

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 7, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT AT MEETING<sup>1</sup>:

MAYOR RONNIE FELDER	MAYOR FELDER
CHAIRPERSON SHIRLY D. LANIER, DISTRICT 3	CHAIRPERSON LANIER
CHAIR PRO TEM KASHAMBA MILLER- ANDERSON DISTRICT 2	
CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON	
COUNCILPERSON TRADRICK MCCOY, DISTRICT 1	COUNCILPERSON MCCOY
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 JULY 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Lanier:** Good afternoon. We will start the Regular City Council Meeting of July 7, 2021.

**ROLL CALL**

**Chairperson Lanier:** Madam Clerk.

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

**Mayor Felder:** Here.

**City Clerk Anthony:** 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? [Pause]. 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 [stammer]?

**City Attorney Wynn:** Here.

**City Clerk Anthony:** Wynn. Sorry about that.

**City Attorney Wynn:** It's okay.

30 **City Clerk Anthony:** Thank you...

31 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

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

33 **INVOCATION**

34 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

35 **Chairperson Lanier:** We will have a moment of silence led by the Pledge of  
36 Allegiance by Councilperson Miller-Anderson.

37 [Moment of silence]

38 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I pledge of allegiance...

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

41 **AGENDA APPROVAL**

42 **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

43 **Chairperson Lanier:** Do we have any additions, deletions, substitutions for the  
44 Agenda or note any of these Items?

45 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair.

46 Staff is asking that Item 5 be removed from the Agenda. That's recognition of Ms.  
47 Vale. She's unable to attend this evening.

48 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay.

49 **DISCLOSURES**

50 **Chairperson Lanier:** Are there any disclosures by the Council in regards to any of  
51 the Items that are listed on the Agenda this evening?

52 [Pause]

53 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

54 **Chairperson Lanier:** Can I get a motion to adopt the Agenda as listed?

55 **Councilperson Botel:** Move to adopt the Agenda as amended.

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

57 **Chairperson Lanier:** Madam Clerk.,

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

59 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

61 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

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

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

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

65 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

66 **CONSENT AGENDA**

67 **Chairperson Lanier:** We are at the Item on our Agenda which is considered the  
68 Consent Agenda.

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

75 **MINUTES**

76 **RESOLUTIONS**

77 **Chairperson Lanier:** Is there anyone that wants to pull an Item from the Consent  
78 Agenda?

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

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

81 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I'd like to pull No. 2, just so the public is aware  
82 of., just giving them an explanation of what we're doing with that.

83 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

84 And I'd like some more information about No. 1. So, both Items. Can I get a motion  
85 to approves the Consent Agenda, which means that there's nothing on it now.

86 [Chuckles]

87 **Councilperson Botel:** So moved.

88 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Madam Clerk.

89 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, there's no need to do a, a...

90 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay.

91 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...motion for...

92 **Chairperson Lanier:** I thought so but...

93 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...the Consent Agenda.

94 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay.

95 **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

96 **1. Chairperson Lanier:** No. 1.

97 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 77-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE**  
 98 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**  
 99 **FLORIDA, ACCEPTING FY 2020-2021 STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT FUNDS**  
 100 **FROM THE STATE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION OF**  
 101 **FLORIDA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,712; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF**  
 102 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR THE**  
 103 **GRANT AWARD; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

104 **RODNEY FREEMAN, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, 561-845-4196**

105 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, there are no public  
 106 comments on this Item. The acceptance of public comments on this Item is now closed.

107 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

108 Mr. Evans.

109 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board...

110 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** We need a motion.

111 **City Manager Evans:** ...I'd ask the Library...

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

113 **City Manager Evans:** ...Services Director, Mr...

114 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'm sorry, Mr. Evans, we need a motion...

115 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Motion that we approve Resolution No. 77-21.

116 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

117 **Councilperson Botel:** Se'...

118 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

119 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, I've asked for the  
120 Library Director, Mr. Rodney Freeman, to make this presentation.

121 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

122 **Library Director Freeman:** Hello. I'm Rodney Freeman, Library Director. I'm  
123 here to answer any questions that you may have.

124 **Chairperson Lanier:** Could you explain to us., it's establishing a budget but where,  
125 where's this money coming from?

126 **Library Director Freeman:** So, this is our regular state aid funding, that we get  
127 every year. We've had., what happened was, last year, we had \$22,000. And, this year,  
128 there was a, a decrease in the...

129 **Chairperson Lanier:** That's the...

130 **Library Director Freeman:** ...funding...

131 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...reason I asked. Why was it decreased?

132 **Library Director Freeman:** So, that is really controlled on a federal level. So, the  
133 IMLS, they get the money. Which, IMLS is the fe'., it's a federal institution that governs  
134 all the state libraries, and then they funnel that to the different state libraries. So, they  
135 had that slash previously, and then they had more money and that's why they..., that's  
136 why we upped to \$16,000.

137 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. Very good. That's the reason why I pulled this, 'cause  
138 I know that last year it was twenty-two.

139 Any other questions in regards to this Item? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

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

141 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

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

143 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

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

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

147 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Item No. 2.

148 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chairperson Lanier, you want..., do you want me to announce  
 149 if call the vote, are you going to announce it?

150 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'm to announce?

151 **City Clerk Anthony:** Yes. You're, you're supposed to announce whether or not an  
 152 Item is approved or disapproved.

153 **Chairperson Lanier:** Oh, I'm sorry. Yes. Item approve five ze'..., 4-0. Yes. I'll do  
 154 that. Thank you.

155 **2. City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NUMBER 66-21 A RESOLUTION OF**  
 156 **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**  
 157 **FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF**  
 158 **UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND THE BOYS AND**  
 159 **GIRLS CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC., ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP**  
 160 **FOR THE EXPANSION AND INTERCONNECTION OF THE AFTERSCHOOL AND**  
 161 **SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN CITY**  
 162 **RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE PROGRAMS; ALLOWING PARTICIPANTS**  
 163 **WHO ARE RESIDENTS FREE ACCESS TO CERTAIN RECREATIONAL**  
 164 **PROGRAMS; FUNDING A CERTAIN NUMBER OF RESIDENT PARTICIPANTS IN**  
 165 **SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS BEGINNING IN 2022; PROVIDING FOR AN**  
 166 **EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

167 **RICHARD BLANKENSHIP, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR, 561-**  
 168 **845-4070**

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

171 **Councilperson Botel:** Move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the  
 172 Boys & [stammer] Boys & Girls Club.

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

174 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

175 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

176 Can we get a presentation?

177 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** No, ma'am. We don't have a formal  
178 presentation. We're just here to discuss with you the bullet points of the MOU and answer  
179 any questions you may have.

180 First of all, I'd like to take..., introduce Steve Cornette, who's the Chief Operating  
181 Officer for Boys & Girls Club, and Ms. Freeman, who's the Director of the Riviera Beach  
182 Branch of the Boys & Girls Club.

183 **Chairperson Lanier:** And you are?

184 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Richard Blankenship, Parks &  
185 Recreation Director.

186 [Chuckles]

187 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** This..., the, the idea for this MOU really  
188 stems from partly from the Master Plan, and partly from, from us just..., Mr. Cornette's  
189 experience and my experience working together in other areas with Boys & Girls Club.  
190 The primary point of this MOU is just gonna reduce, if not eliminate, any duplication  
191 between agencies.

192 Right now, we run an afterschool program and we run a summer program. And  
193 we special events and we do programs, and we do a multitude of things. The Boys &  
194 Girls Club is focused on afterschool and summer and, and that type of, of activity. So, to  
195 have them as a part of our offering for the City is, is..., it benefits everybody.

196 In simple terms, the way this would work is, during certain hours of afterschool or  
197 summer, Boys & Girls Club would occupy either Wells, Tate or both, depending on the  
198 numbers and they will conduct the program. In other areas that I've been, where this joint  
199 agreement has, has functioned, Parks & Recreation may come in at time to time to, to  
200 offer an athletic or a wellness or something like that, but the primary goal is so Boys &  
201 Girls Club can focus on afterschool and summer, Recreation Staff can focus on filling  
202 ballfields and gyms with programs. And the end result would be that we have a greater  
203 offering than we do now than we have had for quite a while.

204 This is a budget friendly MOU for the City as well. The Boys Girls Club and, when  
205 I said it to Steven a few minutes ago, his eyes got kinda big, they got the heavy lift on this  
206 MOU. Conducting a, a afterschool program and a, and a summer camp, while that..., this  
207 is what they do, day in and day out, for the City, that's an agency lift off of our shoulders.  
208 And, the level of service doesn't decrease. And I, I would imagine it's gonna increase.  
209 So, it's a win/win for everybody.

210 There's no impact in, in this agreement. There's no impact on the FTEs. We're  
211 not, we're not reducing fulltime Staff, they can now just focus on doing other things than  
212 having to go pick up kids or having to babysit a group of kids until folks [inaudible] could  
213 actually program. And the bottom line, the end result, is the City gets better service, gets  
214 better opportunities and we meet the demand of the citizens.



215 And now I'll turn it over to Steve for any comments he may have.

216 **Mr. S. Cornette:** You know... Good afternoon. Good evening. Thank you guys. Me  
217 and Ms. Freedman, on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club, just wanna thank you for this  
218 opportunity. I think, in all reality is, when I met with Jonathan and, you know, Members  
219 of, you know, the Cabinet is, what we wanted to be able to identify is what are some of  
220 the needs of the City?

221 We serve all kids in Riviera Beach. You know, we have, right now in the  
222 summertime, you know, we're hitting about two hundred and twenty-five a day, all the  
223 way getting up to about two seventy-five. All those members are Riviera Beach  
224 members..., members of this community.

225 We just wanna make sure that we're adding value. We're not asking for any  
226 handouts, we're not asking to be able to do anything. We're asking everybody to be able  
227 to come to the table and say, 'Hey, how can we help our City kids, the kids that are right  
228 here in Riviera Beach?'

229 And, you know, we have a phenomenal Club Director. But this partnership was  
230 ingrained, you know, when Carl Bowden was the Club Director here. You know, building  
231 relationships is what this City does. And we just wanna add value to the City of Riviera  
232 Beach and making sure that our kids do have a place to go.

233 But also, we're supporting the City in their initiatives, where we're not duplicating,  
234 you know, sports and activities when Well and Tate's, and this City has done sports better  
235 than any other cities in the country, and the athletes that's came outta here. So, we just  
236 wanna make sure that we're adding value. We're able to bring our resources to the City  
237 to say, hey, you know, what if there's a gym that you guys need? If there's a facility that  
238 you guys need in doing an activity or event, we wanna be able to come to the table with  
239 you guys and say, 'Hey, you know, our, our, our facilities are available.' And, being able  
240 to open that up to you guys.

241 So, when we met, at the roundtable, and really bringing in creative and a meeting  
242 of the minds, we just thought it was a great fit that we can be able to build this partnership  
243 into truly something special.

244 And, I wanna give Ms. Freeman an opportunity to talk and then we can open it up  
245 to questions. But, I truly and sincere wanna just thank each and every last one of you  
246 guys.

247 Ms. Freeman.

248 **Ms. L. Freeman:** Good evening.

249 I just wanna say thank you for this opportunity. My name is LaTosha Freeman. I  
250 am the Club Director at the Max Fisher Boys & Girls Club, located right down the street.  
251 I'm born and raised in Riviera Beach, so this is home for me.

252 We are averaging..., he stands to be corrected, two hundred and fifty-five kids, as  
253 a minimum, up to two seventy-five. So, we're actually getting back to a sense of normalcy  
254 since the whole pandemic hit. So, I'm looking for the opportunity to just be able to make  
255 sure that we're providing the services that need to be provided for our children in Riviera  
256 Beach. Especially during the hours of 2:00 to 8:00.

257 And I tell my CO all the time..., my COO that during those times, two hundred and  
258 seventy-five kids aren't standing on the corner. They're not breaking into your homes,  
259 they're not being a product of the murder rate going up because they're inside a safe  
260 place. And the opportunities that they have are phenomenal.

261 Each year, we offer a program called Youth of the Year, and the, the person that  
262 wins, the young person that wins that, that title, is offered a..., is given, I'm sorry, a four  
263 year, prepaid scholarship to go to school. So, we want to make sure that every kid in  
264 Riviera Beach has that opportunity to be a part of the opportu'..., the things that we're  
265 offering at the C'..., Boys & Girls Club.

266 Thank you for this opportunity.

267 **Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship:** Some of the finer points of the MOU  
268 would be things like they would have access to Barracuda Bay to do fundraisers. And  
269 that would be fundraisers for the Club in Riviera Beach, not for, for any other. They would  
270 have access to free swimming lessons for their kids. When I say free, it's the Drowning  
271 Prevention Coalition, which we do a annual agreement with. But, we work with them to,  
272 to get that set and, and make sure that their kids, and, and parents, that wanna get to  
273 swim..., taught how to swim, have that opportunity.

274 The other..., another finer point is, we will, with our Parks crews, mow their facility  
275 whenever it needs it. That puts more money back into their coffers. It doesn't take us  
276 long for a whole crew to go and mow that, compared to them having to pay a, a contractor  
277 to do it. So there, there's..., and it also includes Police Department and, and the Fire  
278 Rescue in this agreement as well.

279 So, it's a well-rounded agreement. You know, it wasn't created in a vacuum. There  
280 was a lot of thought that went into it. So, it's an exciting time for, for us.

281 And, I'll answer any questions that you may have.

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

283 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead. You're recognized.

284 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I don't have any questions about it, I just wanted  
285 to make a comment.

286 I know Ms. Freeman has been there... How long have you been there, Ms.  
287 Freeman?

288 [Inaudible comment]

289 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead. Tell your age.

290 **Ms. L. Freeman:** It's year fifteen for me.

291 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** How many?

292 **Mr. S. Cornette:** Fifteen years.

293 **Ms. L. Freeman:** Fifteen.

294 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Fifteen years. But she's been around much  
295 longer than that. And, you know, my heart is this. I, I love the Boys & Girls Club 'cause  
296 they did a lot for me when my son was younger, and she can attest to that because he  
297 went there from kindergarten to fifth grade. Right at that exact location.

298 And, just having that place for him to go from 2:00 to 8:00 o'clock, I didn't always  
299 make him stay to the end. I felt sometimes that he was there but, you know, it was  
300 available. And so, you know, if we can offer more kids the opportunity to participate, if  
301 we're able to be good neighbors, I'm in full support of the program.

302 And, I look forward us being able to do additional programs too, so that we can get  
303 back to how we used to be. You know, being born and raised here, there were so many  
304 programs. And I know that we can get back to what we had before. And, if we are, are  
305 able to provide some assistance to the Boys & Girls Club while we're helping ourselves  
306 as well, I, I'm in full support of it.

307 So, thank you all so much for the, for the partnership.

308 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

309 Are there any other questions for this group?

310 **Mayor Felder:** Ma'.., Madam Chair? I don't have a question but just...

311 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

312 **Mayor Felder:** Full support. I know Ms. Freeman. I've been to the Club a couple  
313 times. She runs a tight ship, but well organized and, I tell ya, I was just blown away, just  
314 to see what she's doing, so we can offer help to more kids.

315 I definitely support this MOU.

316 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

317 **City Manager Evans:** Ma'...

318 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you guys...

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

320 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...for your presentation. We really appreciate it.

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

322 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

323 **City Manager Evans:** One of the other components I think that's also important  
324 about the relationship, is the wrap around services that the Boys & Girls Club provide.  
325 So, they don't just look at the child in the environment, they actually look to help the  
326 families, whether it's, you know, access to food or job placement. And those are certain  
327 services that we don't have the bandwidth, that they can assist. And so, that was the  
328 thing that really memorialized the importance of having this type of relationship in our  
329 community and making sure we're not duplicating things and focusing on the things that  
330 we do exceptionally well, and the things that they do exceptionally well.

331 So, there are a lot of other programs, and a lot of other offerings. Now, with this  
332 relationship, should the Board approve it, there will be comarketing, cobranding  
333 opportunities where they would utilize our logo, we'll utilize their logo. So it really just  
334 bolsters what we have going on in our community.

335 So, we definitely appreciate the Board's support as we move forward.

336 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Madam Clerk.

337 **City Clerk Anthony:** Lloyd Brown.

338 **Mr. L. Brown:** How ya doin'? I know you knew I was coming up.

339 Anyway, I have a friend... You know, I know the Boys & Girls Club, that's great.  
340 But I have a friend who told that he has some kids, that they have to practice outside of  
341 Tate and whatever. They're not allowed to come in the gym. He can't bring his kids in  
342 the gym. And these are things that are.., he was trying to do. He work with basketball  
343 players in the third grade, I think the fifth grade, and he says the tenth grade. But he says  
344 he's not allowed to go in the gym anymore, in Tate gym. They, they barred him from  
345 there. But he's been working.

346 Okay. Like, I see the Boys & Girls Club, but when I was coming up, there wasn't  
347 no Boys & Girls Club, and we didn't need to go through this because there were people  
348 at the park supervising. They were, like.., I would, I would call them role models. You  
349 know, I didn't.., like, I knew... I had a mother and I had a father. But there's a lotta kids  
350 that only have mothers. But you know what? There were a lot of grown up people at  
351 these parks that we don't have now.

352 I'm, I'm not putting down the Boys & Girls Club. But, I mean, what happened to  
353 those parks? You know, where you had, like, somebody to look up to? You had role  
354 models. You know, when you took all that out, I mean, the Boys & Girls Club, she said

355 two hundred and fifty to whatever. You know? But there are more kids out here than  
356 that.

357 And I'll tell you like this, I see more than two hundred and fifty kids walking around  
358 the street every day. You know, smoking cigars and doing whatever. And like, when I  
359 was coming up, Bo'.., like I said, the Boys & Girls Club wasn't there. My sister, she ran  
360 the park at this time. They had Cedar. And at our park, we had two hundred and fifty  
361 people over there every day. And there wasn't no club, but we had a supervisor.

362 We had Art [sp] Calloway, we had Jose at the gym. And there was a lotta people.  
363 And you know what? The kids who came there, like me, when I came there, I watched  
364 these other individuals who were playing basketball. So, I wanted to do like them. So  
365 now in these parks, you don't have anybody in there. I mean, you, you were saying at  
366 Wells and Tate's or whatever.

367 But, like, Goodmark Park and all them places, you don't have supervision there.  
368 You need to bring it back because for one thing, when you got down to that park and you  
369 started acting stupid, Mr. Calloway gonna say something. And you learned to respect  
370 older people. You didn't have to have a father at home. They were there out at these  
371 parks.

372 So, I mean, I understand the Boys & Girls Club. But like, this one guy, he just  
373 wanna know why he can't bring his people in the gym. He was on the news, I think about  
374 a week ago, where he was talking about these kids. He said they're third grade.  
375 Whatever. Anyway, some kids he got in these basketball teams, but they don't allow him  
376 to come in the gym and practice.

377 And okay. You're saying that it'll help everybody in the community. So.., because  
378 he's not in the City to let.., or, he's not in the Boys & Girls Club, that mean' that those  
379 kids that he got, they're gonna be left out the full, you know, benefits of this situation?

380 [Timer]

381 **Mr. L. Brown:** And... Thank you.

382 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Lloyd.

383 Could you.., Mr. Blankenship, could you speak with him about that? Thank you.

384 Madam Clerk.

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

386 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

388 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

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

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

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

392 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. That is the end of our Consent Agenda.

393 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

394 **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

395 **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

396 **3. Chairperson Lanier:** We have the next Item, which is No. 3. Madam Clerk.

397 **City Clerk Anthony:** **PRESENTATION ON INTERIM BUDGET REPORTS.**

398 **RANDY SHERMAN, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**  
399 **DIRECTOR, 561-845-4040**

400 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, there are no public  
401 comments on this Item. The acceptance of public comments on this Item is now closed.

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

403 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, I would like for Mr.  
404 Sherman, our Finance Director, to make the presentation this evening.

