264 commemorating African Americans that have had a positive impact on American society.

2265 In terms of what types of individuals were to be considered, whether they're
2266 activists or per'..., or persons from a particular background, from what I understand, we've
2267 gotten feedback from across the board. There wasn't, in, in our community engagement,
2268 where individuals in the community have only wanted the, the persons to be selected to
2269 be of a particular background. I think they were open across a diversity of areas. So,
2270 we've received, as you can tell just from the list of the African American women that I
2271 listed, they're from various backgrounds, from athletes, entertainers, to activists,
2272 politicians.

2273 And then, in terms of the community meetings, on average we've had twenty to
2274 thirty individuals respond. So, for this poll, we've had approximately thirty as well. So
2275 that's basically the average that we're seeing in terms of response level. And we've held
2276 four, actually three, community meetings but that's on top of having these discussions at
2277 the City Council meeting. And then, also receiving responses through emails and
2278 participation with the poll.

2279 So, we've carried quite a few activities and we've done our very best pushing out
2280 that information online, through our [stammer] newsletter of approximately 1,700 emails.
2281 We've pushed it out on social media, we've pushed it out at some of these other meetings
2282 that we've held.

2283 So, in terms of the purpose of this or where this is going to, to go. So, like I said,
2284 this is still down the vein of what the original intent was, which was to recognize African
2285 Americans that have made an impact, positive impact, on American society for all
2286 peoples. But, in terms of where it could go, because in the community engagement
2287 activities we've held, we've heard ideas about, 'Well, maybe in the future, we can consider
2288 locals..., local figures who have made a positive impact here in Riviera Beach.' Ideas
2289 about putting up quotes. And then also to your point, considering individuals from other
2290 backgrounds as well.

2291 So, we know that, because there's such a support and interest in the idea of this
2292 mural, maybe transforming into something else. I think that maybe this project could be
2293 broken down into phases. Maybe for now, it starts off from what it was ori'..., originally
2294 intended to be, but then it transforms over time to include other individuals, or other
2295 symbols of progress and, and things of that sort for the City.

2296 So, this is not necessarily a closed door project. I think that there's opportunities
2297 for it to transform over time. But, just to stick with the intent that was initially articulated

2298 to the community when it first came out, we've continued down that vein, so long as you
2299 approved.

2300 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

2301 Are there any other questions in regards to this discussion Item?

2302 I wanted to say as well, I, I did not vote for this Item. I voiced my concern for it
2303 initially in regards to the amount of money being spent on a, a painting for a water tower
2304 when I think that our focus needs to be, you know, what's actually inside the water tower.

2305 But, that being said, I can't believe that you guys did not propose Notorious RBG
2306 for that, [chuckle], for that portrait. Notorious RBG., RBG, is the late Ruther Bader
2307 Ginsberg, and I thought that that was a very good icon to., you can add.

2308 But, as you know, I do not support this Item based on the fact that I just feel like
2309 there's just too much money going for a mural.

2310 Are there any other discussions about this Item?

2311 [Pause]

2312 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Okay. So, the request is, basically, if we can
2313 have your blessing to move forward with the two women that were offered this evening,
2314 which is Michelle Obama and Harriet Tubman?

2315 [Inaudible audience comment]

2316 [Pause]

2317 **Chairperson Lanier:** You know my stance.

2318 [Chuckles]

2319 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** I know. And if there's., if you want us to bring
2320 this back, we can, if you need more time. The artist is still moving forward with the two
2321 other individuals in the meanwhile.

2322 And like I said, this is a thirty day project, and he's expected to start by the end of
2323 next week or the early., or early the week after, upon r receiving the first installment, with
2324 the payment.,

2325 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. Thank you. Thank you so much for presentation.

2326 **Assistant to the City Manager Noel:** Okay. You're welcome. Thank you.

2327 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we did have a public
2328 comment card on this Item.

2329 **Chairperson Lanier:** Oh, I'm sorry.

2330 **City Manager Evans:** Madam, Madam Chair?

2331 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

2332 **City Manager Evans:** If I may? We need some direction from the Board. Does the
2333 Board agree with the two names and wants to move forward with the two names? Or,
2334 what direction would you like for Staff to take?

2335 **Chairperson Lanier:** Let us hear this public comment and then we'll come back to
2336 the Board and, and ask them what their direction would be.

2337 **Ms. M. Brabham:** Ms. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

2338 I, I, I too have some reservation about it. Not just myself, but I know that under the
2339 circumstances, a lot of us, we did not participate in it because basically I guess with my
2340 schedule and stuff, you know, I, I, I was unaware but from the meetings that I saw, I, I
2341 alone with other, felt that the money could be better utilized, where it really, really needed
2342 to be utilized at. You know? So, that, that, that, that's one thing there.

2343 But I also too, have to piggyback on something what Dr. Botel said too. Even
2344 though we are a City that's sixty-nine or sixty-seven percent minority, we ha'.., we bring
2345 that inclusiveness. So, you know, it is so many other, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, you know,
2346 we thought about her. Thurgood Marshall, the first black Supreme Justice, advocate.
2347 First black, Thurgood Marshall, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, and I could on and on
2348 and on and on and on. Because we are a City of many here.

2349 That should reflect not just Ms. Brabham. I'm black, and I'm African American, but
2350 Ms. Brabham is many. And this is how I like to be looked at, with my other comrades, so
2351 that, so that peoples can see our water tower that's not just reflecting us. You know, we,
2352 we, we don't live here by ourselves. We cannot live here by ourself. We have to live
2353 amongst each other.

2354 So, I, I, I think more as [stammer] I'm not kicking against it but, but, but if the monies
2355 could've been utilized a little bit much, much better. And, and I'm hoping that in the next
2356 round, that you all really think out of the box a little bit. We, we know in football and
2357 basketball and just.., we all know Dr. King. We talk about him every year, every day, 365
2358 days in the year.

2359 But, we need to be relatable in our City. We have the waterfront. We have the
2360 Maria. We have the beach. But most of all, we have We the People. And We the
2361 People are inclusive with everyone. This including our children. Because if, if, if we just
2362 say, 'Well, okay b, beat Dr. King.' I want them to reach for the darn stars, and grab the
2363 moon as well, so they can see others who they can immolate. And be good at. And strive
2364 to be not just great, but be the best.

2365 So, so we really need to think on this. I'm not knocking, City Manager nowhere
2366 but...

2367 [Timer]

2368 **Ms. M. Brabham:** It is some areas here that we.., that, that we really can build on.

2369 Thank you.

2370 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Thank you so much, Ms. Brabham.

2371 **Councilperson Lawson::** Madam Chair?

2372 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.,

2373 **Councilperson Lawson::** Thank you, Madam Chair.

2374 I, I, I would have to agree that the, the list goes on 'cause I really wanna know
2375 what's gonna be our direction moving forward. 'Cause, the speaker did speak about
2376 some great leaders like, Condoleezza Rice, Thurgood Marshall, Colin Powell. There,
2377 there were many amazing spe'..., amazing options but I think that we look at this next
2378 selection as women that could represent..., be represented on this tower. And when we
2379 first started, we wanted to have an equal representation of two males, two women on the
2380 tower.

2381 Mayor, if you could just give us a..., just a brief history of where this started and
2382 what was your direction with this tower? Because we can go forward with, you know,
2383 expanding the idea and building on it and furthering diversifying it. 'Cause I do hear my
2384 colleague's concern about making sure that we have diversity. 'Cause we are a diverse
2385 community.

2386 But, this was initia'..., this was initiated by our Mayor and I wanted to kinda follow
2387 his lead in regards to what his initial vision was. He's done multiple community charettes
2388 and gotten numerous names, and I think the names that were brought to us were excellent
2389 options. But I also do wanna continue the progress and making this a fluid development...,
2390 a continuous proposal of mural and paintings that can keep building on this water tank.

2391 But, Mayor, can you give us some insight as to where it started and what your
2392 vision was?

2393 **Mayor Felder:** Sure. Madam Chair?

2394 **Councilperson Lawson::** Thank you.

2395 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

2396 **Mayor Felder:** Thank you.

2397 Yes. It started back, I think in 2019, Councilman Lawson.

2398 **Councilperson Lawson::** Mhmm.

2399 **Mayor Felder:** We were looking at the, the wall that separated blacks and whites
2400 behind the McCray's Barbecue. And the idea was to first take that wall, because it a, a
2401 couple Councils before was talking about tearing that wall down. I think I got with Mr.
2402 Evans about I think that wall can actually tell a history of this City, because a lot of our
2403 kids, and even me growing up here for fifty-two years, or it will be fifty-two years, didn't

2404 really know what that wall meant. So, I went back to my parents to find out. And I said
2405 why don't we take pieces of that wall?

2406 And I think, I think we said it in a Council meeting, take pieces of that wall and get
2407 some artists to, to, to paint the history and put it in our parks. Like, we got five parks and
2408 we can put a piece of history in each park. Where, if a teacher wanted to take their kid
2409 on a field trip, it can be..., they can take them to the parks, it could be, like, a scavenger
2410 hunt. You go to one park, to the next park, to the next park and it tells the story of Riviera
2411 Beach.

2412 So, that really didn't take off. And, Black History Month was coming up, and
2413 thinking outside the box, it was..., looking at West Palm Beach, when they did their mural
2414 of Civil Rights leaders, they got great support from, from both sides of, of culture, realizing
2415 how important that was. And I just said that because we are sixty-nine percent black, to
2416 even show our kids that these great leaders existed and you do have something to
2417 achieve.

2418 So we started the conversation. And I, and I believe the Chairperson is right, I
2419 mean, it's not that what's on the outside of the wall, it's, it's really what's on the inside. I
2420 mean the tank..., it's really what's on the inside. But, you know, I just that, that, that
2421 painting, that art, would just give us, will give our kids something that they can look up to.

2422 What we're facing here in the City, we see our young men, fourteen, fifteen,
2423 sixteen, as I'm out there, you know, they have no direction. They see..., they don't see
2424 us. They don't see, you know, we don't talk Martin Luther King every day, we talk Martin
2425 Luther King Black History Month..

2426 **Councilperson Lawson::** Mhmm.

2427 **Mayor Felder:** And..., so I think they just needed something visual to, you know, see
2428 and, and, and say that, you know, be proud. Many of our parents, being a black man who
2429 grew up here, wanted to represented something.

2430 So, you know, we didn't wanna make..., I think this is a diverse City, and, and we
2431 do. It's just the beginning. We, we are going to add to that, that tank, a diverse painting.
2432 But this was just the beginning. And, of course, I didn't think it would be this tough. Not
2433 looking at..., or piggybacking on West Palm Beach and I think Delray. And every, every
2434 city, every, you know, really black city has that. And I don't see why Rivera Beach couldn't
2435 have that.

2436 But I understand that, you know, we are a diverse City. And I think Marsha did a
2437 great job last Tuesday, stating that this is just the beginning. We, we will add to the..., we
2438 will add to the tank.

2439 So that's how it first began, and that's what my thoughts were.

2440 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you so much, sir.

2441 **Councilperson Lawson::** Follow up, Madam Chair?

2442 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2443 **Councilperson Lawson::** I, I really like the direction because we've, we've had this
2444 conversation for a number of months and we literally have decided that we're gonna try
2445 to bring some art to our community. This is why I really advocated for Arts in Public
2446 Places a year and a half ago, so that we can create that program. I noticed that West
2447 Palm Beach, they change their mural every few months, down in downtown West Palm
2448 Beach and it's a, a tourist attraction. It's a beautiful mural that they paint on the..., a wall
2449 right downtown. And they had a honoring Black History Month and some of the Civil
2450 Rights leaders back in February. Well that was beautiful. That literally got national
2451 recognition.

2452 So, I know that it's a hefty investment, but it is an investment into our community
2453 and beautification in our community. While a lotta people are concerned with the fact
2454 that, you know, we're painting on the water tank and not addressing the water, but we
2455 absolutely are. We're, we're currently investing into our infrastructure and we're
2456 beginning ITN and the discussions about bringing in the water plant.

2457 So, our discussion about moving forward, I believe Mr. Evans needs some
2458 direction, and I would be in support of moving forward with the names recommended,
2459 with the intent of continuing to grow the mural around the water tank, and make it a, a
2460 living body representation of the City. Something that can honor all of the, the people of
2461 our community, be very diverse but starting with what the intent was that the Mayor
2462 brought to the table.

2463 So, I'm, I'm not sure if we need a motion, Mr. Evans, or, or what you're looking for?
2464 A consensus? But I do want us to move forward and, and not continue to just not getting
2465 the project done.

2466 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good. So, actually, what, what motion are you
2467 asking us for, Mr. Evans?

2468 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, Staff would request that the Board select two
2469 names to move forward with the completion of the first [stammer] phase of the art project.

2470 **Councilperson Lawson:** I move we go forward with the recommendation Staff brought
2471 to the table, to move forward with the completion of the first phase of the art project.

2472 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

2473 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair, I wanted to make a comment.

2474 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2475 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** [Stammer], you know, I'm gonna go ahead and
2476 support the Item, but I do think we need to figure out, you know, what is the criteria for
2477 putting people up there? I know you all did have a few meetings, and, you know..., and
2478 really, that's the only reason why I'm gonna go ahead and support it is because we have
2479 tried to reach out and get the information from people and find out what they wanted. But,

2480 I would like to really see more of a criteria set, you know, when we're selecting whoever
2481 we're gonna put up there. But.., instead of just, you know, [stammer], you know, 'I like
2482 that name,' or, 'I like that person.' We need to have more of a defined criteria for selecting
2483 people, so that we can properly explain why we have that person up there.

2484 Thank you.

2485 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

2486 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?

2487 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2488 **Councilperson Botel:** I, I can't support for that same reason because I don't think
2489 we have identified. You say we want this to represent our community. It doesn't really
2490 represent our community. And, as much as I love Michelle Obama, I mean, I think she's
2491 fabulous but if you're gonna say these are Civil Rights icons, she's not a ci'.., you know,
2492 I don't think that you have identified the criteria. You know, what, what, what makes it
2493 that that person is gonna be up there on that water tower?

2494 So, I'm.., I won't say any more about it. I'm just not, not gonna vote for it.

2495 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good. Madam Clerk.

2496 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2497 **Councilperson McCoy::** Yes.

2498 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?

2499 **Councilperson Botel:** No.

2500 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

2501 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

2502 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

2503 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2504 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

2505 **Chairperson Lanier:** No.

2506 **City Clerk Anthony:** That motion is approved.

2507 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Next Item.

2508 **13. City Clerk Anthony:** The next Item is Item No. 13, which is:

2509 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 124-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE**
2510 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**

2511 **FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A NAMING AND RENAMING POLICY FOR STREETS, CITY**
2512 **BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES (OR COMPONENT THEREOF), AND CERTAIN CITY**
2513 **REAL OR TANGIBLE PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND**
2514 **OTHER PURPOSES.**

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2516 **CLARENCE SIRMONS, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, 561-845-4060**

2517 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have public
2518 comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is
2519 now closed.

2520 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr. Sirmons... Mr. Evans.

2521 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, this Item is to get
2522 comments and perspective from the Board related to the facilities and street renaming
2523 policy. There's been multiple iterations that have come to the Board for discussion. And,
2524 the reason the Item was pulled was to get final remarks and comments from the Board
2525 so we can bring back the policy that encapsulates the desired outcome from the Board.

2526 So, at this time, I'm going to ask that the Director of Development Services, Mr.
2527 Clarence Simons, make this presentation.

2528 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Mr. Sirmons.

2529 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Good evening again, Madam Chair,
2530 Members of the Council, Mr. Manager and Madam Attorney.

2531 I am before you to present the changes to the policy on street renaming, based on
2532 feedback that Staff has received over the past conversations we've had related to this.
2533 So, while the presentation is being brought up, I can start by saying that since the last
2534 time that we met, Staff took into account the feedback received, and also reformatted the
2535 Resolution so that it is a more user friendly document for residents reading it, ;as well as
2536 City Staff to understand more clearly what's being proposed in it and that the previous
2537 document had some ambiguity in the.., in terms of the formatting. But the, the content is
2538 largely intact from the previous.., or, the current policy.

2539 So, to start with just the background, Staff was directed to update and amend the
2540 current policy which was adopted on December 15, 2010. The proposed policy updated..,
2541 update was presented to Council on December 16, 2020, February 17, 2021, and April 7,
2542 2021 and, of course, today.

2543 In the previous discussions, additional direction was provided to Staff and that
2544 direction included providing a Fee Schedule for the costs, and more details on paying for
2545 these proposed street renamings; a, a more specific process for street renaming; a more
2546 citizen driven process for street renaming; a more objective criteria on evaluating
2547 honorees for street renaming, especially as it relates to exceptional persons or
2548 exceptional circumstances. The directive was given that the City wants to avoid pervasive

2549 street renaming, resulting in a City where every single street has a commemorative name
2550 at the top of it. And finally, Staff was directed to incorporate City buildings and facilities
2551 into the policy.

2552 So, given that, I will begin the presentation discussing the proposed policy from
2553 the aspect of street renaming, which would be ha'.., continued to be handled by the
2554 Development Services Department. And after me, Director Blankenship will speak to the
2555 portion of the policy that discusses renaming City buildings and other minor facilities.

2556 Again, this is the matrix of the, the research Staff conducted on other municipalities
2557 and how they handle this process. And this table here highlights the changes that have
2558 been made between the existing policy and the proposal. I'm gonna highlight those.

2559 So, Guideline 1, the individual must have achieved... And again, this is related to
2560 commemorative street renaming. This policy also covers renaming of new streets. What
2561 happens during the development process when streets are extended and things of that
2562 nature, but this relates to when someone applies to give a commemorative name to the
2563 street, which doesn't change the hard address or the postal address of the street.

2564 But one, the individual must have achieved local or national prominence and have
2565 been deceased for no less than five years. That's in the current policy. In this proposal.
2566 That's been changed to having been deceased no less than two years.

2567 The second is, a street may be named after a living persons, only if City Council
2568 determines that they have met the criteria for exceptional circumstances. That's in the
2569 current policy. And what's proposed now, we have a more fleshed out criteria that's in
2570 the Attachment 1 in the Resolution that describes the criteria that Staff will evaluate the
2571 application to advise the Board based on multiple questions so that you all can determine
2572 whether you believe that person meets the, the standards for exceptional circumstances
2573 or not.

2574 All street name changes require review and recommendation of the Development
2575 Services Department. That has not changed. Renaming can be initiated by City Council
2576 or citizens. That has not been changed. Rename applications must include a petition
2577 signed by two-thirds of property owners. That has not changed. It is in the existing
2578 Resolution.

2579 The application fee must be paid before the.., before it can be processed and
2580 brought before Council. That has not changed. The application fee of \$250, the monetary
2581 value of it has been added. That was not in the previous.., or, the existing policy. The
2582 applicants must pay a \$1,000 deposit for the expenses of renaming the street. That was
2583 not in the current policy, and has been added in this proposal.