405 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Good evening everyone.  
406 Randy Sherman, City Finance Director.

407 If you recall, back when the HCT was here to present the 2019 audit, they  
408 presented a number of findings. One of the findings was that we should.., that the Finance  
409 Department should presenter interim financial reports to the Council.

410 So this is our first, first one. I probably will be back quarterly with these types of  
411 reports, unless you desire to have them more frequently. The format may change over  
412 time as we learn what you're looking for. But tonight, we'll walk through. You should  
413 have a copy of this in front of you. I left one on, on each station.

414 So, what we have here, this is the general fund year to date revenues for June 30,  
415 2021. And I will tell you, trying to get out June statements for July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, that June  
416 is not fully cooked yet. [Chuckle]. But, you know, we're presenting the, the June  
417 statements. I think, in the future, we probably will come to the second meeting of the  
418 month. So we know that the month is, is closed.

419 Let me just walk you through what's on the slide. We have our revenue categories.  
420 These are the same revenues that you would see in our financial statement. And then

421 here, we have the first set of numbers. That's June of 2021. Next to that is June of 2020.  
422 So you can compare, you know, from year to year. The next column is the 2021 budget.  
423 Then we have the 2021 year to date actual, and then the percentage.

424 So, if you look at.., just across the blue line where it says 101 General Fund. The  
425 reports do total to the top. So at this point, for the General Fund, we have collected  
426 \$71.9MM out of the \$81.9MM budget. Last year at this point, remember, we were in the  
427 middle of a pandemic, through June, we had collected \$70.5MM.

428 Looking on the expense side. Again, we can give you more detail, less detail. You  
429 know, as long as you, you know, just tell us what you're looking for. But again, what we  
430 have here, we have each department, and then each cost center under the department.  
431 Again, it's the columns for the numbers, so you have June compared to June. And then  
432 you have the actual compared to the budget, both for 2020 and 2021.

433 As you see here, there is.., everyone is under a hundred percent. You know, from  
434 June, you should be somewhere, again, around seventy-five percent of your operating  
435 budget.

436 And then, the rest of the General Fund is on Page 3.

437 Now, you may see a cost center within a department may be over a hundred  
438 percent, but their departments are aware of that and they're in the process of making  
439 some line item transfers.

440 On Page 4, what we did is we listed out all of the revenues for the rest of.., or, for  
441 our enterprise funds. So again, at the top, you have the Utility District. Then we have the  
442 Marina, Solid Waste, stormwater, and then parking at the bottom, which has nothing at  
443 this point. So again, you can go through, same columns. If you look at, for example, at  
444 the Utility District, year to date, we've collected seventy-two percent, where last year at  
445 this point, we had actually collected seventy-nine percent.

446 The Marina, again, you through all of these. And again, there's no, for [stammer],  
447 the good news is at this point, is there really are no red flags that we're seeing in any of  
448 these financial statements.

449 The next slide, we have the expenses for those same enterprise funds. Again, you  
450 have Utility, Marina, Solid Waste, stormwater, and parking. So again, you can see, again,  
451 Utility is a good one. Year to date, we've spent seventy-eight percent of the budget. Last  
452 year at this point, we had spent seventy-nine percent of the budget. So they're, again,  
453 fairly consistent going year to year. Again, no, no red flags. You know, we talked about  
454 the Utility District a couple meetings ago. But again, they're plugging along. They will  
455 remain within budget.

456 And then finally, we have a number of what we call Internal Service Funds. These  
457 are the funds that really service the City itself, rather than, you know, outside of the City.  
458 So you have IT, the insurance fund, and then fleet services. Again, same columns. Work

459 across. As you see here, these are the revenues. These funds are a hundred percent  
460 funded on day one of every fiscal year.

461 They again, they are billing the other City departments. We fund that right up front  
462 in October. So that's why you see a hundred percent of collected funds. And then on the  
463 expense side, again, you've got the comparison between the two years.

464 And with that, I can take any questions or comments or suggestions for the next  
465 presentation.

466 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

467 Madam Clerk, do we have any public comment for this Item?

468 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, there are no public  
469 comments on this Item.

470 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

471 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

472 Yes. Go ahead. You're recognized.

473 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

474 Mr. Sherman., Mr. Sherman, reserves. Do you foresee that we can put this in, I  
475 guess, whatever the reserves amount are? I guess at..., which will be at a current point  
476 of time, probably at that June 30<sup>th</sup> date going forward?

477 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** I'm sorry, Councilman. I...

478 **Councilperson McCoy:** Reserves. I was asking about, could you put the balance of  
479 what our reserves are at a, at a given time, such as this June 30<sup>th</sup> date going forward?

480 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** We can.

481 **Councilperson McCoy:** And...

482 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah. We can...

483 **Councilperson McCoy:** Also...

484 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** ...do that.

485 **Councilperson McCoy:** I guess, since you said this gonna be going forward, probably  
486 the second meeting in the month, I, I., this is my first time seeing it, so I guess it's good  
487 information. And if I remember correctly, one of the findings from the audit report said  
488 this stuff will be readily online for, not just us but for the public as well?



489 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** It is. It, it's out there right  
490 now. The link is on the Finance page. And we will be moving it over to the front page,  
491 so it will be more visible and easier to find.

492 **Councilperson McCoy:** And it, and it'll be updated quarterly? I imagine?

493 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** No. It's updated as  
494 transactions take place. So...

495 **Councilperson McCoy:** Daily?

496 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** ...if I run payroll today,  
497 those payroll numbers will be in there tonight.

498 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Good deal. Thank you.

499 [Inaudible dais comment]

500 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle]. Yes. Are there any other questions in regards to  
501 this...

502 **Councilperson Botel:** I...

503 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...presentation?

504 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?

505 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

506 **Councilperson Botel:** Just out of curiosity, why are we at a hundred and forty-one  
507 percent expenses in the general liability insurance risk management column?

508 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** That's going to be due to  
509 the number of claims and settlements we've had. You know, you see them on your  
510 Council meeting to, to approve those settlements. So, when we budget for the insurance  
511 fund, they always give us a number on how much we should be coming out of our  
512 reserves. 'Cause again, we keep a lot of reserves for every claim. So what that does, at  
513 the end of the year, we'll adjust that against the reserves.

514 **Councilperson Botel:** Okay.

515 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** And then next year, we  
516 fund the reserves again and...

517 **Councilperson Botel:** Okay. Thanks.

518 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Okay?

519 **Chairperson Lanier:** Any...

520 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Thank you.

521 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...other questions?

522 Thank you, sir.

523 Next Item, Madam Clerk.

524 **4. City Clerk Anthony: PRESENTATION ON FINANCING OF FIRE RESCUE**  
525 **STATIONS 86 AND 88**

526 **RANDY SHERMAN, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE DIRECTOR,**  
527 **561-845-4040**

528 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have public  
529 comments on this Item. The acceptance of public comments on this Item is now closed.

530 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

531 Mr. Evans.

532 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, the presentation  
533 this evening is gonna be done by a representative from PFM. The intent about this  
534 presentation is to gain perspective from the Board as to how you would like for us to  
535 proceed.

536 In the solicitation that we moved forward Station 88, we contemplated a finance  
537 component. And so, we have had the opportunity to provide PFM with the financing  
538 structure that is being proposed, and then looked at what options the City had as a result  
539 of the information. And so, we are going to share with you that presentation.

540 And then after the presentation is concluded, we would like some direction from  
541 the Board as to how you wish to proceed related to the financing options for Fire Station  
542 88. And we also incorporated the component necessary to fund Fire Station 86.

543 If the Board, and when the Board, does provide us with direction on both of these  
544 financing tools that are in front of you, then we would have subsequent community  
545 meetings with the impacted areas to ensure them about how we would mitigate some of  
546 the challenges associated with some of the sites.

547 Obviously, we know Station 88 is, is moving forward. But Station 86 is on a site  
548 that is going to garner community input and feedback, and some perspective. And so,  
549 we did want to have the discussion with the Board early on, and then bring back whatever  
550 financing tool the Board thinks is appropriate as we move through the process.

551 So at this time, I'm gonna turn the presentation over to Sergio from PFM.

**Mr. S. Masvidal:** Thank you, Mr. Manager. Good evening, Council Members. Sergio Masvidal with PFM Financial Advisors. Thank you again for your time this evening. I will try to cover this at a pretty high level and then leave some, some time for questions at the end. If that's okay with everybody.

As the Manager indicated, we are talking about the financing alternatives for Station No. 86 and Station 88, and comparison to the response you received from the private sector.

So, just a very high level. I'll, I'll start with a summary. The prior..., one of the prior meetings you had, you established a very strong development team here to develop the, the Stations. And that was a result of your design-build RFP the City put out. A component of that RFP or response, was a private sector financing option, that they provided to you. At that meeting, it was requested of, of the Finance team to go back and compare that option, the private sector financing to what the City could alternatively do on its own.

It certainly..., private sector financing can certainly be attractive to municipalities that don't have readily..., ready access to the markets, capital markets, or high credit ratings. However, in the City's case, as you all are aware, you do have this ability to get a public improvement bond security lien. It's a double A minus rating, which is a very strong rating, triple A being the highest, double A being a notch below that. So, that's a very strong credit rating in today's market.

You also have bond outstanding on that lien. So it's a, it's a credit lien that the investors understand very well, in the, in the broader marketplace.

And then finally, we really wanted to compare the cost effectiveness of that City self-financing versus the private option that was, that was put forward to you. And I have a summary page in here that shows really the, the savings that the City would, would have by self-financing. It's about two..., possibly two to \$3MM on net present value basis. It's three to \$5MM on a gross basis over the term of the financing. So, pretty significant numbers, using the City's own financing mechanisms.

The other important point, if I remember from that pres'..., from that last meeting, was the time to fund. I think that was very important to City Council, making sure we can get these projects in our shovels..., shovels in the ground, relatively quickly. Time to find, again, as I mentioned, the City has a established credit, established investor presence. We think six to eight weeks is about the time to fund there. So, very similar to what the, the private sector has indicated they can do.

Very quickly, as a refresher. I've presented two..., these next two slides at prior meetings. Just really giving you the, the broad spectrum of how P3s work priv'..., public private partnerships. On the left hand side, you have the public sector, on the right hand side, you have the private. And then, there's kind of this range in between. You know, design-bid-build, all the way to a full asset sale or concession of an asset. Really what you're talking about is a design-build, kind of right in the middle there.

592 In addition to that, the capital methods of sourcing your financing, also range from  
593 public sector financing, all the way to private financing. I'll focus here on that, on that last  
594 bullet. Typically, private sector financing is more expensive than what you can do on your  
595 own. This was also included in the present..., in the presentation and the materials you  
596 received from the private response. They readily admit, public sector financing will be  
597 more cost effective, however, they wanted to provide you with this option. That makes  
598 all the sense in the world.

599 Getting to the kind of the, the core of the conversation here. We ran numbers  
600 comparing the private sector proposal you received, both for a twenty year and a thirty  
601 year term, compared to under current market conditions, what the City could, could raise  
602 in their own financing. As you'll, as you can see in the slide, I know the table's a little bit  
603 busy so I'll try to hit the high points.

604 Your financing costs on the..., for the City definitely results in, in a cost less than  
605 three percent. Anywhere from 2.2 to 2.9 percent, depending on that term. Again, twenty  
606 to thirty years. Total savings, as I mentioned earlier, three to \$5MM, over the term of the  
607 financing. Again, for the twenty and thirty year term.

608 On a present value basis, that's anywhere from two to \$3MM. Present value, in  
609 today's dollars. Of course, those savings are gonna vary by year, depending on the, the  
610 final structure that's recommended.

611 And a couple other things I wanna highlight here is, you'll see in the columns in the  
612 table, on the far left, we have the Special Purpose Entity proposal at a thirty year  
613 financing. The closing cost indicated there is..., let me back up here. Every number that,  
614 that we ran included the same cost for construction, all the same FF&E. Same basic  
615 costs. The only differences are the closing costs, really, that were included there. And  
616 you can see the closing costs there in that last row, where I have estimated COI, Cost of  
617 Issuance. For the special purpose vehicles, it's about \$1.2MM. And for a City financing,  
618 is about a quarter of a million dollars. So that's, that's one..., a big difference as well.

619 And now, I just wanted to wrap up here in conclusion, with our considerations to  
620 move forward. I think the City really can achieve..., achieve, best achieve, the objectives  
621 that you wanted to at the outset by combining both of these. You get..., you can achieve  
622 your speed of delivery, a high quality project using design-build method that you've laid  
623 out. And then, merging that with your own cost to fund, which is the lowest cost to fund  
624 you can achieve in the market today.

625 What else does that do? We believe, by structuring this appropriately, probably a  
626 twenty year term here. You can preserve your financial flexibility for other projects, that  
627 undoubtedly will come forward at the City and also preserve your credit ratings. I think  
628 that maintaining a strong credit rating is something we certainly advocate for and I know  
629 your Finance Director does. So, we wanna maintain that double A category rating.  
630 Absolutely.

631 And then, as far as..., one thing the Council said loud and clear, the timing of this.  
632 You know, we don't wanna delay the project by delaying the financing. Again, we can  
633 expedite the financing and do this very quickly, in a six to eight week window, to have  
634 funds in hand. So, from here to the next step, we'll bring financing documents to you at  
635 a meeting in July. We have July 21<sup>st</sup>, right now, penciled in.

636 We would lock your borrowing rate, about early to mid-August, and then close on  
637 funds. That means funds in the bank for the City by the end of August. So timing, again,  
638 very quick. We can move forward here.

639 So, with that, I'll wrap up. Say thank you for your time, and take any questions you  
640 might have.

641 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

642 Are there any questions about this presentation?

643 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes. Madam Chair?

644 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

645 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, can we go...

646 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

647 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...back to number five, please?

648 **Mr. S. Masvidal:** Sure.

649 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I, I guess I wanna make sure that we elaborate on..., I don't  
650 wanna use the word overextending, but if we were to finance ourselves, what that does  
651 to our actual ability to raise capital in the future, if we have some other projects that, that  
652 may come up compared to us using the private market. And I believe the closing cost is  
653 line number..., the last line.

654 **Mr. S. Masvidal:** Right.

655 **Councilperson McCoy:** City financing is two seventy-six versus two ninety-one. And  
656 I wanna make sure I understood. Did you say six to eight weeks to financing in hand?

657 **Mr. S. Masvidal:** Correct.

658 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. As opposed to... Wow. That's quite a bit of interest.  
659 But, you know, I, I think it takes a little more analyzing this because, I mean, if we take  
660 the thirty year option, whether we decide to do, I guess the cost to close, two seventy-six,  
661 the interest is \$19MM, compared to \$20MM, would that still be on... I guess that's a  
662 Randy Sherman question. But..., or, or even Mr. Evans. Will that still be on our books if  
663 we chose to do the public private partnership? Will that still be on our books as, as debt?

664 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, it would be.

665 **Mr. S. Masvidal:** Yeah. I can actually elaborate on that, if you'd like, Councilman.

666 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes, please.

667 **Mr. S. Masvidal:** So, from the credit agency perspective, and public private  
668 partnerships are nothing new, and they certainly have gained more attraction over the  
669 years. From a credit agency perspective, even the auditors, what they found is, you know,  
670 whether it's a publicly offered bond that the City finances, or a long term contract that  
671 you've entered into with another..., with a third party, a payment will be due. So they are  
672 counting that the same way on the City's books, if you will.

673 So while the..., it's technically maybe not on your balance sheet, every year, you  
674 will have an obligation to make that payment. In this case, the case of the Fire Stations,  
675 it's a, it's a, a lease with a third party. If, for whatever reason you defaulted on that lease  
676 and you didn't make a payment in a year, the Fire Stations basic'..., you would..., you, you  
677 would lose the, the use and the access to those Fire Stations.

678 So, from a credit agency, from auditing perspective, they're treated the same.

679 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up.

680 **Mr. S. Masvidal:** That's a good question.

681 **Councilperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

682 **Councilperson McCoy:** So what really drives this such, I guess, this, this huge  
683 disparity between the cost of closing doing private financing as opposed to the City going  
684 out for bonds. What, what drives that from the market purposes?

685 **Mr. S. Masvidal:** Sure. I don't wanna go too far as to what the..., what drives the  
686 closing costs for the private sector. I'm not sure I'm completely prepared to speak to that  
687 'cause I don't, I don't know their funding mechanisms. Each private sector will have their  
688 own.

689 However, I can tell you that certainly, some of the cost that they imbed in there are  
690 just gonna be higher than what the public sector costs are. Just by the, the virtue of  
691 City financing and munic'..., municipal financing being around for over a hundred years  
692 versus private sector financing being a little bit newer vehicle. There's just additional  
693 costs imbedded in there.

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695 But that's only one factor here, right? That's the upfront cost of issuance. I would  
696 also, as you've already astutely pointed out, you had the difference in the interest. So it's  
697 really the, the cost of borrowing. When you're talking about a difference of, you know 2.2

698 percent for a twenty year financing versus 3.06 percent versus a private financing, that's  
699 driving the difference in the, in the interest cost.

700 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, follow up.

701 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

702 **Councilperson McCoy:** Do you have, or was it in the proposal from Kaufman Lynn,  
703 their timeframe for financing?

704 **Mr. S. Masvidal:** I believe in their proposal, and I'm going off memory, Mr. Sherman  
705 might remember better. I believe it was the same.

706 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And last question. Gosh, what was it? [Pause]. I can't  
707 recall.

708 Okay. Alright. That's it for now. Thank you.

709 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Thank you.

710 Any other questions for the gentleman? [Pause]. Thank you, sir, for your  
711 presentation.

712 **Mr. S. Masvidal:** You're welcome. Thank you.

713 **Councilperson McCoy:** And, and I wanna see... Can we have that slide?

714 **Councilperson Botel:** Yeah.

715 **Councilperson McCoy:** Provided for us?

716 **Mr. S. Masvidal:** Yeah. Absolutely.

717 **City Manager Evans:** Yes. Madam Chair, if I may?

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

719 **City Manager Evans:** In, in regards to this presentation, Staff is requesting direction  
720 as to how the Board would wish to proceed. Obviously, based on the information that's  
721 contained in the presentation, Staff's recommendation that we look to go to the bond  
722 market ourselves because we see that there is substantial cost savings, and we can  
723 effectively close in the same amount of time and get the capital on hand to be able to  
724 move forward with the construction of both Fire Station 86 and 88.

725 So, Staff is requesting, you know, if it is the pleasure of the Board to move forward  
726 with preparing the necessary loan documents to bring that back to you at a subsequent  
727 meeting. But, we are asking for direction with this particular Item so we can move through  
728 the process.

729 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?

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

731 **Councilperson Botel:** Does Staff have a recommendation with regard to twenty  
732 versus thirty years?

733 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, I'll defer to the financial advisors.

734 [Chuckles]

735 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay.

736 **Mr. S. Masvidal:** Thank you, Councilperson.

737 I, I think we would probably defer that decision, if that's okay with you. We do have  
738 to bring the finance documents, as the Manager eluded to, a couple times before this  
739 Council again. So, we'll probably come back to you with that term.

740 Right now, I would say, if you would say no more than thirty years, that would give  
741 us flexibility to see what the markets have done between now and then.

742 **Councilperson McCoy:** Question.

743 **Chairperson Lanier:** You're, you're finished?

744 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

745 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. Go ahead.

746 **Councilperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

747 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, thank you for that. And that certainly is gonna be a good  
748 point because we talked.., I mean, you did mention the present value. And, obviously, if  
749 you're gonna be extending an additional ten years, I think certainly there's gonna be some  
750 changes over a ten year period of what that value amount is that you're getting financing.

751 Also, my, my question that I couldn't recall for.., so, if Mr. Evans, or perhaps anyone  
752 that can answer this question, if we choose to go to the bond market ourselves, does that  
753 materially change the solicitation that we put out? That would create any kinda,  
754 perhaps...

755 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I...

756 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...problems later?