2584 And City initiated proposals must include an application. That is new to the
2585 proposed policy.

2586 And now, I will yield to Director Blankenship to discuss the second portion, related
2587 to buildings and facilities.

2588 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Good evening, Council. Richard
2589 Blankenship, Parks & Recreation Director.

2590 Let me start out by saying that presently there is no policy for Parks & Rec buildings
2591 and for, for facilities. So that was the basis of starting with this. In the spirit of the, of the
2592 parks and the, the facility side, follows the same guidelines as the street naming and
2593 renaming.

2594 I think this, this iteration of the policy simplifies and is consistent with the street
2595 naming policy and much more coherent than it may have been before.

2596 With that, I'll answer any questions that, that you may have about the facilities and
2597 parks side of the policy.

2598 **Chairperson Lanier:** Are there any questions from the Board in regards to this
2599 Item?

2600 Before we get started, Mr. Evans, what is the [inaudible]? We'll go ahead with the
2601 comments for .., from the Board. Anyone wants to address this issue?

2602 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yeah. Madam Chair?

2603 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

2604 **Councilperson Lawson:** There was a section 5(c)(2) that addressed street section
2605 renaming. I was trying to get the appetite of the colleagues in regards to if we would want
2606 to possibly change that to just sections of streets, where we're adding on the additional,
2607 or the recommended name for that.., the honoree for that rea? 'Cause there's certain
2608 streets that stretch large blocks of our community. And maybe we may wanna cut that
2609 down to where we can actually do portions.

2610 In conversations with Mr. Sher'.., Sirmons, he said for, for consistency and for
2611 safety, we wanted to try to name the entire street, but I know that there may be different
2612 parts of the City where, where one area of Monroe Heights may have a different honoree
2613 than a area in Park Manor. So, I wanted to see what the thoughts of my colleagues were
2614 in reference to the portions...

2615 **Chairperson Lanier:** What...

2616 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...and sections...

2617 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...what, what item? What number?

2618 **Councilperson Lawson:** It is 'b', 'c', No. 5(b)...

2619 **Chairperson Lanier:** 'B'.

2620 **Councilperson Lawson:** Roman numeral 5, number.., letter 'c'...

2621 **Chairperson Lanier:** Oh, I see.

2622 **Councilperson Lawson:** Section 2. So, in the section, the, the policy states that it's
2623 gonna be for the entire length of the street and not for short segments of the street. So
2624 there may be areas that may have different individuals that wanna be honored for the
2625 same street in the communities, for future reference. That was one of my first concerns,
2626 Madam Chair.

2627 And just, also, if my colleagues want to chime in, they can. But that was one...

2628 **Councilperson McCoy:** I do.

2629 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...of my concerns with this.

2630 **Councilperson McCoy:** I do.

2631 **Councilperson Lawson:** And then the... Go ahead.

2632 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

2633 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair.

2634 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, sir.

2635 **Councilperson McCoy:** Councilman Lawson, I think that's a good idea but not so
2636 much, because we've already started. And if we look at just West 28th Street, that goes
2637 all the way over to Lake Shore. I think you know what Lake Shore is. And it stretches all
2638 the way west to National Village. It covers east of Broadway, it covers the Park Manor
2639 neighborhood, it covers The Acre Home, the Estates neighborhood, nearby Lindsey
2640 Davis. And it goes all the way into National Village.

2641 And I think what you're proposing, we would have to go back and undo what's
2642 already been done. Or, you know, then we create this hodgepodge that I think, you know,
2643 for directional purposes, you wouldn't know, you know, unless you focus in and zero in
2644 on the actual numerical portion, where one ends and the other begins. But.., and, I think
2645 that provides more confusion.

2646 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Madam...

2647 **Councilperson McCoy:** But...

2648 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...Chair?

2649 **Chairperson Lanier:** Are you finished, sir?

2650 **Councilperson McCoy:** No. I still got [inaudible].

2651 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** No. I just wanted to respond to what, what he...

2652 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm done...

2653 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...was saying on that part.

2654 **Councilperson McCoy:** I'm done.

2655 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Go ahead, ma'am.

2656 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I., I mean, I understand what you're saying but
 2657 they changed courses some time ago because the..., is it 37th Street, A.C. Evans, does
 2658 not go east over the track.

2659 **Councilperson Lawson:** Right.

2660 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** And that was in the old group of street names. I
 2661 think also, the one in Federal Gardens on, is it 'T', 'U' [stammer]? 'T', 'U'? The Cla'..,
 2662 What's his... I forget his last name.

2663 **Chairperson Lanier:** Right.

2664 **Councilperson McCoy:** Dixon. Dixon.

2665 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Dixon.

2666 **Chairperson Lanier:** Dixon.

2667 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yeah.

2668 **Chairperson Lanier:** Right.

2669 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** So, that is just within Federal Gardens. And
 2670 then, all of a sudden, with the..., I believe that last batch that was done, which is...

2671 **Councilperson McCoy:** Leroy Parrish.

2672 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Parrish and...

2673 **Councilperson McCoy:** Alexander.

2674 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. That, that, that group is when it went
 2675 across the railroad tracks and we had never done that before. And I, you know, couldn't
 2676 understand why we did that because, on the other side of the tracks, no one really, you
 2677 know..., I mean, the churches are on the, the west side of the tracks and so people kinda
 2678 understood it in that area. But, on the other side of the tracks, I do not believe that was
 2679 the expectation for it, to go across the tracks.

2680 So, it changed courses. It was an issue, just in that general area, then all of a
 2681 sudden, with that new batch, it went across the railroad tracks.

2682 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well...

2683 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** And, I mean, I., my house was on one of those
 2684 streets and I was a little surprised that it was on there because that was not my
 2685 understanding. [Inaudible...]

2686 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, wait. I'm sorry.

2687 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...happened to...

2688 **Councilperson McCoy:** That was not...

2689 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...be on the...

2690 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...your what?

2691 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** That was not my understanding that it was
2692 coming across the tracks.

2693 **Chairperson Lanier:** So, what happens if.., I mean, applying your concern, Mr.
2694 Lawson, I'm on 13th Street, and my street goes from my house all the way to..., across
2695 Congress. But then it also goes all the way to here. So, what you would.., you would
2696 limit it to just Federal Garden and not go passed Public Works? Not go across Australian?
2697 Not go across the track? Not... That's how it would go?

2698 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I don't know how it will go now, but A.C. Evans
2699 only goes to Obama Highway and to maybe S Avenue. I don't know if it goes...

2700 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yeah. To S Avenue.

2701 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. So, it doesn't come across the track. It
2702 doesn't.., it's not in Park Manor...

2703 **Councilperson Lawson:** Right.

2704 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...going over to Broadway.

2705 **Chairperson Lanier:** Right.

2706 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** But the others are, the Parrish and all of the
2707 other two, I think that.., and R.., and, and R J Henley, I don't know.., is there R Avenue
2708 over in Federal Garden?

2709 **Chairperson Lanier:** No.

2710 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, R Avenue is actually where the Public Safety street is, and
2711 that actually crosses...

2712 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** And that's...

2713 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Blue Heron.

2714 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...that's not R J Henley, is it?

2715 **Councilperson McCoy:** It's not?

2716 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. So, I mean, that's what I'm saying. That
2717 old group, it was just in that general area, and then this last bunch just took the whole
2718 street.

2719 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well...

2720 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** And I don't know, maybe if someone from Public
2721 Works could explain how that changed, or why that started happening. 'Cause that was
2722 not the way it was going before.

2723 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, I..., my only thing is, you know, whatever it is, it has to be
2724 uniform. And I don't want us to do..., [stammer] this has gotten outta control. So, if you
2725 wanna cut it off to just being a block, and go back and redo those others, then that's fine.
2726 But, whatever it is, it should be uniform because now we're going to essentially propose
2727 a policy, right? And let's just take, for instance, if we take this policy as presented, and
2728 we take the same example, Councilwoman Miller-Anderson just offered p, and then
2729 essentially, we would need to then extend from the west side..., I'm sorry, from the east
2730 side of the railroad tracks, all the way over to Broadway and beyond, if goes beyond.
2731 And, do we really wanna do that?

2732 **Chairperson Lanier:** Well, I mean, that's, that's, that's the example I gave. If you
2733 do 13th Street, you would have to go...

2734 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yeah.

2735 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...all the way across Australian, all the way across Barack
2736 Obama Highway, all the way across Broadway to here. So, is that what would be
2737 proposed? If not, then we would have to have, as you say, a uniform policy. Whichever
2738 way it may go.

2739 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair? I have a ques'...

2740 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2741 **Councilperson Botel:** ...a question about how people actually use these street
2742 names? I mean, if you live on A.C. Evans, let's say you're number 100, whatever that
2743 street is... What is it? 28th? Twenty...

2744 **Councilperson McCoy:** 37th.

2745 **Councilperson Botel:** 37th. Do you, do you use the A.C. Evans as your legal
2746 address or do you use 37th Street? Is the A.C. Evans part of it just an honorary, you
2747 know, designation that people don't actually use? Or, do people actually use it as their
2748 address?

2749 **Chairperson Lanier:** That's a question, Mr...

2750 **Councilperson McCoy:** I've seen it both ways.

2751 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Yes, Madam Chair. The honorary
2752 street names are meant to just that, just honor a person. They, they don't change the
2753 hard addresses of anyone on the street. Now, affectionately, people or, or may..., in in
2754 action, people may begin to refer to the street by that name. And I believe that's why that
2755 portion of the, the policy is in there so that there is consistency along the streets, so that
2756 one portion doesn't have this many people refer to it by the honorary name, and the other
2757 portion doesn't have that honorary name, and creating confusion.