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



758 **Councilperson McCoy:** With regards to the solicitation document, we have the  
759 language in there that we can take out that particular component. We did want to see if  
760 that was something that was gonna render better results, but we do have the flexibility in  
761 the solicitation document, and the proposer who was .., they have a.., their financier is  
762 Municipal Acquisition.. They.., we've been in conversations and contact with them, that..,  
763 and we were telling them that we were gonna share with the Board, both options and be  
764 able to move forward accordingly.

765           So, that has been communicated in the document, as well as in verbal and, and  
766 written communications with them throughout the onset of the project.

767 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

768 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. Very good.

769 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?

770 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

771 **Councilperson Botel:** I make a motion that we use City financing for the design-build  
772 projects for the Fire Stations.

773 **Chairperson Lanier:** Second?

774 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I'll second. And I have a question.

775 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

776 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** So.., and I may.., I think we had some little, short  
777 discussion on it, but where does that put us in terms of being able to do other projects?  
778 Will that tie us up

779 **City Manager Evans:** So, we had the discussion related to, you know, based on the  
780 Reimagine session and where City campus goes and, and what facilities. The desire  
781 would be to look to implement the Fire assessment and pledge that revenue to be able to  
782 pay for the bond issuance. That thirty-five, or \$33MM, and if there is a revenue stream  
783 that's associated to pay that, provides us the flexibility to be able to move forward with  
784 the capital construction of a new City Hall campus.

785           So, we would look to bring forward, after the community conversations and the  
786 discussion and...

787 **Chairperson Lanier:** Wait.

788 **City Manager Evans:** ...bring back...

789 **Chairperson Lanier:** Hold on a second.

790 **City Manager Evans:** ...to the Board.

791 **Chairperson Lanier:** Repeat that again.

792 **City Manager Evans:** So, the \$35MM that you would get for the Fire Stations.., to  
793 construct the two Fire Stations, you would need to have some type of revenue stream  
794 that would be pledged to be able to pay the debt service associated with the borrow. If  
795 you say that you're going to move forward with the fire assessment, which the Board has  
796 given us direction to have community conversations about, if that revenue that's collected  
797 from the fire assessment goes exclusively to the debt issuance, paying the debt issuance,  
798 which is our recommendation, then you still have the flexibility to go back to the market  
799 for a fifty to \$75MM City Hall Campus.

800 The Utility District has a separate set of funds and a separate credit rating and  
801 separate revenue that would be pledged for the \$150MM borrow that we would look to  
802 move forward with. So, you, you actually have different tranches of money. Plus, you  
803 have the \$23MM from the sales tax that you have, that will be put towards that City Hall  
804 Campus.

805 Then, when the Utility District comes online and, assuming we consolidate the  
806 Public Works and the Utility District on the same site, you have the warehouse building  
807 that, when we acquired it, we acquired it for \$7MM. We've got an appraisal, probably  
808 back in 2017 that it was about \$10MM. If you appraise that same site again, it may be  
809 worth about thirteen to \$15MM. So, you have that asset, if you were to sell that and put  
810 that towards the City Hall Campus.

811 So there's, there's a lot of layered funding that would go into it. But, it is paramount  
812 that we look to have a revenue stream that is set aside for the purposes of moving forward  
813 with these, these Fire Stations because, if not, then it impedes your ability to be able to  
814 move as quickly as we'd like to move with regards to these Stations.

815 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Thank you.

816 Thanks.

817 **Chairperson Lanier:** Got it?

818 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible].

819 **Chairperson Lanier:** We have a motion on the floor?

820 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

821 **Chairperson Lanier:** Second.

822 [Inaudible comment]

823 **Chairperson Lanier:** Madam Clerk..

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

825 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

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

827 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

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

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

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

831 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

832 Thank you. Our next Item, Madam Clerk.

833 **City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 5 was removed from the Agenda.

834 **6. City Clerk Anthony:** We're on to Item No. 6.

835 **City Clerk Anthony:** **PRESENTATION OF THE CITY'S AUDIT FOR... THE**  
836 **AGENDA READS 2018/2019 BUT IT'S SUPPOSED TO READ 2019-2020.**

837 **RANDY SHERMAN, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR,**  
838 **561-845-4040**

839 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr. Evans.

840 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, this is the  
841 presentation by our audit firm. Mr. Harvey is online, I believe. Mr. Harvey, are you there?

842 **Mr. R. Harvey:** Yes, we are.

843 **City Manager Evans:** Alright. I'm gonna turn the presentation over to Mr. Harvey,  
844 and his audit firm, to provide for the audit for this past year.

845 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Mr. Harvey.

846 **Mr. R. Harvey:** Good afternoon everyone. Roderick Harvey with HCT Certified  
847 Public Accountants and Consultants. At this time, I would like to have Mr. Thomas  
848 Williams, III, our Audit Manager, kick off our audit presentation.

849 **Mr. T. Williams:** Good evening, Madam Chair, Members of the Commission. My  
850 name is Thomas Williams as Mr. Harvey stated, Audit Manager. And we are pleased to  
851 present to you our audit results for the September., year ended September 30, 2020  
852 audit.

853 Our audit was, was completed and we have issued an unmodified opinion.

854 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

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

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

857 **Mr. T. Williams:** [Inaudible].

858 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair, can we...

859 **Chairperson Lanier:** It, it's...

860 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...stop him? Because...

861 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...a bit muddled, sir. We can barely make out what you're  
862 saying. Maybe... It just needs to be a little clearer. We can hear you but it's very  
863 muddled.

864 **Mr. T. Williams:** Okay. Let me try something different then. [Pause].

865 **Chairperson Lanier:** Use your computer instead of your earphones. [Pause]. Now  
866 we can't hear you. But if you use your computer microphone instead of your earphone  
867 microphone, maybe we can hear you a little bit more clearer. [Pause]. We cannot hear  
868 you at all now, sir.

869 **Mr. R. Harvey:** [Inaudible].

870 **Chairperson Lanier:** We can hear you, Mr. Harvey, but we can't hear your  
871 colleague.

872 **Mr. T. Williams:** Can everybody hear me now? [Pause]. Can everybody hear me  
873 now?

874 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

875 **Mr. T. Williams:** Okay. Sorry for the technical difficulties.

876 **Chairperson Lanier:** It's okay. Go ahead.

877 **Mr. T. Williams:** We are pleased to meet with you today to discuss the results of our  
878 audit of the City of Riviera Beach, for year ended September 30, 2020.

879 Our audit was conducted in accordance with the terms established in the  
880 Engagement Letter dated February 17<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

881 At any point during this presentation, we will be more than happy to elaborate on  
882 anything we have covered thus far. Our audit was completed and we have issued an  
883 unmodified, our clean opinion on the financial statements for the City of Riviera Beach,  
884 on Sept'.., I'm sorry. For.., on June 28, 2021.

885 Today, we will discuss our audit results and other required communications. We  
886 will present supplementary supporting slides and, and other required communications.  
887 As well as, we will discuss the responsibilities of those charged with governance, with  
888 management of the City and ourselves as your auditors.

889 Our audit was completed and performed in accordance with the auditing  
890 standards, generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards  
891 applicable to the financial audit contained in the Government Auditing Standards issued  
892 by the Comptroller General of the United States, and in accordance with Chapter 10.550,  
893 Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.

894 There were no changes to our Audit Plan, our Risk Assessment and our Planned  
895 Audit Strategy. We have issued an unmodified opinion on the following reports. Our  
896 Independent Auditor's Report, our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Controls over  
897 Financial Reporting and Compliance, our Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance  
898 for each major program and on the Internal Control and Compliance over the major  
899 program, our Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, our Independent Auditor's  
900 Report on Compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415 of the Florida statutes,  
901 and our Management Letter in accordance with Rules of the Auditor General.

902 At this moment, there are no outstanding items for the audit ended September 30,  
903 2020.

904 **Chairperson Lanier:** Hold on one second, sir. Can we see this on the screen?

905 **Mr. R. Harvey:** You should be able to. I'm sharing my screen.

906 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Oh, I see. Okay. 'Cause I...

907 **Mr. R. Harvey:** I, I...

908 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...see it [inaudible].

909 **Mr. R. Harvey:** Are you able to see?

910 **Chairperson Lanier:** No. We can't see it.

911 **Media Team:** I don't have a copy [inaudible]...

912 **Chairperson Lanier:** Oh, I see.

913 **Media Team:** [Inaudible].

914 **Chairperson Lanier:** I see. We don't have a copy of this presentation. It's very  
915 difficult for us to see it small on the screen the way it's presented. But, go ahead, sir.

916 **Mr. T. Williams:** Sorry about that.

917 **Media Team:** [Inaudible].

918 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, let, let him send it because it..., I mean, that's almost  
919 like...

920 [Inaudible comment]

921 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yeah. Can you guys send a copy of that to us right quick?

922 **Mr. R. Harvey:** We can.

923 **Chairperson Lanier:** Send it to the..., send it to the City Manager and he can send  
924 it to us. Because we want..., we really wanna follow along but we can't see it at all.

925 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** And the public wants to see it.

926 **Mr. R. Harvey:** Okay. No problem.

927 **Chairperson Lanier:** And plus, the...

928 **Mr. R. Harvey:** [Inaudible].

929 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...public wants to be able to look at it as well.

930 **Media Team:** The public can see it.

931 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Oh, they can see it?

932 **Media Team:** [Inaudible].

933 **Chairperson Lanier:** Oh, I see.

934 [Inaudible discussions waiting for delivery of presentation]

935 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Can Mr. Evans send it to Walter as well? And  
936 then, can Walter put it up? If he sends it to him? Yeah?

937 **City Manager Evans:** Yes.

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

939 **City Manager Evans:** As soon as I get it, I'll, I'll send it to over.

940 **Chairperson Lanier:** Give us a second, sir. I, I heard this presentation and its very  
941 good, so I want the public to be able to see it, as well as my colleagues.

942 **Mr. R. Harvey:** Commissioner Lanier, we just sent it over. I sent it to the Manager  
943 only. So he...

944 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

945 **Mr. R. Harvey:** ...should have it in a few minutes.

946 **Chairperson Lanier:** He just sent it to him.

947 [Inaudible dais comment]

948 [Pause]

949 **Media Team:** [Inaudible].

950 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. Okay.

951 [Pause]

952 **Chairperson Lanier:** Have you gotten it?

953 **City Manager Evans:** Alright. Yes. Just got it. It just came...

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

955 [Pause]

956 **Chairperson Lanier:** You just got yours?

957 **Councilperson Botel:** Got it.

958 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Yeah. Alright. I have mine as well. Alright. We just  
959 received it in our email. You can go ahead and proceed with the presentation, sir.

960 **Mr. T. Williams:** Thank you very much.

961 **Chairperson Lanier:** What slide are you on?

962 **Mr. T. Williams:** We are on slide four.

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

964 **Mr. T. Williams:** And lastly, the significant accounting policies can be found in, in Note  
965 1 of the financial statement are Page 51.

966 The following are significant accounting estimates that we identified during the  
967 course of our audit. The depreciation of the useful life of your capital assets, the fair  
968 market value of your investments, the fair market value of your pension and open assets  
969 and liabilities, and the allowance for debtful..., doubtful accounts in your accounts  
970 receivable.

971 The following are significant risks and audit matters that..., that we receive at the  
972 beginning of each audit to ensure that we look out [stammer] an unpredictability of our

973 testing. We pay particular focus to management override of a, of a internal controls, as  
974 well as the revenue recognition.

975 The following are new accounting pronouncements that were issued during..., that  
976 were issued prior years, that took effect in the current year. GASBY 84, which is dealing  
977 with fiduciary activities. GASBY 88, dealing with certain disclosures related to debt,  
978 including direct borrowing and direct placements. And, [stammer] GASBY 90, major'...,  
979 dealing with majority equity interests, an amendment of GASBY Nos. 14 and 61. And  
980 none of these had any significant impact on the City's financial statements for the year  
981 ended September 30, 2020.

982 There were no uncorrected misstatements noted during the yar, as well as all  
983 mista'..., all cor'..., adjusting entries noted had been made at the end of the year. And we  
984 do believe that there were no financial presentation or disclosure omissions in the  
985 financial statements.

986 We did identify some control deficiencies and we will discuss those starting on  
987 Page 15 of this presentation. We did not identify any, any related party issues, to be  
988 noted. And we do believe that all the related parties' transactions have been noted in the  
989 financial statements.

990 And this last bullet point, it's just to note that, as your auditors, we have an  
991 obligation, if you're gonna use these financial statements in other public offerings, we  
992 have an obligation to read it to ensure that the financial information that is provide is  
993 correct. But outside of that, we do not have any other obligations to perform any other  
994 procedures or [stammer] cohobate any other information in, in said document.

995 There are a lot of bullet points here. I just wanna point out to a couple of them.  
996 They, they are subsequent events. You can find that on Note 20 of the financial  
997 statements, as well as the significant findings in, in the update on last year's findings. We  
998 will go through those on slides fifteen through twenty-five.

999 And lastly, for this part of the presentation, we do believe, in our professional  
1000 adjustment, that we are independent with respects to the City, as framed and opined by  
1001 professional standards.

1002 And with that, I will turn over to the..., our Engagement Partner, Mr. Roderick  
1003 Harvey.

1004 **Mr. R. Harvey:** Good afternoon, Mayor, Chairperson, Pro Tem, Council Members.  
1005 Hello to the City Manager, Deputy Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. City Attorney, City  
1006 Clerk. My name is Roderick Harvey, partner with HCT. We will spend the next moments  
1007 going through the items listed below, financial reporting, revenues, expenditures, capital  
1008 assets, receivable and long term debt.

1009 Financial reporting is a process by which we want to ensure through our testing,  
1010 that the City is employing gap as it's measured. And so, now we will look at several of  
1011 the items as it relates to the FY 2020 [inaudible] for the City of Riviera Beach. Revenues



1012 total \$135.9MM for the year 2020 compared to \$134.9MM for the same period of 2019.  
1013 A major revenue source.., the major revenue sources were constant. We selected a  
1014 sample of transactions and tested those revenue transactions for existence, accuracy and  
1015 cutoff and, of course, the presentation of those revenues.

1016 As we move forward to expenses, expenses \$129.8MM for the period 2020, as  
1017 compared to \$116.7MM for the period 2019. The increase can be mainly attributable to  
1018 increases in general government and Public Safety. Again, we looked at the major  
1019 transactions for expenditures with our testing. We looked at completeness. We also  
1020 looked at accuracy, cutoff, and the presentation of those expenditures in the period of  
1021 2020.

1022 Moving forward to capital assets. The final balance for capital assets, two'..,  
1023 \$229MM, for September 2020 as compared to \$216.8MM for 2019. The increase of  
1024 \$12.6MM is primarily due to CIP, or construction in progress.

1025 Looking at receivables, the balance of \$12.6MM for 2020 as compared to \$11MM  
1026 or 2019. Yes, we confirmed those balances for the period ended 2020.

1027 Moving on to long term debt, the balance of \$174.8MM is the ending balance for  
1028 2020 as compared to \$173.9MM for the same period ended 2019. The increase was  
1029 primarily due to refunding of CRA notes, Series 2020A and Series 2020B. And we did  
1030 confirm those balances with independent third parties.

1031 We have a responsibility as your auditors, the entity wide auditors, for the City of  
1032 Riviera Beach, is to express our opinion. We also evaluate the Internal Control  
1033 environment, although we don't express an opinion on the Internal Control environment.

1034 I wanna spend a few minutes and talk about the technical terms of a deficiency. A  
1035 deficiency is an Internal Control matter in a design or operation of a control that does not  
1036 allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned  
1037 functions to prevent, detect a misstatement on a timely basis. Timely basis is around  
1038 thirty to forty days.

1039 If we look at the two levels of deficiency, the lower level is a significant deficiency.  
1040 And I would just summarize this type of deficiency is less severe than a material  
1041 weakness, yet important enough to merit attention to those charged with governance. If  
1042 we move to the highest level of a deficiency, which is a material weakness, I would just  
1043 summarize that this is the reasonable possibility that a material misstatement in the  
1044 entity's financial statements, will not be prevented nor detected or corrected, again, on a  
1045 timely basis. Again, defining timely basis as within thirty to forty-five days.

1046 We will now spend a little time going over the prior year findings. Please note that  
1047 as your auditors, or any auditor, we must report on the status of our comments, or those  
1048 comments provided in the last report. And so, it's our way to report to you, the elected  
1049 officials, appointed officials, what has been done to clear those items. So, as we look at  
1050 our prior finding, again for 2019, this is 0-0-1, noncompliance as it relates to the reporting.  
1051 That comment was fully implemented. We also had our finding in 2019, 0-0-2, that related

1052 to formal employee valuations. That management comment from last year was not  
1053 implemented. It does have a target date of June 2021.

1054 Moving forward to deficiency 0-0-3, which deals with Parks & Recreation should  
1055 not receive cash directly from rental facility clients. We evaluated that finding as not  
1056 implemented. It does have a implementation of June 2021.

1057 Moving forward to prior finding 0-0-4, which talks about the Internal Audit  
1058 Department should report directly to the Mayor and the Commission. We reviewed that  
1059 finding and noted it as not implemented, but it does have a target date of June 2021.

1060 I also believe, and I'll wrap up, we noted that that item is set to come before the  
1061 Commission here soon. So, we are aware of that. But again, when we reviewed, it was  
1062 not buttoned up.

1063 Moving forward to management comment 0-0-5, employees should be trained and  
1064 informed on all potential cyberattacks. We noted this one as implemented.

1065 Moving forward to 0-0-6, man'.., the Finance Department shall perform monthly or  
1066 quarter end closed reporting. We did note that as partially implemented. I do wanna say  
1067 I was very happy to see the presentation tonight and will say good job to Mr. Sherman  
1068 and the Finance team.

1069 Moving on to prior finding 0-0-7, which dealt with the HR file review. We reviewed  
1070 that and noted it as partially implemented. I do wanna say that the HR Department has  
1071 done a good job in moving this ball forward with the resources and the people there. And  
1072 so, we are very.., we are hopeful that that process, or progress will continue, as we did  
1073 spend good time with HR and was glad to see some positive movement as it relates to  
1074 that.

1075 Dealing with comment 0-0-8, the Legal Department, selecting various firms. We  
1076 reviewed that and noted it as not implemented.

1077 Moving forward to, again, 2019, 0-0-9, the Procurement Department should  
1078 include a Notice of Award, and a Notice to Proceed. We reviewed this item and noted it  
1079 as fully implemented.

1080 And then, comment 20-10, deals with the Police Department should not receive  
1081 cash directly for rental facilities.., from rental facilities clients before, during and after an  
1082 event. We noted that as not implemented, but it does have a target implementation date  
1083 of June 2021.

1084 Again, 0-11-11, which deals with the District.., Utility District time tracking. We  
1085 reviewed that and noted it as not implemented, but it does have a target date of June '21.

1086 Moving forward to comment.., prior year comment 0-12, purchase power usage by  
1087 employees and elected officials, we noted this one as not implemented. Again, it has a  
1088 target date for 2022.

1089 Moving forward to prior year comment 0-13, dealing with reporting to the  
1090 Commission, again, we noted this as not implemented. But again, we see that progress  
1091 is happening, even today. And then also, 20-14, contract copies. We reviewed this prior  
1092 finding and noted it also as not implemented.

1093 During our audits for the current year, we performed an audit various sections and  
1094 functions and, as a result of our audit, we have several findings in the current year to put  
1095 forward. And so, I will go through these finding'.., findings, hopefully, at a medium level.  
1096 I don't wanna spend too much time, but I do wanna give enough time to it so that it is put  
1097 forward.

1098 Our finding number one, relates to the City should require the database.., database  
1099 Administrator position to report to, to the IT Director, or to the City Manager. We made  
1100 that recommendation. There was a resp'.., there is a response. The City concurs with  
1101 this finding and the related recommendation in that security of all systems should be  
1102 centrally administered by the IT Department.