2758 But, I, I think in most cases, people do tend to still utilize the hard street name or
2759 number.

2760 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

2761 **Councilperson Botel:** So now... Just let me... So, in that case, it might not matter,
2762 one way or the other if, if one segment of that street is named after someone and the rest
2763 of the street has the hard, hard number.

2764 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** It, it.., technically, for addressing in the
2765 postal services, it...

2766 **Councilperson Botel:** It doesn't matter.

2767 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...would not matter. It could only
2768 potentially create confusion, verbally, if someone is referring to...

2769 **Councilperson Botel:** Right.

2770 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...the unofficial name.

2771 **Councilperson Botel:** Thanks.

2772 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Mhmm.

2773 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

2774 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Yes. Go ahead.

2775 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** But I think with President Barack Obama, if I'm
2776 not mistaken, that is the only one that really has a.., an official change, where the road..,
2777 it was, it was changed on record.

2778 **Councilperson McCoy:** MLLK as well.

2779 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** And, I mean, yeah. MLK, but those other
2780 honorary names, those are not. They're basically just up there. They're not changing the
2781 name. The.., T Avenue is still T Avenue. And so is 28th Street. So, most.., I don't use
2782 Parrish Avenue, Street, whatever it's called. I don't know. I mean, I don't know how it's
2783 technically named, but I still use 28th Street.

2784 So, I, I, you know, my thing about this is, I really wish we would look at how we can
2785 honor people in a variety of ways. I mean, is street naming the only thing that we're going
2786 to be trying to do? Bec'.., and especially, if we start doing just the sections, we could
2787 have...

2788 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yep.

2789 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...a thousand and one people names on all of
2790 these streets, if we start doing it by block. And, [stammer], it would just, to me, it, it seems
2791 to be.., gonna get outta hand.

2792 **Councilperson McCoy:** I make a second. So, is that to repeal all of them?

2793 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I'm...

2794 **Councilperson McCoy:** Did I hear you say that?

2795 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I'm..., hey, I'm...

2796 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

2797 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I'm fine with that.

2798 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well...

2799 **Chairperson Lanier:** Well, I mean, I, I...

2800 **Councilperson McCoy:** It...

2801 **Chairperson Lanier:** I mean...

2802 **Councilperson McCoy:** But did you hear what...

2803 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...there's, there's nothing, there's nothing wrong with
 2804 having a policy, but if, if we wanna just say, 'Just take them all out,' then I have no problem
 2805 with that as well.

2806 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, [stammer]... Madam Chair?

2807 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

2808 **Councilperson McCoy:** Just...

2809 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead, sir.

2810 **Councilperson McCoy:** Let me tell you something. The time is now.

2811 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

2812 **Councilperson McCoy:** If we don't fix it, it'll never...

2813 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yeah.

2814 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...get fixed.

2815 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yeah. You're right.

2816 **Councilperson McCoy:** And, you know what? I don't... You know what? I like your
 2817 uncle, your cousin did great work, but, listen, we have to think about what's best for the
 2818 City. And you're right. I imagine we oughta get elected and get a street named after us,
 2819 if that's the case. Then..., I mean, but nobody really wants to get into this whole thing
 2820 about, you know, we have to determine because, undoubtedly, right? The neighbor
 2821 across the street from that person who lives there, doesn't always think highly of that
 2822 person. So, now you've creating...

2823 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

2824 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...a, a rift between, you know, excuse me... No'..., nothing
 2825 intended but that Hatfields and the McCoy's.

2826 [Chuckles]

2827 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, you know...

2828 **Chairperson Lanier:** Well, Mr...

2829 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...I...

2830 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr., Mr. McCoy, make a motion.

2831 **Councilperson McCoy:** I [stammer]....

2832 [Inaudible dais comment]

2833 **Councilperson McCoy:** So..., so, let's just have a discussion. So, should we...

2834 [Chuckles]

2835 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...set this to have a sunset date that remove all of the names?
 2836 Because I don't that just taking an official action to just, you know, revert all of those
 2837 names back, but should we talk about or explore the opportunity of moving this towards,
 2838 we are..., May 19th to have it all sunset at the end of the Fiscal Year or something like
 2839 that? And be reverted back? And that's what I wanna hear the dialogue from Members.

2840 **Chairperson Lanier:** My position, Mr. McCoy, and Councilwoman Miller-Anders is,
 2841 I'm amenable either way. If we want to sunset the na'..., street naming policy, because it
 2842 has become a very controversial issue for, not only City employees, but for the Board as
 2843 well. People have been solicited, they have been [pause] harassed [chuckle] to be able
 2844 to get a street named after their person.

2845 And, it, it is a, it is a..., a, a situation where it's kinda become out of hand. And, one
 2846 person says that that should've been named after their family member and another
 2847 person says that that should go to them. And, it becomes this whole thing of who is, you
 2848 know, who gets to the right person. And, it's, it's just really becoming a situation where...,
 2849 it's, it's taking up too much of our time when we have bigger fish to fry here.

2850 So, if we want to look at setting a sunset date for this type of activity, then we can
 2851 do that as well. It is at the pleasure of the Board how we want to proceed with it

2852 I'm taking motions and recommendations at this time.

2853 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

2854 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes, sir.

2855 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I, I'm in favor of offering a motion to sunset this. The current
 2856 names that are being proposed, and I wanna know, do we need to identify the names or
 2857 do we just do all their names with the exception of Obama and... Well, we can't do
 2858 anything with Obama 'cause...

2859 **Chairperson Lanier:** Can't do...

2860 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...it was done by the...

2861 **Chairperson Lanier:** Can't, can't...,

2862 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...county.

2863 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...do anything with it. But with Obama and Martin Luther King,
 2864 it was done through the state, so we can't do anything those.

2865 **Councilperson McCoy:** Right, right. But the..., those that were named, we, we can just
 2866 say the ones that were named by City Council.

2867 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

2868 **Councilperson McCoy:** And then, it'd be hope that, Mr. Evans, we can send out, not
 2869 just one but at least two notices, to everyone that is affected, that lives on those streets,
 2870 that this name will be sunsetting.

2871 Is that ideal, Members and Staff?

2872 **Councilperson Botel:** I'm just wondering how people.. I don't know how I would feel
 2873 if I...

2874 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

2875 **Councilperson Botel:** ...lived on..., and I keep going back to A.C. Evans 'cause I
 2876 have'..., you know, Reverend Evans is a friend. But, I, I keep thinking, what if I lived there
 2877 and really respected this guy, now the Council's gonna say no, you can't live on that str'...,
 2878 no, you can't name that street after him any longer?

2879 I don't know. I'm wondering now, I'm wondering if we should get input from the
 2880 community of people who live on those streets.

2881 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, and that's fine but, you know, we already are dealing
 2882 with the dilemma that one d'..., A.C. Evans doesn't go across the entire City.

2883 **Councilperson Botel:** Yeah. Yeah.

2884 **Councilperson McCoy:** You got some that goes probably at least four miles. Or, three
 2885 miles I would say.

2886 **Councilperson Botel:** Yeah.

2887 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I mean, I, I think if we do it in one whop, then nobody can
2888 come in here and say it was personal. So, we can't get the, you know, the sympathizer
2889 for Reverend so and so to come in and say, 'Well, why did you do my Bishop like that?'
2890 Or whatever.

2891 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle]. Alright. I, I, I think that, [stammer] you see how
2892 we've been going with this? This is a very controversial issues, which means that, as
2893 long as this policy is alive, we're going to have these conversations about who should get
2894 a street, who should this be named after? And I think that it becomes a situation where,
2895 as I said before, we have bigger fish to fry here.

2896 We have new water plants to build, we have new City Halls to build. We have
2897 bigger things to do. And I think spending a whole lot of time on trying to figure out who's
2898 gonna be named on 1st Street, is something that's just..., that, we don't need to be dealing
2899 with that right at this moment.

2900 So, with that being said, Ms. Miller-Anderson, you had a comment you wanted to
2901 make?

2902 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I was just going to say, you know, to Dr. Botel's
2903 point, when you said, you know, at some point, have community input. And, I do believe
2904 that this is something we, we don't need to address at this moment maybe. I, I just...,
2905 there are a number of ways we can probably honor people, but the street names, even if
2906 it's, you know, having pavers. I don't know. Maybe have bricks with..., sim'..., similar to
2907 what you all have over at, at JAYS.

2908 I mean, there are a number of ways we can honor people. And, I think we, over
2909 the years, have just got fixated on street names all the time. But there's, you know, there's
2910 numerous ways I'm sure that we could honor people and just..., in memory of them.

2911 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'd like to make a correction. Someone just text me and said
2912 that A.C. Evans Street has been changed to A.C. Evans. There are actually two blocks.
2913 One is A.C. Evans Street and one is actually West 37th Street.

2914 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** So maybe we can just have someone look into
2915 the, the...

2916 **Councilperson Botel:** Yeah.

2917 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...the changes, see whether or not those
2918 changes were actually done on the books. So we know what we're doing with.

2919 **Chairperson Lanier:** Right.

2920 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair?

2921 **Councilperson Botel:** And I... Madam Chair?

2922 **Chairperson Lanier:** Let me let Mr. Evans have a...

2923 **Councilperson Botel:** Yeah, yeah. Go ahead.

2924 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...conversation then we'll, we'll come back to...