1103 City Administration and IT have budgeted for a position within IT to assume  
1104 security roles, which also includes Tyler security.., Tyler application security,. Excuse  
1105 me. In addition, we concur with the criteria above, the operational.., operations member  
1106 and keypersons should be segregated from any distinct department of the municipal  
1107 government.

1108 Moving forward to current year finding number two, which deals with the City  
1109 should require grant agreements be subject to audit by Internal.., by the Internal Audit  
1110 Department. We made our recommendation. There is a response. The office of the  
1111 Internal Audit.., Auditor's Audit Plan is risk based, and thus, current audits are aimed at  
1112 certain areas, which was considered high risk. The office will consider the risk grants to  
1113 be audited based on the plan and availability of staffing.

1114 Moving onto our current year finding number three, the City should require  
1115 candidate files and documents to be maintained in a locked file cabinet in the City Clerk's  
1116 office. We made our recommendation. The response, in response to the discussion with  
1117 HCT, the Office of the City Clerk relocated candidates'.., candidates' for elected office  
1118 files, required to be maintained by the Florida Division of Elections, to the vault located  
1119 within the office. In addition, a log was created for Staff to complete upon accessing the  
1120 files.

1121 A quick short note, we did have a good discussion with the Clerk. We did  
1122 subsequently see that log, and so, we feel that progress has already been made in this  
1123 area as it relates to the Office of the Clerk.

1124 Moving forward to 0-0-4, the Parks & [stammer] Parks & Recreation Department  
1125 [chuckle], should maintain cash, or have surprise cash counts. We made our  
1126 recommendation as such. The City concurs with this finding and related  
1127 recommendation, cash counting policy requires for quarterly spot audits since March

1128 2020, Parks has not received any cash, but upon kicking that up in operations, they will  
1129 also resume the quarterly audit.

1130 Our comment number five deals with Parks & Recs, and they should have the  
1131 ability to automate the supplies and maintain a safeguard against any unauthorized use  
1132 of those supplies. Again, we made our recommendation. There's a response from  
1133 management. The City is aware of the condition and is currently taking corrective actions.  
1134 An inventory policy is being developed, which will guide Staff in managing inventory and  
1135 small tools Citywide. In addition, Tyler includes an inventory module which will provide  
1136 additional benefits.

1137 Our comment number six, deals with the Procurement Department should seek  
1138 and obtain a written memo or a letter of legal sufficiency. We made our recommendation.  
1139 The City responded. The City disagrees with this finding and the related  
1140 recommendation. It is overly burdensome for the Legal Department to review every  
1141 solicitation document produced by the Procurement Department. The Legal Department  
1142 will create standardized documents, a more efficient use of its time, which should be  
1143 adopted by the Procurement Department.

1144 Moving on to our current year comment seven, which deals with the selection of  
1145 old vehicles being placed for sale. We made our recommendation and the response from  
1146 management. The City is aware of the condition and is currently taking corrective actions.  
1147 The fleet vehicle and equipment replacement policy is being developed, which should  
1148 include criteria for identifying vehicles to be surplus.

1149 Our last comment, which is noted as a material weakness, deals with the lack of  
1150 Internal Controls over legal expenditures. We made our recommendation. We  
1151 recommend the City Attorney sign or initial on invoices. There is a response. The City  
1152 concurs with the finding and the related recommendation that the City Attorney should  
1153 initial or sign each law firm invoice as proof of review and approval. Departments will be  
1154 reminded that all invoices must be approved by the Office of the City Attorney for review  
1155 and approval. Since March 2021, the Legal Department requires that every invoice  
1156 presented for payment, to either the insurance carrier or the Finance Department, be  
1157 accompanied by a cover sheet. The Legal Department will enforce this new control going  
1158 forward.

1159 As an add-on, we did have a good discussion with the City Attorney. We are aware  
1160 that there was some previous bumps in the road. I feel comfortable that, going forward,  
1161 these things will be addressed. And we were able to get an understanding of why and  
1162 how some of the things were noted, and so, we feel positive about the progress that  
1163 should be made as it relates to the, the Office of the City Attorney.

1164 We want to spend the last few minutes talking about the responsibility man'...,  
1165 responsibilities in three areas. The responsibility of management, the responsibility of us,  
1166 as your auditors, and the responsibility of the elected officials. Management is  
1167 responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements. Management is

1168 responsible for the design implementation and maintenance of the Internal Control  
1169 environment.

1170 Management is also responsible to provide the Auditor, us, with access to  
1171 information that is irrelevant, access to persons, and also, unrestricted access to.., within  
1172 the entity to things we may ask for.

1173 The City Commission is responsible for the oversight of the financial reporting  
1174 process and the Internal Controls, and oversight of the establishment, and maintenance  
1175 of the management of programs and controls designed to prevent, deter and detect  
1176 fraud,.

1177 I wanna now jump to some of the HCT responsibilities. Again, we are responsible  
1178 for issuing an opinion. We are also responsible, or held responsible, to ensure that our  
1179 audit is performed within GAAS, Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.

1180 And again, this is a cadre list of responsibilities. I'll just highlight a few. We are  
1181 responsible for communicating significant matters on the financial statements in our  
1182 professional judgment. We are also responsible for communicating, if we suspect, or  
1183 identify, noncompliance with laws and regulations, unless, those matters are clearly  
1184 inconsequential. We are also responsible for communicating, if we have, have identified,  
1185 or suspect, fraud involving management employees who have significant roles, or others,  
1186 when we think that those things may materially affect the financial statements.

1187 And so, at this time, we will turn it back over to you. And if the time allows, we will  
1188 do our very, very best to answer any questions you may have of us. Again, we wanna  
1189 say thank you for the opportunity to serve. We have performed two audits, pretty back to  
1190 back for the City. And so, we believe that everybody has worked in good judgment and  
1191 good effort to get us to this place.

1192 And so, we will answer questions as best as we can.

1193 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?

1194 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead. You're recognized.

1195 **Councilperson Botel:** I'm sorry. It looks as if you skipped prior year finding number  
1196 four, management comment. The Office of Internal Audit should report directly to the  
1197 Mayor and City Commission. I just have a question about that. Is that something that's  
1198 actually going to happen? It says target implementation date June 2021.

1199 I guess that's a question for Mr. "Evans.

1200 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, he, he did state the.., that particular item.  
1201 There was an Ordinance that came before the Board that allows for clear delineation of  
1202 duties and responsibilities. The Auditor does still report, in the Ordinance, still does report  
1203 to the Manager, but has the report structure added into it of the Audit Committee, as well  
1204 as providing information to the, the City Council if there is any issues.

1205           So, the modifications have been made and, and tweaked, and the Board has  
1206 moved forward with that particular Ordinance.

1207 **Councilperson Botel:**     Thank you.

1208 **Chairperson Lanier:**     Very good. Yes, you're recognized.

1209 **Councilperson McCoy:**   Thank you.

1210           To follow up, the question was, Mr. Evans, the Auditor does not report to the  
1211 Commission or the Board. The Auditor still reports to the Manager. That's correct?

1212 **City Manager Evans:**     That is correct.

1213 **Councilperson McCoy:**   Okay. Alright.

1214           Members, if I can have your attention. Is Mr. Blankenship here still? [Pause]. Or...  
1215 well I, I think we'll take... I wanna go back to two things, because I'm a little confused. If  
1216 we can go back, Mr. Harvey, to Page 16 of your slide, from the 2019 0-0-3 finding, related  
1217 to Parks & Rec cash handling. And then, also, No. 23. It seems like they're  
1218 counterintuitive.

1219 **Chairperson Lanier:**     What page is?

1220 **Councilperson McCoy:**   It's on the slide..., the Page is No. 16.

1221 **Chairperson Lanier:**     16.

1222 **Councilperson McCoy:**   The finding from 2019, 0-0-3 says that...

1223 **Councilperson Botel:**     That's Page 17.

1224 [Inaudible dais comment]

1225 **Councilperson McCoy:**   ...should not accept cash. And then, 2020, finding number  
1226 four says that Finance should do surprise inspections to check the cash count. So I'm  
1227 not exactly sure which one I'm understanding, or if I'm even understanding that correctly.  
1228 But, it seems counter' that, in '19 you said that we shouldn't accept cash. In fact, I  
1229 remember specifically that Mr. Sherman said we'll be implementing kiosks. But in 2020,  
1230 now you're suggesting that Finance does surprise visits to, I guess basically, verify the  
1231 cast count.

1232           So, can you elaborate on that? Either..., I guess that would be the External Auditor.

1233 **Mr. R. Harvey:**       Yes, I can. Thank you for making that note. And I see where it could  
1234 provide some..., a layer of dust.

1235           So, as it relates to our prior year finding, and I'm open to being corrected. That  
1236 finding specifically relates to the rental facility clients. From our understanding, and from

1237 my interview with the Director, Mr. Blankenship, there was a period, or may still be a  
1238 period, in which folks could rent facilities of the City, and those folks would pay, or citizens  
1239 would pay, cash at that time for that rental.

1240 And so, that's what we wanted to move the City..., or sugge'..., all we can do is audit  
1241 and report. And so, we wanted to report, or suggest, a move away from that policy, where  
1242 cash was being given by citizens for rent.

1243 As it relates to our current year finding, from our understanding, again from  
1244 interviews with the Director, and I believe from the..., the, the, Parks & Rec Director, and  
1245 I believe from my interview with Finance, is as the summer programs begin to kick back  
1246 in as we come out of COVID, then those programs will pay the registration fees and  
1247 different things. That will be done at Barracuda [stammer] Bay. Also, the aquatic facilities  
1248 will be used, and those payments will come into Barracuda Bay.

1249 And so, what we are reporting to the elected officials, and the appointed officials,  
1250 is that we believe that cash from operations should be..., should be, must. Should means  
1251 must..., should be spot audited, or subject to surprise audits so that we can ensured or  
1252 provide a safety mechanism for folks to maintain good cash draws. And we, the City,  
1253 move forward and [inaudible] operations as we come out of COVID.

1254 If I'm incorrect, I would love to have someone help me to understand a little better.  
1255 But I think that's what we..., that's what we are reporting.

1256 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1257 Go ahead, sir.

1258 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I, I see we..., Mr. Evans stepped out, but perhaps Mr.  
1259 Sherman. I, I don't know...

1260 [Inaudible comment]

1261 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...if you're aware, but do you know when we'll have fully  
1262 implemented the kiosk? I did see it over at Parks & Rec where we'll be at that point of  
1263 not accepting cash payments. And I guess if..., if cash payments are accepted, then they  
1264 will be through the kiosk. But, that there will be no actual person in [stammer] Parks &  
1265 Rec handling cash.

1266 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** Yeah. Randy Sherman,  
1267 Finance Director.

1268 Correct. The kiosk is, is there. It's available, it's usable. I don't know if any  
1269 payments have even gone through it. I haven't seen any go through it yet, for that  
1270 process. They also will have online payment capability. Again, so people don't  
1271 necessarily have to come down, they can use a credit card or, or any check.

1272 But rather than hand the cash to a Parks employee, they will actually pay it into the  
1273 kiosk, and then they're receipt is what the Parks employee will receive. And then that  
1274 way, we can reconcile what's in the kiosk to what's in the system as far as registration.

1275 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up.

1276 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.

1277 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, Mr. Sherman, just so I'm clear, I think what has been  
1278 pointed out that, in 2019, we resolved that issue by installing these kiosks and there won't  
1279 be a need going forward to have surprise cash counts by Finance.

1280 **Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman:** The..., I mean, just the, the  
1281 way Parks operates..., I mean, if they run a football game and they take ticket revenue,  
1282 people are gonna come in and pay cash. You know, folks at Barracuda Bay, they're  
1283 buying their soda and, and what not, there'll be some cash.

1284 But you're right. The, the volume won't be there, as it was before.

1285 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. I have some other questions on some other findings,  
1286 Madam Chair.

1287 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Go ahead.

1288 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I want to bring to the Members attention, I think it's on  
1289 slide No. 24 and 25, related to Procurement Department and legal sufficiency letters. I, I  
1290 actually asked Ms., Ms. Wynn this question. So, Ms. Wynn, it's your opinion that these  
1291 legal sufficiency letters..., well, I guess the, what has been recommended by your  
1292 Department, that we create standardized documents. Will that achieve the satisfaction  
1293 of a RFP being legally sufficient?

1294 **City Attorney Wynn:** It should, because when, when the documents are  
1295 standardized, the departments that..., the Procurement Department specifically, would  
1296 only plug in certain information. Everything else, all the other standard terms would stay  
1297 the same.

1298 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And...

1299 **City Attorney Wynn:** If they were to change it, then they should run that by Legal.

1300 **Councilperson McCoy:** In, in a perfect situation. But, you know, I, I guess when I think  
1301 about some of the RFPs that I've read, we have things about a drug-free workplace, anti-  
1302 discrimination policies, folks that have, perhaps vendors, that have been on the convicted  
1303 vendor list. I mean, there's a number of, every year, legislative changes.

1304 But, you know, I, I certainly... You know, I don't wanna make this more, I guess,  
1305 arduous in the process but, quite frankly, we've seen this before where, you know, there  
1306 just could be some ambiguity. And, even if it's not for legal sufficiency, I think..., and I



1307 don't know the process, and I, I'd rather take that offline with the Manager of that  
1308 Department, what exactly..., who all sees the solicitation before it goes out.

1309 But, there are some times, I think, where Legal should be at least having a cursory  
1310 review of some of these items. Because, you know, more often than not, I mean, these  
1311 are seventy-five page documents. I mean, the audit itself was two hundred and eighty.  
1312 So, can you imagine if we had a solicitation like we did with the ITB? I just wanna make  
1313 sure that we don't miss anything.

1314 And, to the point that I brought up earlier, the question about, does this take us  
1315 from a material change if we do our financing compared to what ITB says? So that's why  
1316 I certainly don't think it's a bad idea to have a Legal review, if not sign off on it.

1317 And then, one last finding I wanted to question, Madam Chair. That was the last  
1318 one, I believe. So, and I guess I got a different understanding of this when I read this the  
1319 second time. So, finding number 0-0-8 from Fiscal Year 2020 says that the City Attorney's  
1320 office, or the law firm, should be signing off or initialing as to the services provided on a  
1321 invoice.

1322 And that's not speaking from your Department, is it, Ms. Wynn? That's speaking  
1323 for other departments that engage outside counsel?

1324 **City Attorney Wynn:** Well, that was where part of the problem occurred, Mr.  
1325 McCoy. There..., at one point, there were some departments that were engaging their  
1326 own legal counsel. And once we discovered that..., and the only way we discovered it, is  
1327 because the bills were coming to Legal.

1328 Once we discovered that, that's when we had the assistance of the Manager to,  
1329 you know, let departments know that that was improper. That, you know, according to  
1330 the Procurement Code, the Legal Department is the only department that can procure  
1331 legal services.

1332 So, again, we didn't know that they were, that [stammer]... A couple, not a lot of  
1333 departments. Maybe two departments, were procuring their own legal services.

1334 The..., and I'll go on and address that..., the rest of that...

1335 **Chairperson Lanier:** Ms. Wynn, I'm gonna have to stop you right there.

1336 **City Attorney Wynn:** Okay.

1337 **Chairperson Lanier:** Sorry, but we have public comment that starts at 7:30  
1338 time certain.

1339 **City Attorney Wynn:** Okay.

1340 **Chairperson Lanier:** And we have to..., we can pick this up after public comment.  
1341 I'm hoping that Mr. Harvey and his team can stay until public comment is completed, so

1342 that we can get back to this. But, we have a time certain for pub'..., public comment that  
1343 we must abide by for the public.

1344 **Mr. R. Harvey:** Yes. We can stay.

1345 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you so much, sir.

1346 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – 7:30 P.M. – NON-AGENDA ITEM SPEAKERS**  
1347 **(Three Minute Limitation)**

1348 **Chairperson Lanier:** PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT CITY COUNCIL HAS  
1349 ADOPTED “RULES OF DECORUM” GOVERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING  
1350 OFFICIAL MEETINGS WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE FRONT DESK. IN AN  
1351 EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO,  
1352 THE COUNCIL CHAIR MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER OR ATTENDEE  
1353 REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING, AND/OR THE BUILDING, IF  
1354 NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

1355 PUBLIC COMMENT SHALL BEGIN AT 7:30 UNLESS THERE IS NO FURTHER  
1356 BUSINESS OF THE CITY WHICH, IN THAT EVENT, IT SHALL BEGIN SOONER. IN  
1357 ADDITION, IF ANY ITEM IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 7:30, THEN COMMENTS FROM  
1358 THE PUBLIC SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ITEM HAS BEEN  
1359 CONCLUDED.

1360 ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS,  
1361 PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD AT THE FRONT DESK AND GIVE IT  
1362 TO THE STAFF BEFORE THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION IS ANNOUNCED.

1363 **Chairperson Lanier:** Madam Clerk.

1364 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, the acceptance of  
1365 public comment cards for this particular section of the Agenda is now closed.

1366 Lloyd Brown, Erica Davis, Bonnie Larson.

1367 **Mr. L. Brown:** Hello. You're lucky it ain't Thursday 'cause I woulda been gone  
1368 'cause the game come on.

1369 [Chuckle]

1370 **Mr. L. Brown:** But, I just wanna say, you know, I was listening to [inaudible] or the  
1371 guy talk about this thing about if you call up so many times, you'll become a nuisance or  
1372 something like that. Well, turn it over to the Sheriff Department then.

1373 **Unk. Audience:** No...

1374 **Mr. L. Brown:** And then, another thing... [inaudible], you can't say no 'cause I'm  
1375 speaking.

1376 And another thing, let me tell you like this, if you don't have jobs in the  
1377 neighborhood, there's gonna be a lotta problems. If you got jobs, you won't have violence,  
1378 you won't have all these people calling you up. So you can't..., when you go talking about  
1379 five times, you're gonna have that. I know, for one thing, in my neighborhood, I done  
1380 seen people call a whole lot. So you're directing that. That's mainly targeting blacks who  
1381 are unemployed. 'Cause you say these stores call in because, you know what? Who  
1382 cater these stores? Only blacks. Mostly blacks.

1383 So, like with this charging somebody \$500 or saying you'll become a nuisance,  
1384 that's crazy. That really is crazy. Because, how many of those [chuckles] guys out there  
1385 got \$500? None. I mean, not that I know of.

1386 And another thing, okay, you know like, with the Code Enforcement, I, I'm going  
1387 on strike until they move the..., those boats from down there. And I think everybody who  
1388 hear me out there, you should go on strike. All those things they send you in the mail,  
1389 talking about you got problems in your yard, this and that, take a picture of those boats  
1390 down there on Obama and 15th.

1391 And when you do, take down that thing they got for you saying, oh, 'we fine you  
1392 because you got this.' Take that down there with those pictures of those boats, and drop  
1393 it on their desk. That's what I did. I took the pictures of those boats down there. Now  
1394 the man got the Titanic down there he's tearing up.

1395 And the Code Enforcement, you need to just get rid of the Code Enforcement. If  
1396 they can't be fair, that don't mean anything. You're worsen than the KKK.

1397 [Inaudible audience comment]

1398 **Mr. L. Brown:** 'Cause, for one thing, you, you're only looking at the, the people who  
1399 live in the City. Like, okay, you got people who got apartments. Let me tell you something  
1400 that's rental, and then you got Stonybrook. So, if any of you Council Members got  
1401 property out there you're rentin', you wanna keep our minds on Stonybrook, but you're  
1402 not gonna look at your property. I think all ya'll Council Members who got property, you  
1403 should bring pictures of your property in here so that we can see 'em and say, oh..., how  
1404 they are.

1405 Because, for one thing, I can't say everything I wanna say here, and I don't have  
1406 a page on Facebook like people say, 'cause I'm not on the Facebook, but I do put  
1407 comments on there. So, if you wanna hear some more of what I got to say about the City,  
1408 just look for Lloyd Brown on Facebook.