2925 **Councilperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

2926 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...you, Dr. Botel.

2927 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may? One of the communities that I used
 2928 to work for had a similar challenge with regards to this particular issue. And, what they
 2929 did, in lieu of renaming some of the streets, they create a, a public art project hat
 2930 commemorated the names of the individuals and it was considered, you know, a, a piece
 2931 in a park that actually recognized folks for their contributions.

2932 So, there's, there's other ways to do it. It could be something that you do as a park
 2933 piece. I've also seen situations where they've created, quote unquote, a Hall of Fame,
 2934 or, or persons that have been recognized. The other thing we also thought about is the
 2935 bottom half of the water tank, we've had the discussions internally, maybe that's an
 2936 opportunity to recognize our local heroes and folks that have made contributions, and the
 2937 bottom half of the tank be painted in the likeness of persons within our community.

2938 So, there, there's a multitude of ideas, in the event that the Board wants to find
 2939 another mechanism to commemorate the service that some of the folks that have been
 2940 recognized by a street naming, to do something different, in lieu of the existing policy or
 2941 the discussion that we're having.

2942 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

2943 **Councilperson Botel:** I, I just had a quick question about buildings. We haven't
 2944 talked about those, and I wondered when we eventually build a new City Hall Complex,
 2945 will the [stammer] will the Bobby Brooks Government Center, will that name go away?
 2946 Or will that name carry over to the Government Center?

2947 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr. Evans, [inaudible].

2948 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair? That's a, that's a policy decision for the, the
 2949 Board at the time that we move forward with the project, if they want to carry the name
 2950 over. So that would be something that will be part of the discussions that we would have.

2951 **Councilperson McCoy:** But.., but then... And essentially, that would then fall up under
 2952 the new policy. So...

2953 **Councilperson Botel:** Yeah. That's what...

2954 **City Manager Evans:** Assuming...

2955 **Councilperson Botel:** ...I was getting at.

2956 **City Manager Evans:** ...that the policy is adopted.

2957 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

2958 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, well...

2959 **City Manager Evans:** Yeah.

2960 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...we have to do something. We have to act.

2961 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** [Stammer]...

2962 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

2963 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Officially or unofficially. We said we're not
 2964 putting anything.., do anything right now until we figure this out. So...

2965 **Chairperson Lanier:** Right.

2966 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...we don't have to worry about anyone
 2967 coming before us trying to put a street name in. Right? 'Case...

2968 **Chairperson Lanier:** And, and...

2969 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...we, we said we're not doing that until we
 2970 figure this out.

2971 **Chairperson Lanier:** I agree. And what we can do is this. If we want to impose a
 2972 moratorium on this until we can figure this out. Because clearly, this is an issue that we
 2973 don't want to be able... The, the existing streets, and people who have fought hard to
 2974 have their names [stammer], you know people recognizing their names are on these
 2975 streets, may want them to stay. We have a situation where we're trying to get a policy in
 2976 place that, number one, you can't please everyone but we definitely want to make sure
 2977 that what is existing, we can deal with that as well.

2978 But we wanna be able to move this forward and we have to make a decision on it.
 2979 But I propose that we do a moratorium on naming streets or buildings at this time until
 2980 we, as a Board, can figure this out. And this may need to be an issue that we can
 2981 workshop. Because what's happening is that we need to have community input, we need
 2982 to be able to have information brought in to us from Staff.

2983 So, I think that, given tonight, we're not going to solve it tonight, but we do need to
 2984 solve it. This is something that we need to flesh out, to be able to have a policy that will
 2985 stand the test of time, and that we can move forward in confidence and know that
 2986 whatever we have done is going to be able to be amendable and acceptable to the public
 2987 as well.

2988 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

2989 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

2990 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I do wanna acknowledge the Staff for working
 2991 this. And, you know, I, I do wanna...

2992 **Councilperson Botel:** Yeah. [Chuckle].

2993 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...apologize on my behalf anyway. We're, you
2994 know, I know you all put a lotta work into this but, you know, this is almost becoming
2995 bigger than [stammer] this, I mean, the, the lobbying that's done behind the scenes
2996 because of this policy is, is great.

2997 And, I just.., this.., and, and you will.., if you go back some years, you will see that
2998 I've always kinda had some thoughts about this because it just becomes a popularity
2999 contest. And I just feel that this.., we, we.., like Ms. Lanier just said, we have so many
3000 important things that we need to really be addressing and look at how much time we spent
3001 on this tonight.

3002 So, although I know you all have been working on this, I just don't.., I'm, I'm...,, I
3003 think we need to really just pump the brakes and figure this out before we go moving
3004 forward with anything.

3005 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?

3006 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

3007 **Councilperson Botel:** And if I could just piggyback on that. I think at our next
3008 conversation about this, we really do need to have a better understanding of how many
3009 of the streets go all the way across, how many are just in one neighborhood? Are some
3010 of them just one or two blocks? I, I don't know that.

3011 So, it would be good if we knew that I think.

3012 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good. Can I get a motion to put a six month
3013 moratorium on naming buildings or streets?

3014 **Councilperson Botel:** So moved.

3015 **Chairperson Lanier:** So we can figure out how we can move forward with this Item
3016 that, not only works with the Staff and the Board, but to certainly have the public involved.

3017 **Councilperson Botel:** So...

3018 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...with this decision.

3019 **Councilperson Botel:** So moved.

3020 **Chairperson Lanier:** I can't make a motion, I'm just asking for one.

3021 **Councilperson Botel:** I, I just made it.

3022 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay.

3023 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I'll second that. I mean, do we even need a
3024 moratorium? I mean just...

3025 **Chairperson Lanier:** I mean, we're gonna...

3026 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** We don't really need one.

3027 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...gonna keep having... We're gonna have to.., if it's on the
3028 Agenda, we're gonna have to, we're gonna have to address it at some point, unless we...

3029 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** What I'm saying, we don't...

3030 **Councilperson Lawson:** Ma'...

3031 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...have to have a moratorium.

3032 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam...

3033 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** We just won't do it, that's all.

3034 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

3035 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam...

3036 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** But, I second it,. I did.

3037 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good. Mr. Evans.

3038 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, I did get some
3039 communications from our Fire Chief and he said that the names on the street do pose a
3040 challenges for some of our new firefighters that are still learning the community. 'Cause
3041 somebody says, 'I live on A.C. Avenue,' and, you know, they're still trying to find it and it
3042 doesn't populate in Google and those things.

3043 So, when we do have that discussion, I will include Public Safety into as well, so
3044 it's a more robust conversation about it.

3045 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yeah. Madam Chair? Then Uber drivers, that may be difficult
3046 for them when they wanna go and pick somebody up or deliver food. So, I think we should
3047 consider that as well.

3048 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair?

3049 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes, sir.

3050 **Councilperson Lawson:** I, I...

3051 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes, sir.

3052 **Councilperson Lawson:** ...I don't think we should do a moratorium, we should just
3053 kinda put this Item out. Ask Mr. Evans to give us a few months to bring this back. Give
3054 us some time to dissect and have some workshops to discuss it. 'Cause even the policy,
3055 and looking at it now, I think we need to just separate the, the policy of street naming and
3056 the building naming. I think those are gonna be individual policies 'cause they're, they're
3057 very different in nature, where we can vote., look at possible sponsors for buildings. We
3058 can be honoring individuals from the community, for the buildings versus individuals from

3059 the community wanting to have streets named after them, that they, you know, played an
3060 important role too.

3061 So, also looking at the possibility of separating the policies. So, if we could possibly
3062 not put a moratorium, but just give it a few months to come back.

3063 **Chairperson Lanier:** That is up to the Board. Because what is happening is that it
3064 has to be addressed regardless.

3065 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, Madam Chair?

3066 **Chairperson Lanier:** We, we have allowed..., we have asked the Staff, who have
3067 put a lot of time into this and we just need to address it.

3068 Yes, sir.

3069 **Councilperson McCoy:** Members.

3070 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

3071 **Councilperson McCoy:** Members, ;respectfully, this is the fourth time that we've talked
3072 about this. So, I don't know what we're coming to do. Other than talk more about it. But,
3073 I think we all can agree, and if it's not that we can agree, even from our Fire Chief, that it
3074 can..., it creates confusion.

3075 And more importantly, I think we should all know that we have to be uniform in
3076 whatever we do. And, the problem isn't gonna fix itself. So, I, you know, ii appreciate us
3077 not..., or wanting to enact a moratorium but, you know, I wanna sunset it. And, you know,
3078 give it to the end of the Fiscal Year, September 30th, and then make sure we send out
3079 ample notice. But we have to fix it.

3080 Because you can't..., I mean even from the Public Safety standpoint. Oh my gosh,
3081 can we imagine if this creates a problem for, for first responders and they can't get there
3082 in time? And... I mean, this just, to me, seems like a no brainer, that we have to take
3083 action. And, I know it's gonna hurt some folks feelings but, you know, I'm not here to, you
3084 know, I'm not here to appease anybody's, you know, ego, but I wanna do the right thing.
3085 And think it's quite apparent, just from the discussion that we have to be uniform. And
3086 we can't create more confusion.

3087 So, if nothing, I, I reserve it back and I wanna see if I can make a motion to sunset.

3088 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Stammer]...

3089 **Chairperson Lanier:** Well, there is a motion on the floor. And, you know, you can
3090 always come back with your motion as well, sir.

3091 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chari?

3092 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

3093 **Councilperson Lawson:** Just a response to that. I know with this comment, sunsetting
3094 or a moratorium, that addresses the street renaming, especially with comments from the
3095 Chief. But also, we have in the policy, the building naming as well. And we haven't even
3096 addressed the building naming.