1409 And I'm not saying this because I don't want you to come back and say, 'Oh, I  
1410 disagree or I don't agree,' I don't really care about that. But just listen to what I have to  
1411 say and you might agree.

1412 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Mr. Brown.

1413 **City Clerk Anthony:** Erica Davis, Bonnie Larson, Bessie Brown.

1414 **Ms. E. Davis:** Erica Davis, Riviera Beach.

1415 [Inaudible audience comment]

1416 **Ms. E. Davis:** I just wanna compliment the Staff and Mr. Evans for the grand  
1417 opening of the Library. It was wonderful. And I do appreciate the vision that you have for  
1418 the Library. And also, we..., they do offer programs at the Library for jobs, certificates and  
1419 everything, if you need one. We offer a lotta things for the residents. They just don't take  
1420 the opportunity to receive them.

1421 Another thing, this City is moving forward regardless to what anybody else says  
1422 about it. The..., we have some innovative people with good vision for this City. Either  
1423 you're gonna be on the boat or you're gonna be in the ocean sinking.

1424 Second of all, we would like to have a charette for the Marina project, since we  
1425 had a very good workshop for the other projects that we're, we're having. So, we would  
1426 like to have a charette to revisit the Marina 2 project. So we can have our input on how  
1427 much money we're spending, what they're doing with it and everything like that as well.

1428 And another thing, these fireworks are outta control. They're scaring the babies  
1429 and the animals, and we need to find a way to control this, because it's, like, all day, all  
1430 night for three weeks, these fireworks have been booming, booming. Even today. So we  
1431 need to find a way to clear that up.

1432 So if anybody else has anything to say about the City of Riviera Beach in a negative  
1433 manner, get onboard and, and learn something. And you will stop saying what you're  
1434 saying about the City, 'cause we're moving forward regardless to what everybody else  
1435 has negative to say about it.

1436 Thank you.

1437 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Ms. Davis.

1438 **City Clerk Anthony:** Bonnie Larson, Bessie Brown, Cindy March.

1439 **Chairperson Lanier:** Ms. Larson, it's very good to see you. [Chuckle].

1440 **Ms. B. Larson:** I'm sorry. What?

1441 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good to see you.

1442 **Ms. B. Larson:** Oh, it's good to be back. If I could've been here, I would have. That'll  
1443 come up in my discussion though. Okay.

1444 She just talked about the Library. Actually, I forgot about the opening of the library.  
1445 But, what I'm think is..., now I see where it is and there's gonna be another opening,  
1446 apparently, in the fall. If we can move the signs that say Library, that-a-way, and it's

1447 pointing towards our current City Hall, let's have them moved so they point to the new  
1448 Library.

1449 I pass by a lot, the old Walgreens, which is now gonna become a Fire Station.  
1450 That thing is moving along. Over the years, we have had so many visions, so many plans,  
1451 so many consultants. We pay, we pay, we pay, nothing happens. Go look at that  
1452 Walgreens now. It's almost perfectly flat. We're gonna get that Fire Station out there  
1453 because we have someone now, first time in years and years and years that we've ever  
1454 had a City Manager who's got, not only the education, but the experience, the know-how  
1455 , the vision to make things happen in the City.

1456 We've just wasted the money for years and years and years. You...The most  
1457 important thing is having the right person in the right job. We've got it now. So let's use  
1458 him. I'm not saying abuse him...

1459 [Chuckles]

1460 **Ms. B. Larson:** ...I'm saying use him for his knowledge, for his expertise and let's  
1461 get this City going.

1462 Kudos to our Fire Department, when they put out that fire at the thrift shop on 28<sup>th</sup>  
1463 & Broadway. That thing went on until..., the last flame I saw was 11:15, and it started  
1464 about 7:00, 7:30. There were other Fire Departments here. If we could name those, that  
1465 would be wonderful because they came to help us. Those guys did an awesome job.  
1466 You should've seen them up there in the bucket trucks. I didn't know we had that much  
1467 water in the City. The poured and poured and poured on there.

1468 It never touched... There's a little strip shopping center next to it. I went over to  
1469 look. Flames never got over there. They did not allow flames to go off that property.  
1470 Now, my question is, what is that owner doing? He lives in Belle Glade. Who put up the  
1471 fence? Riviera Beach put up the fence. What's he doing? Why wasn't he here that night  
1472 or the next morning to do something at that property? And what's happening on that?

1473 I'm running outta time already.

1474 Okay. So updates please on... I don't have my paper. Things..., the barbecue  
1475 down at the former Spanish Courts. I thought that was supposed to be a temporary thing.  
1476 Could we have an update on that? Report on the former Marine Academy, update on  
1477 that.

1478 And the... Company. Oh, they're talking about a lot of companies have moved  
1479 out of Riviera Beach over the year. Reverend Burrs mentioned several of them the other  
1480 night. He was on the Board. So, we need to do an exit interview, if we're not doing it.  
1481 Why are these companies moving out? I know why some of them moved out, but we  
1482 need to find out so that those things are corrected and we keep companies here, rather  
1483 than letting them move out of the City.

1484 Mm, that's not enough time.

1485 [Timer]

1486 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Ms. Larson.

1487 **Ms. B. Larson:** Well, I'll talk to you next time.

1488 Thank you.

1489 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1490 **City Clerk Anthony:** Bessie Brown, Cindy March, Alexandra Witt.

1491 **Ms. B. Brown:** Good evening. I'm Bessie Brown.

1492 I'd like to say I'd like to..., I'd like to ask for a copy of the presentation for Fire Station  
1493 88 and 86. And I'd like to know, which, which one is 88 and which one is 86? I'd really  
1494 like to know that. And I'd like to have a copy of the presentation for the audit. Because,  
1495 on the Agenda, you have the audit for 2018 and 2019. You have it on here for 2018 and  
1496 2019, and it's actually for 2019 and 2020. So, I'd like to have a copy of that.

1497 And, I don't ha'..., I don't know., I went to all..., to three of the Reimagines, and I...,  
1498 my question was about the Wells. I'd like to know, when is the time..., when is the time is  
1499 to be selected to re'..., to remove Wells? Because Wells is a voting ..., voting place. And  
1500 I'd like to know when is it..., when, when, when, when are they gonna re'..., tear it down or  
1501 move it or what? Because that's a voting place. That's a real concern of mine.

1502 And the Reimagine people only had about forty-five people..., thirty, forty-five  
1503 people making decision for this entire City. And I don't..., I think that sh'..., that, that's a  
1504 little sa'..., that's a little said. A lot sad. Because, you be having all these people in Riviera  
1505 Beach, and we only had thirty-five, thirty to thirty-five people making decisions. And I  
1506 don't, and I don't think that's fair to the rest of the citizens in the City of Riviera Beach.

1507 And, and, and, and truly. Changes are being made, but changes are being made  
1508 at the at the expense of not involving the entire citizens..., since all the citizens in the City  
1509 of Riviera Beach. And that plan was implemented in 2015. And now, it's all the..., it's all  
1510 the glory now. But basically, it was implemented in 2015 by another Council. And, and,  
1511 and..., and I, and I know all of you..., and I know all of you know about it. But basically, it  
1512 wasn't..., [stammer] they all just..., all had, had a big problem with it. Now, you just bring  
1513 something together for four weeks and, and, and it's all great.

1514 That is not how you do business.

1515 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Ms. Brown.

1516 **City Clerk Anthony:** Cindy March, Alexandra Witt, Doretta Paulk.

1517 **Ms. C. March:** Alright. First of all, I wanna thank you for my water bill. It was  
1518 accurate, and I'm glad it was.

1519           Number two, I went to two of the town hall meetings, and my hypothetical question  
1520 was to Evans was, if you're gonna make this temporary over there to Wells, how much  
1521 it's gonna cost the taxpayers to make something temporary, and then you move it to a  
1522 permanent spot? I think that's a lot of wasted money. You know, if you're gonna move  
1523 something, or you're gonna reconstruct something, go ahead and make it permanent and  
1524 be through with it.

1525           You know to keep relocating, relocating, it's just like Ms. Brown said, people  
1526 already don't get out and vote. Why would you move that main space where people come  
1527 and vote at? That, that's not right. That's not right for the kids who are playing football,  
1528 basketball or, or what have you.

1529           Number three. I'm so sick of ya'll talking about.., I'm so sick of this individuals  
1530 talking about keep moving this City forward or sink. The City of Riviera Beach not gonna  
1531 sink. The individuals who's running the City of Riviera Beach gonna sink if they keep on  
1532 making it divided. There's nothing going on, on the westside. Nothing.

1533           I see you all have a garden. Next thing I know, Singer Island had they own garden.  
1534 Come on. This is one City.

1535           When are we gonna stop praising one person that's a Manager. We, we in this  
1536 together. We're gonna have to first find unity before we can even move to a flat platform.  
1537 Think about West Palm, how they cater to certain people. BB King, Macy stores, Lane  
1538 Bryant. You know how much money it cost to build that? And not one of them businesses  
1539 are open right now, today. Because they catered to a certain individual. We grew up  
1540 here in the City. We all live in the City. So we need to do better.

1541           There's no such thing and drowning. The only ones who gonna drowned, who's  
1542 not gettin' up, advocating for what's right for the east, west, north and south side of Riviera  
1543 Beach, 'cause this is a City where you can live, play and work and have fun. But  
1544 everybody got to have their share. Stop putting all the revenue on the east side of town.  
1545 Come over there on the west side. We voted for you all. And you all just done  
1546 disappointed us. And it's not that we're being bullies and gangsters, we don't go on social  
1547 media throwing rocks and hiding their hands. Go look at my page, it's my name. It's my  
1548 name. Don't come to.., don't come at me, come to me. I'm not a bully, I'm not a gangster.

1549           But I will advocate for people. Instead of you doing these town halls, put a  
1550 newsletter on these people doors, knock on these residents' doors. These are people  
1551 that put you in office. And you all have disappointed people from year after year. In 2015,  
1552 what ya'll are tryin ' to do, it was already in place.

1553           They started saying the lipstick on a pig and thi'.., and them people all [inaudible]  
1554 with they people. Ya'll got one certain individual want his name on everything like Trump.  
1555 So...

1556   **Chairperson Lanier:**       Thank you, Ms. March.

1557   **Ms. C. March:**       ...ya'll feel like it wasn't a good idea.

1558 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Ms. March.

1559 **City Clerk Anthony:** Alexandra Witt, Doretta Paulk, Mary Brabham.

1560 **Ms. A. Witt:** I have some papers'..., things to hand out to the Commissioners.

1561 **Chairperson Lanier:** You can give them to the Clerk.

1562 **Ms. A. Witt:** Mr. Evans, the City Manager and the Mayor. I only have a certain  
 1563 amount. So, if you could pass them down, I would greatly appreciate it. [Inaudible].

1564 **Chairperson Lanier:** Ma'am, your time is running. So you...

1565 **Ms. A. Witt:** It's okay. I...

1566 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good.

1567 **Ms. A. Witt:** Hi. Alexandra Witt. I live on 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Riviera. That's called Lakeview  
 1568 Park. It encompasses 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. For years, it was rundown because the big  
 1569 plans for the City were eminent domain. Well, no more eminent domain. Houses are  
 1570 selling. And they're two bedroom, one bath. Two of them, right near my house. Three  
 1571 hundred and fifteen to \$325,000. We have a situation at the end of the street. Mr. Evans  
 1572 has been helping us with it.

1573 But, we were at a meeting last week and I want everybody to be aware of this here,  
 1574 because he made a comment of I have a certain amount of money to spend before I have  
 1575 to go before the Board. So, here I am going before you all. Please take a look at this.  
 1576 And just know that there's six or eight sailboats out there, and there's a hundred and  
 1577 seventy-two homes where we live.

1578 So, to be worried about six or eight sailboat people coming in, and ruining our area,  
 1579 and not taking care of the dead end at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and making it an access where water,  
 1580 where it has always been for seventy years, there is, and we have pictures of, preexisting  
 1581 dock there. I mean, nobody wants a dock. They just wanna have access. But, you know,  
 1582 Mr. Evans said there wasn't that much money to do that, and we don't wanna just say,  
 1583 well..., because he had said he promised that he wouldn't do anything except what he  
 1584 suggested, was an eighteen inch wall.

1585 But, the next thing you know, there's gonna be a railing up. And, this all started  
 1586 because a gentleman on the end of the street, illegally permitted, with the City of Riviera  
 1587 Beach, to put a wall up. And, a neighbor of mine came to me and between the two of us,  
 1588 we got it stopped because he's very rude to everybody who plays out in the sandbar. All  
 1589 the kids go there, kayaks, grandparents, everything.

1590 I've been there twenty-two years. I've owned four homes. I own two now, right  
 1591 there on those streets. We all love that area. But that area..., if you could take a look at  
 1592 these pictures and pay attention to what's going on. And please, make an access.



1593           You do not have to call the environmentalists. You can put it.., you can find a way.  
1594 I know you can. I can buy a chainsaw. I told Mr. Evans that. [Chuckle]. But, you can  
1595 find a way to make that an access. If you have to put a gate up and hand everybody  
1596 keys, do it. But, if not, just, just don't ignore us.

1597           Just because two people on the dead end of the street illegally tried to permit, and  
1598 raised a big stink about the bad people on the sailboats, which, first off, they're not bad.  
1599 They're all nice. We all know them. So, please, please read these. Please look at these.  
1600 I would like.., make sure the Mayor gets one. I would like to make sure the City Manager  
1601 gets one as well.

1602 [Inaudible audience comment]

1603 **Ms. A. Witt:** So please take a look at it.

1604 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, ma'am.

1605 **Ms. A. Witt:** Thank you.

1606 **City Clerk Anthony:** Doretta Paulk, Mary Brabham.

1607 **Ms. D. Paulk:** Good evening. My name is Doretta Paulk.

1608           And, I just wanna say hats off to our City Manager, who brought this program. And  
1609 it was well advertised to all the citizens of Riviera Beach. There are many y citizens of  
1610 Riviera Beach who are senior citizens and do not come out at night because of their,  
1611 possibly, eyesight and the driving situation.

1612           But they do look at it on Channel 18, which Walter is doing a marvelous job. He  
1613 brought in Mr. Nottingham, who is excellent and outstanding job he did letting us know  
1614 about Reimagining Riviera Beach. And he brought in different options, A, B, and C. We  
1615 did a workshop each night, each three nights.

1616           And, we separated in sections and it was marvelous. And we did vote on Option  
1617 C. But that can be, also, you know, also challenged and also, you know, reevaluated.  
1618 But, it would be on Broadway here. And I think it was an excellent , excellent program.

1619           I can't talk enough about the opening of the bra'.., brand new Library. Excellent.  
1620 The Youth Empowerment Director, Mrs. Grimsley, she.., we had a tour of the entire place.  
1621 And, actually the, the inside, you wouldn't think it was as large as it is. But it, it was  
1622 beautiful. The colors, the neon colors, excellent for the children. They had smiles on  
1623 their face. They were so excited. And they have a stem cell.., STEM room. And they  
1624 have a testing lab, that you can get certification for SATs, ACTs, and GP.

1625           Also, they have an aquatic room and a visual reality room, which I thought was  
1626 very excellent. And, they also have a children's library, with a [inaudible] book shapes.  
1627 Beautiful, beautiful colors. The food trucks was absolutely wonderful. Mr. Forest's food  
1628 truck was very tasty and delicious. And I think we all had a wonderful time.

1629           And we are moving. We are moving. And, at the workshop, there was a gentleman  
1630 who said that the building of that City Hall should never have been built like that. The  
1631 contractors said that the type of bricks will not hold up. And that we'll [stammer] have  
1632 water intrusion. And they told the Council. They did not listen, and this is where we are.

1633           We have somebody here now that's gonna carry us through and stop this. Get  
1634 onboard. Everyone, get onboard. Everyone. And if you don't believe me, just let., look  
1635 at the tapes. [Inaudible]...

1636 **Chairperson Lanier:**       Yes.

1637 **Ms. D. Paulk:**           And I thank you...

1638 **Chairperson Lanier:**       Thank you so much...

1639 **Ms. D. Paulk:**           ...so much.

1640 **Chairperson Lanier:**       ...Ms. Paulk.

1641 **Ms. D. Paulk:**           And welcome back, Ms., Councilwoman Botel.

1642 **Chairperson Lanier:**       [Chuckle]. Thank you.

1643 **City Clerk Anthony:**       Mary Brabham.

1644 **Ms. M. Brabham:**   Hi. Good evening. Ms. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

1645           First of all, I would just like to say, a plan is a plan only when it is executed and  
1646 build uponed with additional ideas and the thought process. Ms. Brabham have sat  
1647 through every plan, every charette there is. It has always navigated building on, building  
1648 on, building on. Because why? We have different ideas, we're in different settings.

1649           So, when we talk about somebody playing. No, no, no. It is the entire residents'  
1650 plan. When we talk about coming up, this is the way it has always been. Those that seek  
1651 to get up and be participators, they will. They will. The majority always rule'. You will  
1652 never please everybody, 'cause we live in a real world.

1653           Mr. Jonathan Evans and his Staff, thank you all. Thank you all for that beautiful  
1654 Library. Ms. Deirdre Jacobs and Ms. Valerie Grimsley for stepping out on their ingenuity  
1655 with that décor, and those mirrors. And the Library Staff, for all of your hard work and  
1656 stuff. And every entity in this City here, that came together because this is who we are.  
1657 We come together to get the job done. And this what made that masterpiece over there,  
1658 at that Library.

1659           I was just like a little kid. And I cried. Yeah, Ms. Brabham cried. Ms. Brabham  
1660 cried because I got the tour that I've always wanted. So I was a big baby. And it was  
1661 well worth it.

1662 Thank you, contractor, Mr. Randolph, for such, such a excellent job. Electrical  
1663 contractor, Mr. Brown, for the work and stuff that they have done. We had dignitaries  
1664 there. Seeing Mr. Sherman's wife, we had a good time. Others, we had a good time over  
1665 there as well.

1666 So, you see, it's in a good location because why, all of our schools around that  
1667 area. It's in walking distance. And it is on the westside. We're building up the westside.  
1668 So, when we hear all of this here [stammer] different varieties of comments, that's okay.  
1669 But we must move on. We must move on. And we will move on. We will move on.

1670 This is what achievement looks like. This is what progress looks like. This is what  
1671 the unified body that stays together and work together, this is what we do. We lay aside  
1672 all of those differences there. Because we use that easel to splash that oil on that canvas  
1673 there. And that's what we...

1674 [Timer]

1675 **Ms. M. Brabham:** ...[inaudible]. Thank you.

1676 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Ms. Brabham.

1677 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, that completes public  
1678 comments.

1679 **Chairperson Lanier:** Is that it?

1680 **City Clerk Anthony:** [Inaudible].

1681 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr. Evans, could you respond to some of the comments or  
1682 questions, please?

1683 **City Manager Evans:** Certainly, Madam Chair.

1684 With regards to the signage for the new Library, we can get that modified and make  
1685 sure that it is pointing persons in the right direction.

1686 The building that the CR'., CRA owns, 2600 Broadway, that is actually gonna be  
1687 the next facility that's demolished, after Walgreens is complete. And then after that, they'll  
1688 move to the City Hall Campus, and then demolish Fire Station 87, which is the main  
1689 station. And then the Library.

1690 I do wanna speak briefly on..., there, there was a questions about which Station is  
1691 88 and which Station is 86. 88 is the Station that used to occupy the property next to  
1692 Barracuda Bay, that is currently in the back lot of the Public Works Campus. That facility  
1693 is anticipated to be reconstructed and a new Fire facility, that will be on the corner of  
1694 Congress and Blue Heron.

1695 Fire Station 86 is the Fire Station on the north side of the Island. And that Station  
1696 is contemplated to be relocated. And, Chief Curd does have a presentation that we will  
1697 be sharing with the Board, with regards to the relocation of the Station and the improved  
1698 response times that we would get as a result of that.

1699 The question in regards to Fire Station 87, why we're constructing a temporary  
1700 station. The Board is acutely aware, as well as the community, that these stations are  
1701 woefully inadequate to provide service to our community. We have significant water  
1702 intrusion in the facilities. And so, we thought that it was only appropriate, in order to  
1703 continue to provide service to our community and make sure our first responders are in a  
1704 facility that can function in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, that we look to construct a temporary station  
1705 that will be relocated, basically, on the corner of the Wells Campus.

1706 That particular Station has modular units. So, those modular units, after the Fire  
1707 Department utilizes that space, can be relocated, repurposed and even resold, if it is the  
1708 desire of the City. So we would actually get a return on our investment.

1709 There was a conversation, or a meeting, that occurred on 24<sup>th</sup> Street about the  
1710 access. We communicated to the residents that we were gonna look to reclaim our  
1711 property. And then, we talked about some surfacing that we would look to put at the end  
1712 of the roadway. We did communicate to the residents that we would look to do about an  
1713 eighteen inch, knee-high wall.

1714 There was some conversations and discussions with the community as it relates  
1715 to water access. We did tell them that that would be something that we would explore.  
1716 That is a pretty tedious permitting process, but if it is the pleasure of the Board to proceed  
1717 in such a fashion, that will be something that Staff will bring forward as one of the options  
1718 for you to consider.

1719 The cost associated with the project on 24<sup>th</sup> Street, the estimates are still coming  
1720 in, but we're anticipating the cost to be well over eighty to \$100,000, depending on the  
1721 elements that are contained. We did hear a little bit about Public Safety concerns, so  
1722 we're actually working with the adjacent property owners to get access to cameras and  
1723 have cameras. And then, some low level lighting that is compliant with what we need to  
1724 do for sea turtles as well.

1725 And so, we, we took all that information in and we actually asked for participation  
1726 from roughly about forty people that were present at that meeting. And then that's gonna  
1727 end up coming back to the Board with some [stammer] options for you to consider. And  
1728 access to the water, or some type of water access, will be something that would be an  
1729 option for the Board to consider.

1730 Risk Management has looked at the potential risk element associated with that,  
1731 but that will all be wrapped into the conversation.

1732 With respect to the voting site at Wells. In the event that Wells is under  
1733 construction, most likely, what would happen is, City Hall will become the voting precincts.  
1734 And so, there would be some, some switching or some alternation. That occurs in many

1735 other places. Precincts do move from time to time. A lotta times, sometimes outside of  
1736 the control of the, the government entity.

1737 So, we are gonna be mindful of, of where the voting location is, and if there's any  
1738 impacts to the residents, obviously, we're gonna do our best working with the Supervisor  
1739 of Election to mitigate any impacts that persons may have.

1740 With respect to the Reimagine Riviera Beach sessions, we had four sessions that  
1741 ranged in attendance anywhere from thirty-five to sixty persons. It was a four week  
1742 session. We got great participation and great feedback from the residents. And, there's  
1743 a lot of elements that are from the previous presentation that was shared with the Board  
1744 in the past. But there was no community charettes. There was no discussion with the  
1745 community as it relates to the options that were proffered.

1746 So, we took that particular design. There was valuable elements of it, but there  
1747 was never community buy-in, or support, that move any element in that particular plan  
1748 forward. So, when looked at it, there are some valuable components but, at the end of  
1749 the day, we needed to get feedback from the community. And so, we rebranded it, we  
1750 repackaged it, we looked at it from a different perspective, we've shared that with the  
1751 Board and the

1752 Board has given us direction to go in and engage the community and we've done that in  
1753 a series.

1754 And all of us have been in enough government meetings that when you get over  
1755 thirty-five persons that are different persons that attend your Council meetings, that  
1756 means you're, you're reaching an audience that you traditionally haven't reached in the  
1757 past. As well as, I cannot tell you how many people have stopped me that said they  
1758 watched it on TV, and they appreciate the dialog and the deliberation and the  
1759 thoughtfulness that went into the presentation.

1760 This is a series of subsequent conversations that we're gonna have with the  
1761 community about this particular facility, and other facilities, as we breathe life to these  
1762 things. And, there's not a doubt in my mind, the reason why these facilities never came  
1763 to life, is there was not community buy-in and discussions with the community that  
1764 facilitated the project moving forward. But, we're moving in that direction and the Library  
1765 is actually one example of Staff's ability to, to execute.

1766 We, we do want to also share with the Board that, as part of your budget workshop  
1767 on July 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing you a recap, and then coming back to the Board about  
1768 a more thorough discussion about Reimagine Riviera Beach, and then what the  
1769 subsequent phases are.

1770 Our timeline, if everything goes as planned, we would like to break ground on a  
1771 new City Hall Campus on the City's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. So, our target date is September 29  
1772 of 2022. So, we're gonna have to move very quickly, and we're gonna have to have a lot  
1773 of conversation and dialog with the community to get to that point. But we do want to  
1774 move aggressively.

1775           And, the other thing about it, I think it's important that the City hasn't been able to,  
1776 for whatever reasons, move some of these projects forward. And, we're seeing significant  
1777 deterioration of facilities and they don't operate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. And it is a burden for  
1778 Staff to maintain thee facilities, and also to recruit persons to work in some of these  
1779 facilities. So, we're at that crossroads, where we have to, you know, make some tough  
1780 decisions.

1781           And we appreciate the Board's leadership as it relates to the saying, you know, go  
1782 forward and get us the, the monies necessary to bring two fire stations out of the ground  
1783 concurrently. I had the conversation with the Chief, five Chiefs have tried to do this. But  
1784 this Board has been deadest on making sure that these facilities do come out of the  
1785 ground, and were working as aggressively as possible.

1786           And, in closing, if there's anyone that never had the opportunity to sit in any of the  
1787 sessions, we did say we have a Reimagine Riviera Beach Lite [sp]. That is a portable  
1788 program that you tell us where you want us to meet you at, and we can do it in about  
1789 three hours with a small group and have the same type of conversation and dialog with  
1790 persons.

1791           So, whomever is willing to listen, whomever is willing to participate, we'll go to you.  
1792 You don't have to come to us. But we know the importance of community participation in  
1793 order to move this forward.

1794           And that concludes my comments, Madam Chair.

1795   **Chairperson Lanier:**       Thank you.

1796   [Applause]

1797   **Chairperson Lanier:**       Thank you, Mr. Evans. You have a fan club.

1798   [Chuckles]

1799   **Chairperson Lanier:**       Yeah. You have one here too as well.

1800           But anyway, we will get back to our Item that we had with Mr. Harvey. Are you still  
1801 there, sir? [Pause]. Mr. Harvey?

1802   **Mr. R. Harvey:**       Yes. I'm here.

1803   **Chairperson Lanier:**       Okay. Very good. And we'll pick up with Mr. McCoy's  
1804 question. I thought you had some other questions you wanted to ask, Mr. McCoy?

1805   **Councilperson McCoy:**   Thank you, Madam Chair.

1806           I think I had asked it. We were on the finding 0-0-8. Ms. Wynn was responding as  
1807 to the departments procuring counsel outside of their office. So, I mean, I thinks that...,  
1808 alright. I just wanted to bring to her attention. I think she was offering an explanation.

1809 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. Very good.

1810 Ms. Wynn, did you answer that question?

1811 **City Attorney Wynn:** I, I had wanted to follow up on a couple other points in that...

1812 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay.

1813 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...Item.

1814 There was a statement that Mr. Harvey has in here regarding the cover sheet, and  
 1815 that that wasn't complied with. However, I wanted to point out, 'cause I don't think that  
 1816 the explanation fully lays out what the office does. I implemented that memo requirement,  
 1817 or cover sheet requirement when I became the City Attorney and realized that there  
 1818 weren't controls in place. So, when you go back at a certain point in time, you, you will  
 1819 not see a cover sheet, because it didn't exist.

1820 So, it kind of reads like there's, there's something that Legal didn't do that should've  
 1821 been done, but we implemented that process. Because we saw that there was Internal  
 1822 Controls that needed to be put in place.

1823 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

1824 **City Attorney Wynn:** That's all I have as it relates to that.

1825 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay.

1826 Mr. McCoy, is that your question?

1827 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes. Thank you.

1828 **Chairperson Lanier:** Are there any other questions for the Internal Auditor?  
 1829 External Auditor? I'm sorry. Sorry.

1830 Okay. Thank you so much, Mr. Harvey for you and your presentation. And your  
 1831 team. We appreciate your assistance and your work with the City.

1832 **Mr. R. Harvey:** Thank you.

1833 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1834 Next Item, Madam Clerk.

1835 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, we don't vote on it?

1836 **Chairperson Lanier:** No. It's just a presentation.

1837 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I, I distinctly remember we voting on last year's...

1838 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** To accept it.

1839 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...budget to accept it. I...

1840 **Chairperson Lanier:** Do you wanna do that?

1841 **Councilperson McCoy:** ..mean, audit, to accept it. So that's not the same this time?

1842 **Chairperson Lanier:** We [inaudible].

1843 **City Manager Evans:** Yes. We would, we would like for the Board to vote to accept  
1844 the audit.

1845 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good.

1846 **Councilperson Botel:** Move that the Board accept the audit report.

1847 **Chairperson Lanier:** Second?

1848 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

1849 **Chairperson Lanier:** Madam Clerk.

1850 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?

1851 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

1852 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

1853 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

1854 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

1855 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

1856 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

1857 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Item passes 4-0. Next Item.

1858 **7. ITEM NO. 7**

1859 **City Clerk Anthony:** The next Item, Madam Chair, Members of the Board, is Item  
1860 No. 7.

1861 **City Clerk Anthony:** **OFFICER OF THE QUARTER AWARD TO OFFICER**  
1862 **JOSEPH HOFFMAN – nothing attached**

1863 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, there are no public  
1864 comments on this Item. The acceptance of public comments on this Item is now closed.



1865 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

1866 Mr. Evans.

1867 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, we all know that the  
1868 City's most precious resource is its employees and we have ordinary people doing  
1869 extraordinary things. And I think this particular feat, that one of our officers did is just  
1870 remarkable. And, and when I heard the story, it was something that, you know, it's..., it  
1871 just speaks to the, the character of the persons that we have in this agency. And, and I'll  
1872 let the Chief tell the story about this gentleman. But, he has exemplified the great  
1873 characteristics of a Riviera Beach law enforcement officer.

1874 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1875 **City Manager Evans:** So, Chief Nate Osgood will make the presentation.

1876 **Police Chief Osgood:** Alright. Thank you, Mr. manager. Madam Chair, Pro Tem,  
1877 City Council, Mayor. Thank you. I'm Chief Nate Osgood.

1878 I would like to give you a little background what happened. I'm gonna introduce  
1879 you to the Man of the Month,...

1880 **Councilperson McCoy:** Speak into the mic.

1881 **Police Chief Osgood:** ...[inaudible] quarter. The Man of the Quarter, that'll be  
1882 Office Joe Hoffman.

1883 Last month, June 6<sup>th</sup>, on a Sunday, while on beach patrol and driving up and down  
1884 the coast on the ATV, Officer Hoffman was waved down by several beachgoers. This is  
1885 around the 3100 block of Ocean Boulevard, behind the Phoenix Hotel, or actually condo.  
1886 One of the beachgoers frantically waved over and they told Officer Hoffman there's a kid  
1887 out in the water.

1888 He was..., the kid was out, in trouble, a hundred and fifty feet to two hundred feet.  
1889 Way out. Officer Hoffman also noticed a beachgoer in the water trying to go after the kid.  
1890 Officer Hoffman quickly stood up, removed his duty gear, his belt, dumped everything,  
1891 threw it in, in the beach buggy. He grabbed the buoy from the buggy and proceeded to  
1892 start out.

1893 Officer Hoffman also recognized that a good Samaritan was going behind the kid  
1894 also. He took control of the kid. And, if you don't know what you're doing, you can be a  
1895 good swimmer, but it's hard to save somebody while you're swimming.

1896 The rip currents were pretty heavy that day, pretty hard. So, the, the good  
1897 Samaritan, himself, was in trouble. Officer Hoffman yelled to him, 'Let him go. Let him  
1898 go.' And bring him back down. 'Come back in yourself.' He would've had two souls to  
1899 save that day if, if he continued. Officer Hoffman, as the beachgoer was coming in,

1900 Hoffman continued going, going out towards the, the child that was in trouble. He had  
1901 gone up and down a few times.

1902           Officer Hoffman got close to him, tossed him the buoy, swam back to shore. The  
1903 kid had taken in a lotta water. He was coughing up seawater. They performed a ocean  
1904 rescue out to help save the kid, to get the water out of his system.

1905           And I gotta tell you, this is.., since I got here, we started doing.., we started  
1906 recognizing significant events for our officers who have done extraordinary things, as Mr.  
1907 Evans just said. That was not just extraordinary for Office of the Month material, this is  
1908 repeat on and on great police work that Officer Hoffman has continued to do. I'm gonna  
1909 back up. A few months earlier, Officer Hoffman would see a.., an individual on the beach  
1910 who was acting strange. Officer Hoffman stopped that individual. That individual ended  
1911 up.., turned out to be... He took him in custody, not knowing that day, that individual  
1912 turned out to be wanted for a murder. He had killed his wife in another county from here.  
1913 That was another extraordinary thing that Officer Hoffman has done.

1914           So, he has been doing so many good things that we had to recognize him for this  
1915 life saving award for Office of the Quarter. So please, Officer Hoffman step forward.

1916 [Applause]

1917 **Police Chief Osgood:**           We will continue to... We're gonna be doing a, a  
1918 recognition at the Police Department for Officer Hoffman. I asked him to be here tonight.  
1919 He didn't know I was gonna read this. That's why he's showing his pretty legs.

1920 [Chuckles]

1921 **Police Chief Osgood:**           But I want him to say a few words, please.

1922 **Police Officer Hoffman:** Thank you. Well, thank you. I appreciate it.

1923           Most all of us do things like that. Honestly. And, we don't recognized for it  
1924 because, generally, the news media likes to point out some of the things that maybe an  
1925 officer here or there does, that is not like that. But anybody that saw a twelve year old kid  
1926 drowning out there is gonna go in. You know? There's nothing heroic about it. He  
1927 needed help. I took all my stuff off and I helped him.

1928           I just told him, 'You need to start going to church...

1929 [Chuckles]

1930 **Police Officer Hoffman:** ...because if I, if was not there, you would not be here.' I just  
1931 happened to be driving by at that exact moment. So, you know, it worked out for  
1932 everybody. But I'm just glad the outcome was what it was and a mother still has her, her  
1933 son. And everything turned out good.

1934           But, thank you. I appreciate it.

1935 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

1936 [Applause]

1937 **Police Chief Osgood:** What we have done at the Police Department, we also put  
1938 up a big plaque to recognize the officers of the quarter, and their names on the plaque.  
1939 So if you guys get a chance, come by and take a look at the lobby, and you're gonna see  
1940 for this quarter, his face on one of those pictures.

1941 But, Chairperson, if you don't mind, can I get everyone in the Council, to take a  
1942 picture with Officer Hoffman, please? I brought...

1943 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Yes.

1944 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair, before we... Just, quickly before we do that. I  
1945 just wanna thank Officer Hoffman, because the people on Singer Island so greatly  
1946 appreciate your presence there in our community. I hear constant.., a constant refrain of  
1947 people who appreciate the work that you do, and the way in which you go about doing  
1948 that work. People appreciate your courtesy, your kindness, and the attention you pay to  
1949 the details.

1950 So, thanks so much.

1951 [Applause]

1952 [Discussions setting up for picture]

1953 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Thank you again, Mr. Hoffman. Good night.

1954 Madam Clerk, next item, please.

1955 **ITEMS TABLED**

1956 **REGULAR**

1957 **8. City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we're now onto  
1958 Item No. 8.

1959 **City Clerk Anthony:** **RESOLUTION NO. 81-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY**  
1960 **COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,**  
1961 **INCREASING THE COSTS FOR DESIGN-BUILD-FINANCE PREDEVELOPMENT**  
1962 **SERVICES FOR FIRE RESCUE FACILITIES FROM \$500,000.00 TO AN AMOUNT**  
1963 **NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND**  
1964 **00/100 (\$1,300,000.00); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER**  
1965 **PURPOSES.**

1966 **ELIZABETH MCBRIDE, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, 561-812-6597**

1967 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have public  
 1968 comment on this Item. The acceptance of public comment on this Item is now closed.

1969 **Councilperson Botel:** Move to approve the Resolution 81-21, pertaining to the  
 1970 increase of the cost for design-build finance.

1971 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Second.

1972 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr. Evans.

1973 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, I'd ask for Deputy City  
 1974 Manager, Ms. Elizabeth McBride, to make this presentation.

1975 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Good evening.

1976 **Chairperson Lanier:** Good evening.

1977 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Madam Chair, Mayor, and Members of the Council.

1978 This matter is back before you tonight for two reasons. One, when you passed  
 1979 Resolution 43-21 on.., at your April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, awarding the solicitation to Kaufman  
 1980 Lynn, you also provided that Staff could move forward to formulate an Interim  
 1981 Development Agreement. You authorized the Manager to execute that agreement, once  
 1982 approved by the City Attorney's office, and for that agreement to be returned just as an  
 1983 Agenda Item for your information at the first meeting after execution. And that's why you  
 1984 have a copy of the Interim Development Agreement.

1985 And that agreement primarily just covers the predevelopment and preconstruction  
 1986 activities from designing to preconstruction due diligence Site Planning permitting. It also  
 1987 does provide, consistent with action you took earlier, that should the City not move  
 1988 forward with financing, Kaufman Lynn will still be developer under the.., a design-build  
 1989 contract, the final document that will come back to you.

1990 And we hope to have that final construction, or design-build document back to you  
 1991 within two months. Okay.

1992 Resolution 88-21, previously Resolution 43-21, it provided for \$500,000 in  
 1993 predevelopment costs. And that figure came.., was.., we had devised that figure prior to  
 1994 working with the developer group, and our owner's rep. The cost that you have before  
 1995 you now, the \$1.3MM, covers the cost for the developers, as well as the owner's rep for  
 1996 the City. It does have.., and that amount will be backed out. It continues the amount  
 1997 should we had moved forward with financing, as proposed by the developer for their  
 1998 attorneys. And that was based upon actual use of the funds, if you look at Exhibit B to  
 1999 the development agreement.

2000 **Chairperson Lanier:** Is that it?

2001 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Yes.

2002 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good.

2003 Any questions regarding this presentation?

2004 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

2005 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. You're recognized.

2006 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

2007 Ms. McBride, so PSA is our owner's rep?

2008 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Yes.

2009 **Councilperson McCoy:** Do we have somebody inhouse that does co'..., project  
 2010 management for this or, or contract compliance? Because I see all of these services. I'm  
 2011 just wondering, this is gonna be no different than what, I think was just brought up in our  
 2012 audit.

2013 I mean, I'm not saying that they did not perform the \$64,000 worth of services, but  
 2014 who's checking on our end?

2015 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Basically, I represent... If you look at the Interim  
 2016 Development Agreement, there's a Project Management Committee for this project. The  
 2017 City has, as its representative, our City Engineer, Terrence Bailey, and our owner's rep,  
 2018 Chris Hassell from PSA.

2019 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up.

2020 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** So, Mr. Bailey should be our eyes and ears.

2021 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. And...

2022 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead, sir.

2023 **Councilperson McCoy:** And, and this.., Ms. McBride, I'm saying this respectfully, so  
 2024 this is getting right back to what I think we just seen in, in finding number 2020 0-8. Who's  
 2025 checking off on this, that these services are being performed? Is that Mr. Bailey?

2026 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Mr. Bailey. Yes.

2027 **Councilperson McCoy:** And, I guess, and, and this may be a question you can  
 2028 answer, but how, how are they billing us? Monthly? Or is it...

2029 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** If you look... Let's see. Hold on.

2030 **Councilperson McCoy:** But, I guess...

2031 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Monthly. If you look at Exhibit B that we have attached.