3097 So, that's a concern if we do sunset the, the streets, are we also sunsetting building
3098 namings? Are we not going to name any of our future buildings that's coming to the table?
3099 What is gonna be the plan? So, I think this does need some more discussion in regards
3100 to..., before we make any motion or action.

3101 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Madam Chair?

3102 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes, sir,.

3103 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** I, I would like to add that the [stammer]
3104 for consideration of the conversation of sunsetting, that the current policy does govern
3105 the naming of new streets. So, if a new subdivision or development is proposed, this
3106 policy is what guides how that is to happen. So if it was sunsetted, I would just wanna
3107 make that it only applies to the portion related to honorary street renaming.

3108 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Are there any other questions in regards to this
3109 Item?

3110 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

3111 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

3112 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** So, my, my support in, in holding off on it
3113 includes the naming of the buildings too. Be'..., not just the street naming. And we say
3114 naming of the buildings, we're talking about, not the..., Mr. Sirmons, you're not talking
3115 about for the developments, we're talking honoring people with the buildings? Is that...

3116 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Correct. The, the bulk of the
3117 conversation is related to honoring people through the naming...

3118 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Right. That's...

3119 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...of buildings or naming of, of streets.
3120 But, aside from that, the existing policy does govern the...

3121 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** The [inaudible]...

3122 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** ...the hard..., or postal addresses as
3123 well.

3124 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Mhmm.

3125 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** [Stammer] we wanna make sure we're
3126 making that distinction if we want to sunset or invalidate any parts of the existing policy.

3127 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Yeah. I, I mean, I, I gave the second, but
3128 I, I don't know that we need to have a moratorium to stop it because it has to come before
3129 us anyway. And, if we're kinda having a conversation that we wanna have the community
3130 input, and we want to figure this out before we move forward on doing any, I think that's
3131 pretty [stammer], that's almost like a consensus.

3132 So, I don't, I don't know that we really...

3133 **Chairperson Lanier:** Well...

3134 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...need a moratorium...

3135 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yeah. I, I only, I only offered the moratorium so that we won't
3136 do.., we won't take any action until we do come to a con'.., concession on this.

3137 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** We always have a no. So.

3138 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yeah. Well, exactly.

3139 So, do we wanna proceed with this vote or do we...

3140 **Councilperson Botel:** I, I...

3141 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...want to just have a consensus on...

3142 **Councilperson Botel:** I can withdraw that motion and we'll just say that we'll take it
3143 up at a, at a later, at a later time.

3144 **Unk.:** Okay.

3145 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** And I...

3146 **Councilperson Botel:** I, I wanna comment on, you know, Mr. Evans made a, made
3147 a remark about the possibility of putting something on the water tower. I mean, and, and
3148 I don't know, somebody might've said, 'pavers'. Maybe when we do the new City Hall
3149 Complex, we can honor people by putting pavers in with names on it, so it doesn't get
3150 involved with the streets. I agree that the.., the naming of the streets can be so confusing
3151 for first responders. And, it would be really good if we could get rid of all of them. But
3152 still, honor the people whose names are being taken off the streets by putting them on a
3153 paver in the City Hall Complex. And, at least that way, they'd be, they'd be honored and
3154 we could continue to do that. So.

3155 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

3156 **Councilperson Botel:** I mean... We might, we might wanna even take a little bit
3157 more time to remove them from the streets, give it a, you know, a year's time or however,
3158 a couple years, so that people get used to the fact that it's no longer.., I keep coming back
3159 to A.C. Evans but, no longer A.C. Evans but 37th Street.

3160 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good. So, we have the motion taken back and
3161 the second taken back. So, how are we going to proceed now? Members?

3162 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** They can get with us and..., we can get with them
 3163 and let them know when we wanna bring it back, or you can..., we can have another
 3164 discussion at one of our meetings, just to say when we want to..., want it to bring back...,
 3165 when we want to bring it back.

3166 **Chairperson Lanier:** So you...

3167 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** And the...

3168 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...wanna table it?

3169 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...community...

3170 **Chairperson Lanier:** Then we can always take it off the table?

3171 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yeah.

3172 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. So, we can make a motion to table this Item, and
 3173 then we'll bring it back once we've had the discussion with Staff and the community. Can
 3174 I get a motion for that?

3175 **Councilperson Botel:** I make a motion to table.

3176 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

3177 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Madam Clerk.

3178 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?

3179 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

3180 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

3181 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

3182 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?

3183 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

3184 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

3185 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

3186 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

3187 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

3188 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.

3189 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. This Item has been tabled. Next Item, Madam
 3190 Clerk.

3191 **13. City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, the next Item is
3192 a discussion and deliberation Item concerning the proposed Ordinance regarding the
3193 Cone of Silence.

3194 **ORDINANCE NO. 4168 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
3195 **RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE CONE**
3196 **OF SILENCE, AMENDING SECTION 2-166 OF THE RIVIERA BEACH CODE OF**
3197 **ORDINANCES TO RESTRICT COMMUNICATION WITH THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF**
3198 **THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY PERSONNEL AT**
3199 **CERTAIN TIMES DURING A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION;**
3200 **PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND**
3201 **PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3202 **ALTHEA PEMSEL, DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT, 561-845-3480**

3203 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr. Evans. I'm sorry. Can we get a motion to app'... This is
3204 a discussion Item, so...

3205 **City Manager Evans:** Yes.

3206 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...Mr. Evans.

3207 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, if I can have the
3208 Director of Procurement, Ms. Althea Pemsel, make this presentation.

3209 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Ms. Pemsel.

3210 **City Clerk Anthony:** And, Madam Chair, there are no public comment cards on this
3211 Item. The acceptance of public comments on this Item is now closed.

3212 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

3213 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Good evening, Chair Lanier, Mayor Felder, Council,
3214 City Manager, City Attorney. For the record, my name is Althea Pemsel. I'm the Director
3215 of Procurement. And, I'm here today about the proposed revisions to the Cone of Silence
3216 Ordinance. We presented to you on March 3rd for you input and some discussion, the
3217 Ordinance changes we were proposing.

3218 The Cone of Silence is designed to protect the integrity of the Procurement
3219 process. It shields from undue influence prior to the recommendation of contract award.
3220 It's essential purpose is to ensure fair, transparent, ethical and open competition in the
3221 Procurement process while we're securing the best value at the lowest possible expense
3222 for the City overall.

3223 The parties to whom the Cone of Silence is applicable, currently is bidders,
3224 proposers, others, elected official, legislative Staff. Currently, there is no provision for
3225 City Staff.

3226 The commencement. The commencement of the Cone of Silence currently is
3227 when the bid proposals are received. That's why you're receiving notices for the
3228 imposition of the Cone of Silence.

3229 Also, the termination. There will be no changes to the termination because it
3230 terminates upon contract award. One of the other things that we're considering, or is for
3231 your consideration, is the reinstatement of the Cone, if the Council asks the City Mayor...,
3232 City Manager, excuse me, or the Procurement Department to go back out for solicitation.

3233 The prohibited and permitted communications during the Cone of Silence,
3234 currently prohibits communication except for written correspondence. Amendments to
3235 the Cone of Silence, continue to prohib'..., prohibit communication upon the imposition of
3236 the Cone of Silence with some exceptions, for emergencies, or if there's contract
3237 negotiations during public meetings, or for protest hearings, or any dispute resolution,
3238 and for sole source procurements.

3239 The notice for imposing the Cone of Silence, a recommendation for your
3240 consideration, is that it begins at the time the solicitation is issued. Currently, as I said, it
3241 is now begins..., the Cone of Silence begins when the proposals are received. A survey
3242 of our surrounding communities revealed there is a bit of a mixture, but the highest
3243 percentage is for those cities that allow the Cone of Silence to be imposed at the time the
3244 solicitation is issued.

3245 Is there any questions?

3246 **Chairperson Lanier:** Are there any questions in regards to this discussion Item for
3247 Ms. Pemsel? [Pause]. No?

3248 What do you want us to do with this Item, Mr. Evans?

3249 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, we wanted to get any comments and remarks
3250 from the Board, if there is any question, so we can incorporate those in the proposed
3251 language. If not, Staff looks to bring back an Item for your consideration at your next
3252 regular meeting.

3253 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Are there any comments that the Staff..., I'm sorry,
3254 that the Board wants to incorporate into this before it's being brought back to us for a
3255 vote?

3256 **Mayor Felder:** Madam Chair?

3257 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go...

3258 **Mayor Felder:** I have...

3259 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...ahead, sir.

3260 **Mayor Felder:** I have a question.

3261 So, the Mayor is in this Cone of Silence too?

3262 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** In the draft ones...

3263 **Mayor Felder:** Yeah.

3264 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** ...that we're recommending? Yes, sir.

3265 **Mayor Felder:** Okay. And, and this will be the first time?

3266 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** I'm, I'm, I'm not sure I understand...

3267 **Mayor Felder:** Has the Mayor always been a part of the Code., Cone of Silence?

3268 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** Yes. The Cone., it would be in the Ordinance.

3269 **Unk.:** No.

3270 **Councilperson Lawson:** No.

3271 **City Manager Evans:** [Inaudible].

3272 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

3273 **City Manager Evans:** It'd be... The existing...

3274 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'm sorry, Let, let Ms. McBride...

3275 **Procurement Director Pemsel:** In the exist'...

3276 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...address that question, please.

3277 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Excuse me. Madam Chair, may I?