2032 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. I, I just wanna make sure that we're not..., I mean,  
2033 \$64,000, I know we've only been here, what now? Not even two months in a full..., not  
2034 even a full sixty days. I just wanna make sure that there's somebody on our side, that is  
2035 ensuring that PSA...I

2036 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** [Inaudible]. PSA, \$64,000 is the total amount for four  
2037 months now. It's not per month.

2038 **Councilperson McCoy:** So this was before we started...

2039 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** For four months.

2040 **Councilperson McCoy:** But, their services started before we entered into the..., into  
2041 the, I guess, the direction to go and move forward with Kaufman...

2042 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** They...

2043 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...Lynn?

2044 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** They just started, sir. They really have just started. We  
2045 had no reason to be using them before we brought on Kaufman Lynn.

2046 **Councilperson McCoy:** That's been four months now?

2047 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** No.

2048 **Councilperson McCoy:** I thought...

2049 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** No. No. It hasn't been four months. I said their  
2050 services really just started in the month of June.

2051 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

2052 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Okay.

2053 **Councilperson McCoy:** And we've..., \$64,000 for the month of June?

2054 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** No. The \$64,000 is for June, July, August, and  
2055 September...

2056 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay.

2057 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Okay?

2058 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, that's why I was asking, Ms. McBride.

2059 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Yes. Okay.

2060 **Councilperson McCoy:** I mean, you know, you got this.., there is PSA scope of  
2061 services. It's not even clear whether or not it was already performed. It just kinda gives  
2062 a breakdown of hours, I suppose.

2063 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Okay.

2064 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, I, you know, I exactly wasn't sure...

2065 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Yes.

2066 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...was this already performed or not.

2067 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** I'll be honest with you, I wish I could remember the  
2068 date. The actual date that we first met with them for the services related to this contract  
2069 was about two weeks ago. And it was after that meeting, we devised the scope of  
2070 services. So, really, it's just in the last weeks we devised this scope of services for this  
2071 project.

2072 You know, they were hired with a group, I guess it was four or five persons...

2073 **Councilperson McCoy:** Mhmm.

2074 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Companies that were hired as owner's rep. And they  
2075 were put on a rotational basis, but the services.., the contract still required a scope of  
2076 services to be agreed upon by the parties, and the contract did not dictate the actual  
2077 commencement of their services.

2078 **Councilperson McCoy:** Okay. Fair enough.

2079 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Mhmm.

2080 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

2081 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Okay.

2082 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

2083 Any other questions for Ms. McBride? I would also like to say that, if the.., Mr.  
2084 Bailey is our eyes and ears, then he should be present with you when you, when you  
2085 present these items.

2086 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** He had something else to do tonight.

2087 **Chairperson Lanier:** But I'm just saying.

2088 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Yes. I know.

2089 **Chairperson Lanier:** He needs to be present.

2090 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Mhmm.

2091 **Chairperson Lanier:** To answer any questions in regards to these.

2092 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Mhmm.

2093 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

2094 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** [Inaudible].

2095 **Chairperson Lanier:** Any other questions in regards to this Item?

2096 Thank you, ma'am. Can we...

2097 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** You're welcome.

2098 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...call the question?

2099 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have public  
 2100 comment on this Item.

2101 Bonnie Larson, Bessie Brown, Mary Brabham.

2102 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

2103 **Deputy City Manager McBride:** Okay. Thank you.

2104 **Councilperson Botel:** Bonnie?

2105 [Inaudible dais comments]

2106 **Chairperson Lanier:** She said no.

2107 **City Clerk Anthony:** Bessie Brown.

2108 **Councilperson Botel:** She's gone.

2109 **Chairperson Lanier:** She's gone.

2110 **City Clerk Anthony:** Mary Brabham.

2111 **Ms. M. Brabham:** Hi. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

2112 I totally agree that on the project like this, if we are to get on the ball and do what  
 2113 we need to do to build up our facilities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we need someone other to  
 2114 watch the hen in the henhouse. I want you to remember that, to watch the hen in the  
 2115 henhouse. Because we do want these projects to go and to move once we dedicate  
 2116 ourselves to make these big time financial investments. I can't have babies followed  
 2117 around here. I can't have somebody that, that I have to feed into their little whims and



2118 wants and needs. This is not about one person here. This project is a huge project, and  
2119 we want that Fire Station built for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

2120 I have no objection to what we need to move it. But I, as a resident, and we looked  
2121 at., we need somebody to watch the hen in the henhouse. And I'm asking this Board  
2122 here, to do that as well, so when somethings falls in the gap... I always believe., Ms.  
2123 Brabham got four sets of eyes. Two natural and two glasses, plus bifocals.

2124 [Chuckles]

2125 **Ms. M. Brabham:** So, see..., so, I'm watching.

2126 [Inaudible comment]

2127 **Ms. M. Brabham:** And they're helping watch too, so I can see what I need to see, that  
2128 maybe will come in a gap.

2129 And while we are talking about the Fire Station, 'cause they deal with water. And  
2130 at the Library, I just wanna too, Fire, I know you're gonna deal with water. I picked up this  
2131 water quality report at the Library, our new Library. And I want the residents to compare  
2132 it with West Palm Beach and our surrounding area..., area. And we still come out on top.

2133 So fireman, you will put out our water..., with the water that, that we have as well  
2134 as, from our hydrant, and you will do a good job. But I need for you all to move on the  
2135 projects that we need to move on. And I need for somebody to watch the hen in the  
2136 henhouse so that we will not have gaps like we have had before.

2137 So, I'm asking you, Board, 'cause I am gonna hold you accountable..., not just me,  
2138 we as residents as well because we want things done. And I totally agree that perhaps  
2139 we need to go back and workshop that Phase 2 because there's a lotta gaps in there that  
2140 we need to bring up to date. So, let's get on the ball and let's do these things.

2141 Thank you.

2142 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Ms. Brabham.

2143 Madam Clerk.

2144 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2145 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2146 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?

2147 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

2148 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

2149 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2150 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

2151 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Unanimous vote in favor of this Item.

2152 **9. Chairperson Lanier:** No. 9, Madam Clerk.

2153 **City Clerk Anthony:** Item No. 9.

2154 **City Clerk Anthony:** **SELECTION OF A VOTING CANDIDATE FOR THE PALM**  
 2155 **BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES AND THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES.**

2156 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr. Evans.

2157 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, this Item is to be  
 2158 presented by the City Clerk, but I can definitely stand in.

2159 We're looking to obtain a delegate, as well as a representative. In the past,  
 2160 Councilperson Botel was the Member and Councilperson Miller-Anderson was the  
 2161 alternate, so we would need for the Board to select a, a Member to represent, and then  
 2162 an alternative as well.

2163 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?

2164 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2165 **Councilperson Botel:** I continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the League,  
 2166 so I don't mind doing it, and KaShamba doesn't mind...

2167 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. We, we had a discussion.

2168 **Councilperson Botel:** Yeah.

2169 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** So...

2170 **Councilperson Botel:** We're good.

2171 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** When we selected it. So, I guess...

2172 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Inaudible].

2173 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...we just need a motion, right?

2174 **Chairperson Lanier:** Do you have any objection, Mr. McCoy?

2175 [Inaudible comment]

2176 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright.

2177 **Councilperson McCoy:** No. No, but that, that's what I was saying. This just seems  
2178 really unusual.

2179 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible].

2180 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yeah. I, I don't know what...

2181 **Chairperson Lanier:** Well, that.., it, it stays the way it does. Botel as the...

2182 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, let's formalize the [inaudible].

2183 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yeah.

2184 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Go ahead.

2185 **Councilperson Botel:** I make a motion...

2186 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, this is for any Items  
2187 that may come up at your conferences that...

2188 **Councilperson Botel:** Right.

2189 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...need to be voted upon.

2190 **Councilperson Botel:** Right.

2191 **City Clerk Anthony:** So, when it comes down to the Palm "Beach County League  
2192 of Cities, the Palm Beach County of Leagues of Cities, in speaking with the  
2193 representative, they indicated that they don't foresee anything coming up that a member  
2194 would need to vote upon. However, it's good to have someone on record that can do the  
2195 vote as representative for the City. And in the backup, you will see where I did indicate  
2196 that Ms. Botel was the representative for the City, and Ms. Miller-Anderson is the  
2197 alternate.

2198 However, if the Board does not want to go with Ms. Botel and Ms. Miller-Anderson  
2199 as the alternate for the voting delegate, they are more than welcome to do so. As well  
2200 as, the same thing for the Florida League of Cities conference that's coming up next  
2201 month. As of right now, when I had last spoke with the representative, they don't see  
2202 anything that will be coming up for voting. However, as you all know, that can change.  
2203 And so, it is our responsibility to make sure that we have a voting delegate there.

2204 So, you will have to determine whether or not you want Ms. Botel to be the voting  
2205 delegate at the Florida League of Cities, and Ms. Miller-Anderson to be the alternate as  
2206 well...

2207 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Madam...

2208 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...for the Florida League of Cities.

2209 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam...

2210 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?

2211 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead, Miller-Anderson.

2212 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** So, in, in the years past, when we've had the  
 2213 voting at the Florida League of Cities conferences, it's always been consistent with what  
 2214 we selected for the Palm Beach County League. So, in the years past, when I was the,  
 2215 the, the representative, I was also the delegates to vote. So, if we stay consistent what  
 2216 we've done before, it.., we would just be making a motion to vote on it as it is. Unless  
 2217 somebody wants to change that.

2218 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

2219 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2220 **Councilperson McCoy:** I don't have a problem with that. And that's absolutely fine  
 2221 but, for all intents and purposes, this is general membership, and you know how those  
 2222 conferences get, you know, they.., the membership is called at any point. I don't have a  
 2223 problem with Dr. Botel being primary, you being alternate. But I just think that every  
 2224 Member should have the opportunity.

2225 Because in the event that there is some unusual circumstances where there is a  
 2226 membership meeting, and there is a vote call, I don't want us not to have a seat at the  
 2227 table, if neither one of you are there. Especially, if it allows for having multiple alternates.

2228 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Can we put more...

2229 **Councilperson Botel:** Does it allow for...

2230 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** It doesn't allow for that, does it?

2231 **Councilperson McCoy:** It clearly does.

2232 **City Clerk Anthony:** The voting delegate form was attached and it does indicate  
 2233 for the Florida League of Cities, I believe, where alternate members.., additional alternate  
 2234 members can be placed. I'm not for certain about the Palm Beach County League of  
 2235 Cities. But, I'm, I'm quite sure if we make the decision as an entity to do it, they will go  
 2236 along with it. 'Long as I have it indicated on the form and I sign off on it, on the action  
 2237 taken by the Board.

2238 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** So...

2239 **Councilperson Botel:** So...

2240 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...Madam Chair?

2241 **Councilperson Botel:** I'll, I'll make a motion that...

2242 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Inaudible]...

2243 **Councilperson Botel:** Go ahead.

2244 **Chairperson Lanier:** Hold on a second.

2245 **Councilperson Botel:** Mhmm.

2246 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** So, what I was going to say is, first of all, who's  
 2247 going to the conference? I think we..., they always vote at the conference, typically, if  
 2248 there's something coming up. So, one, we wanna make sure who..., whoever we're  
 2249 putting down, will be going.

2250 **Councilperson Botel:** I'm going.

2251 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I'll be going too. Mr. McCoy, are you going?

2252 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2253 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Okay. So, you wanna be an alternate too?

2254 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2255 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** It sounds like he does.

2256 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes, Board Member Miller-Anderson. But, if you look at the  
 2257 form, I mean, it essentially allows anybody that's a part of the governing body. So, I  
 2258 would..., all I'm suggesting is, we won't run afoul, any kinda way, if you guys wanna go in  
 2259 sequential order, we can put, even the Mayor for that matter, on the form. It allows you  
 2260 to have multiple alternates. That's what I'm saying. So...

2261 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I, I understand. That's why I was saying, well,  
 2262 do you wanna have your name on there? If you're not...

2263 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yeah. That's fine.

2264 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** If somebody's not attending, I mean, there's no  
 2265 point in putting your name on there. So, if everybody's going, if everybody wanna put  
 2266 their name on it, they can. Because we can all attend.

2267 **Councilperson McCoy:** Sure.

2268 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** We can all attend the meeting. So, we just don't  
 2269 wanna be where we don't have anyone.

2270 **Councilperson Botel:** So, I'm making a motion that I'll be the primary voting delegate  
 2271 and Councilwoman Miller-Anderson will be the first alternate. And the other alternates  
 2272 will be named as the rest of the Council, including the Mayor.

2273 Did you get that?

2274 [Inaudible dais comment]

2275 **Councilperson Botel:** So, put everybody on there, in other words.

2276 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** McCoy will be third. So he can be next. McCoy  
 2277 third?

2278 **Chairperson Lanier:** Can I get a... Yes. That's fine. Can we get a second?

2279 **Councilperson McCoy:** Second.

2280 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Second.

2281 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

2282 Madam Clerk.

2283 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?

2284 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

2285 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson...

2286 **Ms. M. Brabham:** [Inaudible].

2287 **City Clerk Anthony:** ...McCoy?

2288 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2289 **City Clerk Anthony:** Oh, my apologies. We do have a public comment card on this  
 2290 item. ]

2291 Mary Brabham.

2292 **Chairperson Lanier:** Ms. Brabham said wait a minute.

2293 **Councilperson Botel:** You wanna be the delegate, Ms. Brabham?

2294 [Chuckles]

2295 **Ms. M. Brabham:** Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

2296 Three, three strikes, you're out. [Chuckle]. Okay? Just kidding.

2297 The League of Cities, we know that this is important, within our City. I agree with  
 2298 these two representatives. Why? Because, KaShamba Miller business aspect, as well  
 2299 as a residents. And to put you on those boards there as a resident of., represent our

2300 City, as well as a business, Ms., Dr. Botel, she's good at that too. So, these are two good  
2301 representatives that I would, sitting up there, I would agree with. You all can attend, but  
2302 the League of Cities always need that validated voting body to help push your issues, or  
2303 our concerns, you know, about our City.

2304 And, I look at you two as being vested in these area. I'm gonna use that word  
2305 there. Because, you both are vested. Not saying that the rest is not vested, but I need  
2306 somebody there when Ms. Brabham is not there.

2307 [Chuckle]

2308 **Ms. M. Brabham:** I need somebody to get up and attend these things here that needs  
2309 to be attended. Not when you want to, but when you must, as a representative.

2310 So, so I feel that you all, you two, will do well. Not saying that the others., but I'm  
2311 just looking at the totality of business. Doing business. Because this is about who we  
2312 are now. With our Reimagining, and, and just, just, just, just coming out of what we have  
2313 came out of, and still standing to make us realize we have a lot [stammer] ahead of us.

2314 And we can do it. We can do it. And everything now, we wanna be on that century  
2315 here to say that we, we, we gave it, not our best but, but we gave our number one star  
2316 because we are reaching for the stars here now. We, we may not grab them, but they  
2317 are always in our reach. So, and, and I want this Board to think. Step out of those, those  
2318 boxes that fit that ingenuity and bring that clarity.

2319 And Chairperson [stammer] Ms. Lanier, we love you. Yes, we do. We love you.  
2320 We love all of you all. But Ms. Brabham does not wanna be in a meeting 11:00 o'clock,  
2321 12:00 o'clock or 1:00 o'clock. It doesn't take all day long to do business. So we thank  
2322 you, as a Board, that's coming into that frame and realizing that.

2323 Sometimes we have t wo and three meetings and we're able to get out of here  
2324 before 9:00 o'clock. Yeah, Ms. Brabham's gonna give you a slap.

2325 Thank you.

2326 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Ms. Brabham.

2327 [Chuckles]

2328 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Ms. Brabham.

2329 Madam Clerk.

2330 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy?

2331 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

2332 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?

2333 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

2334 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

2335 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2336 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?

2337 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

2338 **Councilperson Botel:** [Inaudible].

2339 **DISCUSSION BY THE CITY MANAGER**

2340 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Can we have public..., can we have comments from our  
2341 City Manager, please?

2342 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair. Just a couple of brief items related to the  
2343 Marina Phase 2 project on the CRA side. In the Agenda packet that was posted this  
2344 evening for the CRA, we are asking for the Board to consider having a meeting on the  
2345 29<sup>th</sup> of July to bring some of the particular elements to closure. We're at a point where  
2346 we believe that by July 14<sup>th</sup>, the Board will authorize us to move forward with our financial  
2347 consultant to re'..., to look at the financial elements associated with the developer's  
2348 proposal on Element 8.

2349 We will have the parking study concluded, the housing study. We have the  
2350 financial review and update of Element 8, Element 1 review and update. Also, the Florida  
2351 Housing Finance Corporation, the nine percent tax credit program, the application, and  
2352 the Board making a determination if they are gonna support that project, as well as the  
2353 developer has resi'..., revised their proposed plan. And then we wanna talk about Site  
2354 Control and the Master Lease Agreement.

2355 So, that's actually in the Agenda packet. Staff will then begin having individual  
2356 conversations with the Board concerning the project, to be able to have a lot of your  
2357 questions answered prior to that meeting and bring you up to seed about the  
2358 conversations that have been had at the Staff level concerning that.

2359 So that's gonna be a publicly advertised meeting. And, and certainly, those are  
2360 gonna be items that are placed on the Agenda. And we are gonna have it as a Regular  
2361 meeting, so there will be an opportunity for citizen input.

2362 With regards to what was stated earlier, as it relates to community charettes, that's  
2363 something that we could do, but we have to understand that that's part, part of the  
2364 solicitation and was elements that they were looking to bring online, associated with  
2365 commercial, retail, or what have you. And so, there can be community conversations as  
2366 to what those elements are, but when we do look to have that meeting with you on the  
2367 29<sup>th</sup>, at that point, that's really when we're going to see if the Board is going to facilitate



2368 some of the authorizations that need to occur for the project to, to move into subsequent  
2369 phases.

2370 So, I, I did want you to know that we will be asking for a, a special meeting on the  
2371 29<sup>th</sup> of July, which is a Thursday.

2372 Related to, shifting gears, on the tragedy that occurred at Surfside, I provided you  
2373 all with a memorandum that was jointly crafted by Development Services, Fire Rescue,  
2374 City Admin., to speak to the City's desire to see facilities and structures, residential,  
2375 commercial and business facilities go through a process that looks at the structural  
2376 integrity of those facilities. And, most agencies, Miami-Dade County and Broward County  
2377 have a, a more stringent restriction, but they're asking for, you know, buildings to go  
2378 through this certification process, at forty years. We're asking for persons to really  
2379 consider looking at it at twenty-five, and then at forty for multiple reasons. One, being a  
2380 coastal community and buildings taking the inclement weather throughout the year, we  
2381 do want to make sure that, if they identify an issue at year twenty or year twenty-five, it's  
2382 gonna be profoundly cheaper and easier to mitigate, as opposed to waiting 'til the later  
2383 part of that particular spectrum, and then finances for that particular association may be  
2384 that much more of a lift.

2385 So, we will be sending that information to all..., to all condo associations, all buil'...,  
2386 all buildings, all property owners, that we deem to be within that particular category. And  
2387 certainly, the City's gonna help facilitate as much as possible.

2388 We have had the opportunity to send a small group Fire personnel to assist on the  
2389 recovery efforts in Surfside. And our folks have done an outstanding job. And, it is  
2390 something that puts a lot of things into perspective for them as they return back. And so,  
2391 once they have concluded their service, I will ask for the Chief to have them come and,  
2392 and share some information with you that I think is important, and, and applicable to what  
2393 we're gonna do here on the City side.

2394 But we are advocating for a countywide system that looks to standardize how  
2395 buildings are inspected and, and what the expectation, and ultimately, wanted to see  
2396 some action on the Florida State Legislature that speaks to that so there's uniformity and  
2397 consistency throughout the state.

2398 And then lastly, the Staff did an outstanding job in breathing life to the Library and  
2399 the YEP facility, or the Emerging Community Center. There is a lot of components that  
2400 are still coming online, but we are so impressed and proud of all the Staff member and all  
2401 the persons from every department that put a little bit of effort into breathing life to this.

2402 So, I can't thank the Board enough for your leadership and your vision, and your  
2403 commitment to helping us move forward. The City Attorney, from looking at all the  
2404 agreements and the change orders, and the Resolutions, you know, we couldn't have  
2405 done it if we didn't have outstanding Legal counsel. And then the Staff, and the  
2406 Department Directors, jumping in and, and doing whatever is necessary. And, our  
2407 contractors were outstanding.

2408           There's not many construction projects I've ever managed where I don't hear from  
2409 the general contractor with bad news. This general contractor, Mr. Randolph, did an  
2410 outstanding job, and really represented what the vision of the City was in this particular  
2411 facility. So, we're glad that we helped local minority businesses in our community, and it  
2412 was one of the first major projects that the City has done in a long, long, long time. And  
2413 so, we're so enthusiastic about the future and, and what it holds.

2414           And, for the community, like I said before, you know, you definitely need to get  
2415 some sunglasses because the, the vision for the City is really bright.

2416           So, and Ms. Bonnie Larson, it's great to see you back.

2417 [Chuckles]

2418 [Applause]

2419 **City Manager Evans:**       I, I personally missed you.

2420 [Chuckles]

2421 **City Manager Evans:**       And, I do have that letter that... Bonnie got her three minutes  
2422 in a letter she wrote to me, I'm just saying that.

2423 [Chuckles]

2424 **City Manager Evans:**       But certainly, we're, we're glad to see you back out and, and  
2425 engaging with us. We, we appreciate it and, and we certainly missed you.

2426           So, Madam Chair, that concludes my comments.

2427 **Chairperson Lanier:**       Thank you, sir.

2428 **DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY**

2429 **Chairperson Lanier:**       City Attorney.

2430 **City Attorney Wynn:**       Yes, Madam Chair.

2431           Pursuant to Florida statute 286.0118(d), Public Meetings and Records, and in a  
2432 desire to obtain advise concerning litigation, I'm requesting a time that the City Council is  
2433 available for a closed executive session in the matter of Ladi March Goldwire vversus The  
2434 City of Riviera Beach, Case No. 9-18-CV-81285.

2435           Trial in this matter is scheduled on the court's two week trial docket commencing  
2436 August 2, 2021. And in light of the upcoming trial, I'd like to request a closed executive  
2437 session with the Council to discuss this matter further.

2438           Are you all available on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:15.., beginning at 5:15 p.m. for the closed  
2439 executive session?

2440 **Councilperson Botel:** Madam...

2441 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

2442 **Councilperson Botel:** ...Chair?

2443 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yeah. I...

2444 **City Attorney Wynn:** Okay.

2445 **Councilperson Botel:** Do we have an Utility Special District meeting that night?

2446 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yes, you do.

2447 **Councilperson Botel:** Okay. So, at what time you were saying? 5:00?

2448 **City Attorney Wynn:** 5:15.

2449 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.

2450 **City Attorney Wynn:** For approximately one hour, and then we would begin the  
2451 Utility Special District meeting, and then Regular City Council meeting.

2452 **Councilperson Botel:** Okay.

2453 **Chairperson Lanier:** You can't... I noticed that the, the Utility District was on that  
2454 same day. You can't..., we don't have another date that we can use? That we don't have  
2455 all of this stuff already on the Agenda?

2456 **City Attorney Wynn:** You can select another date. I know sometimes people  
2457 don't..., would rather do it all on the same day. Rather than, you know, come out another...

2458 **Chairperson Lanier:** Right. Right, right. Alright. Very good. That's, that's fine.

2459 **City Attorney Wynn:** Okay. Therefore...

2460 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

2461 **City Attorney Wynn:** ...a closed executive session will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of...

2462 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'm sorry. Hold on a second.

2463 **Councilperson McCoy:** Were you asking for our opinion or you're just telling us the  
2464 date?

2465 **City Attorney Wynn:** It was a question, sir.

2466 **Councilperson McCoy:** Well, can I answer?

2467 **City Attorney Wynn:** Yes.

2468 **Councilperson McCoy:** Madam Chair?

2469 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.

2470 **Councilperson McCoy:** So, it appears that we have something on the 19<sup>th</sup>, a joint  
 2471 meeting, between CRA and CDC. Is that a better option? That's a Monday?

2472 **City Attorney Wynn:** That could work. For me. I don't know about for the rest of  
 2473 you.

2474 **Councilperson Botel:** Works for me.

2475 **Chairperson Lanier:** What date is that, Mr...

2476 **City Attorney Wynn:** July 19<sup>th</sup>. A Monday, is what Mr. McCoy is suggesting.

2477 **Chairperson Lanier:** The 19<sup>th</sup>.

2478 **Councilperson McCoy:** I, I'm only offering it. I'm not suggesting it...

2479 **City Attorney Wynn:** Okay.

2480 **Councilperson McCoy:** ...because I see it on my calendar already.

2481 **Chairperson Lanier:** That probably would work better, Mr. McCoy, given that  
 2482 there's not two other meetings, already on that date.

2483 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** But that starts at 5:30, so what time would we  
 2484 begin the joint... I mean...

2485 **Chairperson Lanier:** So, if that starts at 5:30, what time will we be doing that, Ms.,  
 2486 Ms. Wynn, if we do the 19<sup>th</sup>?

2487 **City Attorney Wynn:** You, I mean, you could do it..., you could start at five... I don't  
 2488 know. Did you advertise that meeting? I'm not familiar with that meeting.

2489 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** How long...

2490 **City Attorney Wynn:** On the 19<sup>th</sup>.

2491 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** How long are we planning for that meeting to  
 2492 be?

2493 **City Manager Evans:** That was a meeting that we were setting up. I believe there  
 2494 has been some, some notice with regards to that. I believe I've seen some email traffic  
 2495 on that. But we can, we can look to start the meeting immediately after, or, or push our  
 2496 meeting back to give you guys the, the time necessary.

2497 **City Attorney Wynn:** So, if you wanted to start on that..., on the Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup> at  
2498 5:15?

2499 **Councilperson Botel:** Okay.

2500 **Chairperson Lanier:** That'll work.

2501 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** [Inaudible].

2502 **Chairperson Lanier:** That'll work.

2503 **City Attorney Wynn:** Everyone's in agreement?

2504 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. That'll work.

2505 **City Attorney Wynn:** Okay. Thank you. Therefore, a closed executive session will  
2506 be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. at the Marina Event Center, 190 East  
2507 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Riviera Beach, Florida 33404, in the case of Ladi March Goldwire versus City  
2508 of Riviera Beach, Case No. 9-18-CV 81285.

2509 Those persons in attendance will be City Attorney Dawn Wynn, Special Counsel  
2510 Don Stephens, Esq. of Olds & Stephens, P.A., Mayor Felder, Members of the City Council  
2511 and Mr. Evans, City Manager.

2512 The subject matter of the closed executive session shall be restricted to settlement  
2513 negotiations and/or strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures.

2514 Thank you, Madam Chair.

2515 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

2516 **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2517 **Chairperson Lanier:** Are there any committee reports? [Pause]. No.

2518 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

2519 **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. Go ahead.

2520 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I think a couple of weeks ago I attended the  
2521 Palm Beach Chamber North Government Affairs Committee meeting, and I believe Mr.  
2522 Lawson was on there as well. And Dr. Botel, I think you were out of town or something.  
2523 And so... What was interesting is that [stammer] I wasn't aware of it, and I'm..., I don't  
2524 know if anyone else is 'cause it, it's probably in the planning stages regarding a project  
2525 that is looking to come across from the Coast Guard, off of Lake Shore with... Oh gosh,  
2526 what's his name? Granberry?

2527 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes.

2528 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** And, someone else. I forgot the other guy's  
2529 name. But I thought that was pretty interesting. And I do wanna make for the record, Mr.  
2530 Lawson did get out the call because we both felt like, okay, well, we didn't know this was  
2531 gonna happen, but... So, he got off of the call. So it was just me on there. But it sounds  
2532 like a project that is gonna be a pretty interesting.., a very nice condo project. A very  
2533 high.., a high rise. Obviously, they're in the beginning stages. And they were trying to  
2534 get the Chamber's support. And the Chamber did vote to support the project. So, that's  
2535 something, I guess, we'll be hearing a lot more about. I think they're going through  
2536 Planning & Zoning I believe he said, but...

2537 **Councilperson Botel:** Cou'...

2538 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** obviously it was something that hadn't reached  
2539 us necessarily yet. But, just to keep that on the radar that it's something...

2540 **Councilperson Botel:** Could you...

2541 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...that is coming..

2542 **Councilperson Botel:** Could you just repeat where? Madam Chair, could she just  
2543 repeat where?

2544 **Chairperson Lanier:** Lake Shore Drive.

2545 **Councilperson Botel:** Okay. Thank you.

2546 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Oh, you heard it? Okay. So, I just wanted to  
2547 bring you all up to date on that. That is something that he Chamber was presented that  
2548 information. And so, they, they voted to have a letter of support to see that project come  
2549 to fruition at some point. So.

2550 Thanks.

2551 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.

2552 **STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

2553 **Chairperson Lanier:** We'll start with the Mayor for comments.

2554 **Mayor Felder:** Thank you, Madam Chair. No comments at this moment.

2555 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good. Mr. McCoy.

2556 **Councilperson McCoy:** Nothing.

2557 **Chairperson Lanier:** Ms. Botel.

2558 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes. I wanted to extend my deepest condolences to the family  
2559 of Charles Morris of, of Long Pine. You know, we know that he was injured... Well, we

2560 know he was killed in a, in an accident on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and I think it's just really tragic. And I  
2561 know that my colleagues agree that, that this was a very, very unfortunate event.

2562 And, and also, I wanna extend my condolences to the nephew of Mayor Felder,  
2563 who was involved in a shooting yesterday. And our prayers are with, with him and his  
2564 family.

2565 I wanna thank Mr. Evans and Staff for a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. I got so  
2566 many rave reviews.

2567 **Chairperson Lanier:** [Chuckle].

2568 **Councilperson Botel:** ...from people about that. It was just an outstanding  
2569 presentation. So, I think we may be doing these from porch things for years to come, it's  
2570 been so successful.

2571 I also wanted to thank Mr. Evans and Staff for the Reimagine Riviera Beach  
2572 sessions. I attended the three that I was in town for and they were excellently done. And  
2573 I also got rave reviews.

2574 I was not here for the Library opening but Sam and I went there yesterday and it's  
2575 just a beautiful spot. Really. Really. Outstanding.

2576 I spent some time yesterday with..., over at the Stonybrook property, which is now  
2577 known as Azure Estates. Assistant City Manager Jacobs and my legislative aide, Sam  
2578 Brown, were there with a meeting..., for a meeting with the management team and we  
2579 were briefed on what's, what's been happening over there. They're now down to just four  
2580 buildings left and have committed to improving the lives of those in that community, as  
2581 well as...

2582 **Unk. Audience:** [Inaudible].

2583 **Councilperson Botel:** ...those around them.

2584 So we're very, very pleased to see that project moving forward so positively. They,  
2585 they have started construction on the community center. And we hope that that will be  
2586 finished, we think by Nov'..., by Thanksgiving. We had a, a nice presentation. Jim and  
2587 Karen Gleason from Singer Island donated a MacBook laptop to the community center.  
2588 We were happy to provide that with..., to them yesterday.

2589 So, and we will be having a police substation. We thought originally it was gonna  
2590 be in one of the apartments, but now they've decided to use the old community center,  
2591 which will be a great place for a, a police substation over there. Right at Stonybrook, so  
2592 they can service, not only the Stonybrook community but the surrounding community as  
2593 well. So, we're happy to see the progress in that community.

2594 I got a article..., I read an article in the latest edition of National Geographic about  
2595 trees. And I mentioned it to Mr. Blankenship today and he provided me with a tree equity

2596 score. And I don't know if he has spoken with you, Mr. Evans, about this, but I'm  
2597 concerned about the level of tree cover that we have in the City, particularly on the  
2598 westside of the City. And I hope that, as the budget process unfolds, we can plan to be  
2599 planting more shade trees on the westside of the City. Because, we know that we need  
2600 the shade. And, and there's a great disparity in cities across the country, between wealthy  
2601 neighborhoods that have a lot of shade trees, and neighborhoods that are not as wealthy  
2602 that just don't have that kind of shade. And I think that's an important consideration for  
2603 us going forward.

2604 Last couple of things. I've been meeting with Mr. Calloway to discuss the plans  
2605 for the City's Centennial celebration. And, we discussed at our lunch meeting today, the  
2606 need to form a committee to work out the events for the Centennial. I have an outline of  
2607 the calendar we talked about today and I will be sharing that with you, Mr. Evans. And I  
2608 hope that we'll be putting together a committee to discuss that.

2609 And we've also begin an oral history project with Mr. Callow. We'll be videotaping  
2610 him, and recording as many memories of Riviera Beach history as we can. I'm looking  
2611 at Bonnie because I'm wondering if there are, we call them conch folks I guess. Right?  
2612 Is that the right.., is that the right appellation? For people who were here back in the day,  
2613 when there was that conch neighborhood, and I'd love to be able to get some people like  
2614 that. If you know anybody.., or, if anybody knows people who are about the same age as  
2615 Mr. Calloway. He claims to be the oldest one with the best memory.

2616 But, and he certainly has the best stories, I think. But, if you know of anybody else  
2617 who would be interested in participating in that oral history project, it would be great.

2618 And, the last thing I wanna say is that, if you are a resident of a high rise building,  
2619 please have your building manager hire an engineer to attest to the structural soundness  
2620 of your building. This is a responsibility of you, as a community. If you live in a high rise  
2621 and condominium, please get your building checked out so we don't have a situation as  
2622 happened in Surfside.

2623 And that's all I have. Thank you.

2624 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

2625 Commissioner Miler-Anderson.

2626 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.

2627 I just wanted to say thank you to Ms. Deirdre Jacobs and Terrence Bailey, and  
2628 also Mr. Evans and whoever else may have assisted. There have been a couple of things  
2629 that I've called them on. Like, for example, there [stammer], for some reason, there's a  
2630 hole that continues to develop at Blue Heron and Broadway, a very bad one. And so, I  
2631 saw.., I don't know what they were gonna... I guess.., I think it was AT&T, from my  
2632 understanding, had some work they had to do out there and it caused a major backup at  
2633 the time. And so, I contacted them and they were able to get someone out. And, AT&T  
2634 did come out and repaired that, that hole that was forming.



2635           It seems like it's something that is, is going to take a little more involvement in,  
2636 because they're having to continuously repatch it and it's, it's happen more frequently  
2637 now, and quicker. So, I appreciate you all getting someone out there so that we could  
2638 provide some Public Safety out there.

2639           And then also, this morning, there was..., I think it probably was an Xfinity line that  
2640 dropped near the Wells Recreation, by the gym. And I believe Mr. Blankenship... No. I  
2641 contacted Mr. Evans and he contacted Blankenship, I assume, and they were able to get  
2642 them out there to come and fix that. At the time, I didn't know if it was electrical wire or  
2643 what it was, but it was draped, basically, close to the doorway.

2644           So, I, I appreciate you all in trying to address the issues as they come up. And,  
2645 you know, not letting any grass grow up under your feet with it. So, I appreciate you all  
2646 for that.

2647           And, I just wanted to piggyback about the Library. We had an opportunity to be  
2648 there. Those of you that were out, or out of town having fun, we had fun at the Library.

2649       [Chuckle].

2650       **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:**       So, hopefully, you have an opportunity to go by,  
2651 as Dr. Botel said she did go by. But, it is a very nice Library. It's been a long time coming.  
2652 And, we don't want everyone..., we want you to like it, but we don't want you to get  
2653 comfortable because we are planning to actually bring our new permanent Library with  
2654 our City Hall facility. So, enjoy it while it's there, but don't get comfortable and say you  
2655 don't want a new one. So, I just wanted to say thank you to everyone.

2656           And the fireworks, of course, were great. But I hope next year we're able to get  
2657 back to what we did before. But, some people like the, the front porch. And you can still  
2658 sit on your front porch, you'll see it anyway. But, if we're able to bring it back to the Marina,  
2659 that would be nice as well.

2660           So, and my, of course, the condolences out to the Morris family. Actually, the  
2661 young lady..., his, his daughter went to school where I, where I work at. And so, I, I know  
2662 that is pretty devastating. They, they've act'..., he's actually the nephew-in-law of Mayor...,  
2663 past Mayor Masters' legislative assistant, Ms. Debbie Isaac. And they've had a lot of loss  
2664 in their family. You know, Ms. Debbie Isaac lost her mother, she lost her sister, she lost  
2665 a nephew, and now the..., her, her nieces husband. You know, they've had a lot... All of  
2666 those losses in, in one year. And so, it's pretty tragic for them and, you know, if we could  
2667 say a prayer for them and keep them in [inaudible], I'm sure they would appreciate it.

2668           Thank you, you all.

2669       **Chairperson Lanier:**       Thank you.

2670           And I also would like to piggyback off all of my colleagues and..., talking about how  
2671 spectacular the Library opening was. When I first ran for office, I wanted to have a new  
2672 Library and, lo and behold, we have one. I am so happy about it. We have..., thank you

2673 to Deirdre Jacobs and her Staff for making sure that it had some spark to it, it had nice  
2674 ascent walls, there was greenery, there are pictures. So it, it, it's really nice looking, and  
2675 I'm really happy that it turned out that way.

2676 I also want to say that the Office of District 3 had a., held a soft opening for the  
2677 Inner City Innovators, which are the Hope Dealers, led by Mr. Aiken on Friday, January  
2678 the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Hope Dealers provides mentoring and programing dedicated to empower  
2679 and inspire inner city youth to embody the change they want to see in the community.

2680 This includes initiatives such as Sunset Yoga and hikes and court advocates for  
2681 troubled youth. They provide a safe haven for youth and young adults who are struggling  
2682 to find their way. More information on their meeting will be forthcoming. If you have a  
2683 teenager who is in need of mentorship, please call my office.

2684 And thank you so much for the residents coming out tonight. This is what I want  
2685 to see, every single meeting.

2686 Thank you.

2687 **ADJOURNMENT**

2688 **Chairperson Lanier:** We are adjourned.

2689 [Gavel]

2690 End Of video]

2691 **City Employees, Public Comment Speakers and Others**

2692 Library Director Rodney Freeman .....Library Director Freeman

2693 Parks & Recreation Director Richard Blankenship

2694 Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship

2695 Boys & Girls Club Steven Cornette .....Mr. S. Cornette

2696 Boys & Girls Club LaTosha Freeman .....Ms. L. Freeman

2697 Lloyd Brown .....Mr. L. Brown

2698 Finance and Administrative Services Director Randy Sherman

2699 Finance and Administrative Services Director Sherman

2700 PFM Financial Advisors Serio Masvidal .....Mr. S. Masvidal

2701 HCT Roderick Harvey .....Mr. R. Harvey

2702 HCT Thomas Williams.....Mr. T. Williams

2703 Media Team .....Media Team

2704 Erica Davis .....Ms. E. Davis

2705 Bonnie Larson .....Ms. B. Larson

2706 Bessie Brown .....Ms. B. Brown  
2707 Cindy March .....Ms. C. March  
2708 Alexandra Witt.....Ms. A. Witt  
2709 Doretta Paulk .....Ms. D. Paulk  
2710 Mary Brabham.....Ms. M. Brabham  
2711 Chief of Police Nathan Osgood .....Police Chief Osgood  
2712 Police Officer Joseph Hoffman.....Police Officer Hoffman  
2713 Deputy City Manager Elizabeth McBride.....Deputy City Manager McBride

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2720 **MAYOR**

**SHIRLEY D. LANIER**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

2721 **ATTEST:**

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2727 **CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK**  
2728 **CITY CLERK**

**KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON**  
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