3278 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

3279 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Mr. Mayor, the Mayor and his legislative Staff was not
3280 included. It's not presently included in this provision.

3281 **Mayor Felder:** Okay.

3282 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** All the Council Members and their legislative Staff are
3283 included.

3284 **Mayor Felder:** Okay. So, is the Mayor gonna be added?

3285 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Yes. And, their legislative Staff, consistent with the
3286 other...

3287 **Mayor Felder:** [Stammer]...

3288 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** ...elective officials.

3289 **Mayor Felder:** He doesn't have a vote or..., they don't have a vote [inaudible].

3290 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Absolutely. [Stammer]. I know. It's the idea of being
3291 able to influence. Can I share with you one of the reasons it was added too?

3292 In doing the research too, and who knows how these things come together, if you
3293 look at the county's Ordinance too, dealing with the Cone of Silence, Section 3., 2-355,
3294 it does provide that a Mayor, or Chief Executive Officer, that is not a member of a local
3295 governing body, would be included.

3296 **Unk.:** Okay.

3297 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Within that Cone of Silence. And I think that keeps
3298 things consistent throughout the county. So, if ever we're faced with it, you and your Staff
3299 would be aware too.

3300 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

3301 Are there any other questions...

3302 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Okay.

3303 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...for Ms. Pemsel or Ms. McBride in regards to this Item.
3304 [Pause]. So, what happens now, Mr. Evans? Once our comments are made, then what
3305 happens?

3306 **City Manager Evans:** We will bring the Item, , as presented, if there's no changes or
3307 modifications from the Board, back for consideration at your next regular meeting.

3308 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Is the Board okay with that, to bring it back to us?

3309 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I'm fine, yes.

3310 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Thank you so much, Ms. Pemsel, Ms. McBride for
3311 your comments. The next Item is discussion...

3312 **Ms. A. Pemsel:** Thank you.

3313 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Thank you.

3314 **DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

3315 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...by the City Manager.

3316 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair. I did wanna take the...

3317 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. And I also., I'm sorry, Mr. Evans. I forgot to ask you,
3318 after our public comment, to address some of the public's comments.

3319 **City Manager Evans:** [Chuckle].

3320 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

3321 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair. That's, that's...

3322 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

3323 **City Manager Evans:** ...exactly what I'm gonna do at this particular moment.

3324 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

3325 **City Manager Evans:** With regards to the request, or the Item related to funding for
3326 Riviera Beach Cares, I, I will do some research with the Finance Director and if that was
3327 an appropriation that was provided for in the budget, we will make sure we get that
3328 resolved in the next two weeks.

3329 With respect to the railroad crossing on 13th Street, we can see if there's any
3330 improvements that can be contemplated, but that's.., a lot of that's FEC property and
3331 there's little things that we can do. I know Ms. Jacobs is working with Staff, when we
3332 talked about a.., the railroad and the railroad crossing creating that quiet zone, and that
3333 closed corridor. So, I think Staff is still doing some additional research with regards to
3334 that but I can have something sent out to the Board to give you an update on that.

3335 With respect to the corner of Broadway and Blue Heron, we are moving forward
3336 on the CRA side with the demolition of 2600 Blue Heron. That's the old bank building on
3337 the corner, and the Board did authorize about \$90,000 in expenditures to improve the
3338 landscape at that particular corridor.

3339 Our intent also, is to move forward very quickly and aggressively to get an ITN
3340 together for the Board to review to look to see if there's opportunities for public private
3341 partnerships and some development that could occur on that particular site.

3342 As it relates to the individual that spoke about the res'.., the fees associated with
3343 backflows and, and the backflow prevention devices. This is something that's not new.
3344 This is something that's been in place for a long time, but we will put together a, a
3345 comprehensive memorandum and share that with the Board, as well as the resident that
3346 requested some information. 'Cause there's a couple of things that we wanna be able to
3347 unpack and provide some clarity with respect to that particular Item.

3348 On the Code Red. I've requested that Staff work with USD Staff. One of the things
3349 that we're going to do, is we have to get the shade file from the Utility District as it relates
3350 to the zones they have. Once we have that information, we can input it in Code Red, and
3351 we can do some geofencing.

3352 But at minimum, what we're going to do for any boil water notices, we will use
3353 some snipe signs and put that on the corner of every street that's affected on both
3354 entrance points, if there is two entrance points on the street. We will canvas the
3355 neighborhood. We will utilize the Code Red system if we do have the shade files. And,
3356 we will make sure that, on our social media platforms, that that is communicated.

3357 So, we'll make sure that we do a better job as it relates to the notifications
3358 concerning any water main breaks.,

3359 The other comment with respect to businesses coming to the City. It is very
3360 common that any business that comes to the City does look to have a conversation with
3361 Administration, but also, the elected officials, just to get an understanding of what their
3362 perspective is and if it's a good fit. So, there's no policy per se, and no entity that I've
3363 ever worked has a policy that prohibits or outlines the communications that selected
3364 officials or Staff have with perspective businesses, or business parties, that are looking
3365 to do business in the City. And actually, when they do have conversations with the elected
3366 officials, in some cases, it's..., they want to hear the vision that the elected official has for
3367 the community and, and see if it's worth the investment..

3368 And a lot of times, elected officials serve as great spokespersons for the
3369 community and attracting a lot of businesses. So, it's not uncommon to see elected
3370 officials, such as the Mayor, go talk to executives from other corporations to see if there's
3371 a potential for coming in the community.

3372 And the last comment, with respect to investment on the west side of the
3373 community, that was referred to on the, on the west side of the tracks. The City has spent
3374 substantial capital recently with the acquisition of the property on the corner of Broadway
3375 & Congress for the new municipal Fire Station. That project's anticipated to be about
3376 \$12MM.

3377 The lights and the intersection will be improved. It is not something that is an issue
3378 or a concern for us, as it relates to Public Safety vehicles being able to respond to the
3379 community. It's actually very common in a lot of major cities that fires stations are located
3380 on major roadway networks. It actually improves some of the response times, and
3381 actually gives us better response times to the western side of our community.

3382 So, there will be some preemptive measures that will be put in place to ensure that
3383 our units can safely be able to exit the Fire Station and return back.

3384 Also, on July 3rd, the City will be opening its new municipal Library, as well as
3385 Reemerging Center. That's at 2129 North Congress Avenue. That expenditure was
3386 about \$3MM in totality to bring that facility to life, which will be the City's first staple, state
3387 of the art facility. So, just in property acquisition alone, and investment, the City has made
3388 well over \$5MM of capital investments. Not to include the \$12MM that will occur once the
3389 Fire Station is constructed.

3390 The City also did move forward with its Urban Farms. So there's actually an Urban
3391 Farm that's at the old site of the Fire station 88.

3392 So, there's a lot of activity that's occurring throughout our community, and some
3393 additional projects that will be coming to the Board for consideration.

3394 Madam Chair, that concludes my remarks as it relates to comments that the
3395 residents made.

3396 I did want to encourage and urge our residents, over the next two to three weeks,
3397 please make it a point, if you haven't received the vaccine to visit our vaccination site.
3398 We offer vaccines on Thursday and Friday. Walk-ups are available. So please make

3399 sure you do that because our, our spots that we have right now is possibly going to look
3400 to close in about the next two weeks, as we're having a situation where the numbers
3401 aren't there. And in some cases, we are having more Staff there running the pod than
3402 people that are getting vaccinated.

3403 So, we're encouraging our residents to please make a push over the next two
3404 weeks to visit our site, if you are looking to the vaccine. We are providing the Moderna
3405 vaccine, so we're gonna probably be doing that for next two weeks and then we're gonna
3406 go and transition into the second shots, and then we may see our pod close.

3407 We are also partnering up with the Healthcare District. There's an event later on
3408 this evening, that I'm sure a lot of the Council Members will talk about Mr. Willie Spence,
3409 but we've partnered up with the Healthcare District, that they're actually gonna have their
3410 mobile bus there the night of the event to provide vaccines for residents.

3411 So, a lot of the things that you're seeing with regards to the vaccine, they're going
3412 to do a lotta pop ups, a lot of events. We're also working with the Office of Councilman
3413 Lawson. There's an event that's going on, on Saturday at Stonybrook or Azure Estates.
3414 We're gonna be doing some onsite vaccination there as well.

3415 So, we are going to transition. If there is opportunities for pop ups, if you're
3416 interested and you would like to work with the City of Riviera Beach, please reach out to
3417 the Office of the City Manager or the Fire Chief, and we can get a pop up vaccination
3418 station at your clubhouse or a park or what have you. We're going to be demobilizing our
3419 operations at Wells and, and looking to bring it to the community.

3420 But certainly, I cannot encourage folks enough to please continue to follow the
3421 guidance and direction provided by the CDC. We also we will putting out additional
3422 guidance as it relates to the wearing of masks and, and what the appropriate practices
3423 are gonna be for the City employees and persons visiting City facilities, working with Legal
3424 to get that out. So that will be coming out as quickly as possible.

3425 And, Madam Chair, that concludes my remarks,.

3426 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.

3427 **DISCUSSION BY THE CITY ATTORNEY**

3428 **Chairperson Lanier:** Any remarks by the City Attorney?

3429 **City Attorney Wynn:** No, thank you, Madam Chair.

3430 **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

3431 **Chairperson Lanier:** Any remarks..., any City Council committee reports at this
3432 time?

3433 **Councilperson Botel:** I just have one or two, Madam Chair.

3434 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

3435 **Councilperson Botel:** I attended the Government Affairs Committee meeting of the
3436 Palm Beach North Chamber. We had a, a presentation by [stammer] Florida
3437 Representative John Snyder of District 82, who reported about the legislative session and
3438 told us about some sales tax holidays that are coming up. One during Freedom Week,
3439 July 1st to July 7th, a Back to School sales tax holiday in August and a disaster
3440 preparedness tax holiday.

3441 And then today, I attended the.., I was appointed to the League of Cities.., as the
3442 League of Cities representative to the Palm Beach County Hunger Relief Advisory
3443 Council. And I have a set of notes from that meeting from today and I'll provide them to
3444 Mr. Evans so that he can share them all of you.

3445 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Thank you. I do have a committee report for the Health
3446 and Human Services Committee, through the City. We are proud to say that we have
3447 finally worked our agreement with the organization considered to [stammer], considered
3448 to be called the Hope Dealers. They are a West Palm Beach organization that is now
3449 going to be Hope Dealers Riviera Beach. We are looking forward to welcome'..,
3450 welcoming them to our City.

3451 Just a little bit of information about Hope Dealers. Now, there are kids that go to
3452 Boys & Girls Clubs, there are kids that go to PAL programs, there are kids that go to
3453 afterschool programs. These are not those kids. These are kids that need an extra
3454 additional in'.., I mean additional support. It has a mental health component to it, it has a
3455 therapy component to it. And, it is a, it is a program that deals with troubled youth that ,
3456 basically, the system has kinda thrown away.

3457 So, we are happy to bring that organization to the City. We worked on it through
3458 our Health & Human Services Committee, and that is that committee report.

3459 **STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

3460 **Chairperson Lanier:** Next person on the.., the next person for a statement
3461 is by the Mayor.

3462 **Mayor Felder:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

3463 Yes. I would like to invite you to come out on Monday, residents, to join us for the
3464 Safe City Coalition. This initiative is directly aimed to developing solutions and building a
3465 strong coalition of individual committed to reducing crime in Riviera Beach. That'll be held
3466 Monday, May 24th, 6:30 p.m. at JAY Ministries.

3467 Also, I would like for you guys to join.., May is Mental Health Awareness and
3468 Trauma Informed Care Month. Tomorrow, May 20th is the day official designated for to
3469 get your green out.., or, Get Your Green On campaign. The Get Your Green On campaign
3470 encourages businesses, government agencies, nonprofits, and community members to
3471 work together to let people know that they are not alone and support is available. In
3472 support of Mental Health Awareness, I'm asking our residents, tomorrow, to join me in
3473 support of this initiative and wear green.

3474 Thank you, Madam Chair.

3475 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir. Next up, Councilwoman Julia Botel.

3476 **Councilperson Botel:** Yeah. My quarterly Singer Island town hall meeting is
3477 scheduled for next Thursday, May 27th at 6:00 o'clock in the Ambassador Center. It's
3478 also gonna be virtual, so my legislative assistant will be putting out information about that,
3479 about how to sign in to that.

3480 We are gonna have a watch party for Willie Spence on Sunday. I think everybody
3481 knows about that...

3482 [Inaudible exclamation]

3483 **Councilperson Botel:** ...by now, but I encourage everybody to come out to
3484 Bicentennial Park, make sure you have your device with you so you can vote, vote, vote,
3485 vote early and often, as they in Chicago. But, in this case, it's legit. You can vote ten
3486 times on your.., on, on this device, ten times... I didn't'.., thirty times in all you can...

3487 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thirty times.

3488 **Councilperson Botel:** ...vote for Willie.

3489 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yeah.

3490 **Councilperson Botel:** So, come on out to Bicentennial Park. My office is still working
3491 with the producers to determine the best to recognize Willie in, in other ways.

3492 And, just a note about the Singer Island Community Garden. We'll be there on
3493 Saturday from 8:30. We need volunteers to mark the bed.., the locations for the bed
3494 posts, and to staple the precut fabric into the beds. These tasks are not physically
3495 challenging, so if you wanna come out and just enjoy time in the sun, God, God willing
3496 it'll be sunny that day, but not too sunny, wanna come out and enjoy the sun with some
3497 friends and neighbors, come on out and help us with that. Oh, I'm sorry. That's Thursday.
3498 Am I right about that? That's Thursday at 8:30.

3499 Saturday, we do need people who have strong backs and arms, because we need
3500 some of those holes dug. And we do have an Aug. So, plenty of work to be done in the
3501 community garden.

3502 [Inaudible comment]

3503 **Councilperson Botel:** Thanks.

3504 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you so much. Councilman McCoy.

3505 **Councilperson McCoy:** Nothing, Madam Chair.

3506 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Councilman Lawson.

3507 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

3508 I just wanted to acknowledge Using Basketball to Better Lives. Lolly Lorenzo
3509 Hutchinson hosted his basketball camp this past weekend at the Tates Gym, Dan
3510 Calloway, and it was an amazing event. All the kids got free basketballs, free food and
3511 mentorship, basketballs skills from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It was an amazing event. And
3512 he's gonna be looking to do this, as opposed to annually, maybe every six months,
3513 because it's something that I wanna make sure that we connect with the local nonprofit
3514 organizations.

3515 As Mr. Evans stated, this Saturday, myself with Youth Rec and the rest of the
3516 Council, will be hosting a, a food drive over... Well, not a food drive, I'm sorry. A activity
3517 at Stonybrook, formerly Stonybrook, Azure Estates, where we'll be doing free food for the
3518 residents, we'll be doing vaccinations, financial literacy program, mental health therapy,
3519 and literally, just a meet and greet with some of the City official Staff, and for the residents
3520 over there. They're making great progress and strides at the Estates now, Azure Estates,
3521 and we wanted to just make sure that we show them we're, we're definitely supportive of,
3522 of everything that's happening over there, and the progress that's finally being made in
3523 Stonybrook.

3524 And, Mr. Evans, the Library, are we gonna have a name for this Library, or are we
3525 just gonna call it the City of Riviera Beach Library?

3526 [Chuckles]

3527 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** City of Riviera Beach Library.

3528 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

3529 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yeah. We..., I'm sure that's what it'll be.

3530 [Chuckles]

3531 **Councilperson Lawson:** And that was my comments, Madam Chair. Thank you.

3532 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

3533 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I..., well, he just brought up the point about the
3534 Library.

3535 **Councilperson Lawson:** [Chuckle].

3536 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Will it be on the 18th? Are we still having
3537 something on that last day of school?

3538 **City Manager Evans:** The, the date has actually been pushed back to July 3rd.

3539 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

3540 **City Manager Evans:** Yeah. So, we pushed it back to July 3rd, 'cause we're still
3541 getting some additional materials in.

3542 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Okay.

3543 Thank you, Madam Chair.

3544 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

3545 And, I have a couple of comments. One of them is, if you..., [inaudible] last week,
3546 we..., at our last meeting, we had this whole grand opening for our community garden.
3547 Well, guess what? There are seedlings out there now. You can see the plants and the
3548 vegetables that are growing. The little seedlings are there which means that, you know,
3549 everything is on schedule. So, I was very excited to see that happening.

3550 Second thing is that, my office and the City of Riviera Beach is working with an
3551 organization called Juneteenth of Palm Beaches, which is going to offer a festival for...,
3552 for free, for the City residents, or Palm Beach County residents, here in the City of Riviera
3553 Beach at Bicentennial Park,. That will be on June 19th, which is Juneteenth.

3554 Second of all, our traffic calming went very well, and we are in the middle of
3555 calculating our results. There..., the survey is still up on the City's website, if you want to
3556 vote, in regards to what we need to have on 13th Street to traffic..., to calm that traffic.

3557 And, that is it.

3558 **ADJOURNMENT**

3559 **Chairperson Lanier:** Meeting's adjourned.

3560 [Gavel]

3561 [End of video]

3562 **City Employees, Public Comment Speakers and Others**

3563 Chief Officer Chris Persaud Chief Information Officer Persaud

3564 Development Services Director Clarence Sirmons
3565 Development Services Director Sirmons

3566 Becker & Poliakoff Jeremy Shir Mr. J. Shir

3567 Assistant City Manager Diedre Jacobs Assistant City Manager Jacobs

3568 Holtz Consultant Stephen Hunter Mr. S. Hunter

3569 Billie Brooks Ms. B. Brooks

3570 Bessie Brown Ms. B. Brown

3571 Marvelous Washington Ms. M. Washington

3572 Willie Milsap Mr. W. Milsap

3573 J.B. Dixon Ms. J.B. Dixon

3574 Mary Brabham Ms. M. Brabham

3575	William Wyly	Mr. W. Wyly
3576	Police Chief Nathan Osgood	Police Chief Osgood
3577	Internal Auditor Elena Georgiev	Internal Auditor Georgiev
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3579	Assistant to the City Manager Marsha Noel	Assistant to the City Manager Noel
3580	Parks & Recreation Director Richard Blankenship	
3581		Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship
3582	Procurement Director Althea Pemsel	Procurement Director Pemsel
3583	Deputy City Manager Elizabeth McBride	Deputy City Manager McBride
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3588	RONNIE L. FELDER	SHIRLEY D. LANIER
3589	MAYOR	CHAIRPERSON
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3594	CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY	KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON
3595	CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK	CHAIR PRO TEM
3596	CITY CLERK	
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3599		TRADRICK MCCOY
3600		COUNCILPERSON
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3609		DOUGLAS A. LAWSON
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3619 **J. BOTEL** _____

3620 **D. LAWSON** _____

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3622 **DATE APPROVED:** JULY 21, 2021

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