CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 18, 2021 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT AT MEETING1:

MAYOR RONNIE FELDER MAYOR FELDER

CHAIRPERSON SHIRLEY D. LANIER, DISTRICT 1 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

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1 2 3 4 5	CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.			
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7	CALL TO ORDER			
8 9	Chairperson Lanier: August 18, 2021. The tim	We will call the Regular City Council Meeting to order, for e is 6:33.		
10	Madam Clerk.			
11	ROLL CALL			
12	City Clerk Anthony:	Mayor Ronnie Felder?		
13	Mayor Felder: Here.			
14	City Clerk Anthony:	Chairperson Shirley Lanier?		
15	Chairperson Lanier:	Here.		
16	City Clerk Anthony:	Chair Pro Tem KaShamba Miller-Anderson?		
17	Chair Pro Tem Miller-And	em Miller-Anderson: Present.		
18 19	City Clerk Anthony: Douglas Lawson?	Councilperson Tradrick McCoy? [Pause]. Councilperson		
20	Councilperson Lawson:	Yes.		
21	City Clerk Anthony:	Councilperson Julia Botel?		
22	Councilperson Botel:	Here.		
23	City Clerk Anthony:	City Manager Jonathan Evans?		
24	City Manager Evans:	Present.		
25 26	City Clerk Anthony: Wynn?	City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Dawn		
27	City Attorney Wynn:	Here.		
28	City Clerk Anthony:	Thank you, Madam Chair.		
29	Chairperson Lanier:	Thank you.		
30	INVOCATION			

31 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 32 **Chairperson Lanier:** We will have a moment of silence, led by the Pledge of
- Allegiance by our Mayor. 33
- 34 [Moment of silence]
- 35 Mayor Felder: I pledge allegiance...
- 36 ...to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it
- stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. 37
- 38 **AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 39 ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS
- 40 **Chairperson Lanier:** Are there any additions, deletions, substitutions on the
- Agenda for this evening? 41
- 42 **City Manager Evans:** Yes...
- 43 **Chairperson Lanier:** Clerk...
- 44 **City Manager Evans:** ...Madam ...
- 45 **Chairperson Lanier:** I'm sorry.
- 46 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, Madam Chair, from Staff. I will ask that the City Clerk
- 47 mention the addition, as well as there's a deletion of an Item on the Agenda.
- 48 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.
- 49 Madam Clerk.
- 50 City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, you all received an
- 51 email from the City Manager earlier today. So, we will be adding Resolution Number...
- [Pause]. I don't have a number on it. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of 52
- 53 Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, declaring a state of local emergency for
- 54 COVID-19, waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required by Ordinance
- 55 pertaining to expenditures, empowering the City Manager to exercise all powers and
- 56 duties to provide for the health and safety of persons and property effective August 18,
- 57 2021.
- 58 This Resolution will fall under..., after Item No. 6. So, it will be 6A, at the request 59 of the City Manager.
- 60 Also, Madam Chair, Members of the Board, I do not see Ms. Link present this evening, so I am requesting that Item No. 6 be deleted from the Agenda. 61
- 62 As well as Item No. 11. Item No. 11 was predicated on the presentation from Ms.
- Link, regarding her suggestion of the County Canvassing Board serving as the 63

- 64 Canvassing Board for the municipal elections. And being that she will.., is not present to
- 65 give that presentation, I will reach out to Ms. Link again to see when will be another..., a
- better day for her to attend, so that you all can make a, a well-informed decision on the
- 67 composition of your Canvassing Board.
- 68 Chairperson Lanier: Very good. Thank you.
- 69 **DISCLOSURES**
- 70 **Chairperson Lanier:** Disclosures by the Council? There are now nine Item on the
- Agenda. Are there any disclosures by the Council in regards to any of these issues that
- are listed on the Agenda for this evening?
- 73 **Councilperson Botel:** None from me, Madam Chair.
- 74 **Chairperson Lanier:** Hearing none.
- 75 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 76 **Chairperson Lanier:** Approval for the Agenda with additions that were added and
- 77 the...
- 78 Councilperson Botel: Mo'...
- 79 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...deletions.
- 80 **Councilperson Botel:** Sorry. Motion to approve the Agenda.
- 81 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Second.
- 82 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.
- 83 Madam Clerk.
- 84 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?
- 85 Councilperson Lawson: Yes.
- 86 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?
- 87 Councilperson Botel: Yes.
- 88 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?
- 89 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Yes.
- 90 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?
- 91 Chairperson Lanier: Yes.
- 92 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.
- 93 **Chairperson Lanier:** Unanimous vote.

- 94 **CONSENT AGENDA**
- 95 **Chairperson Lanier:** Consent Agenda.
- 96 Chairperson Lanier: ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE
- 97 CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION.
- 98 THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A
- 99 COUNCILPERSON SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE
- 100 REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS
- 101 NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.
- 102 MINUTES
- 103 1. JULY 21, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
- 104 **CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090**
- 105 **RESOLUTIONS**
- 106 2. RESOLUTION NUMBER 90-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
- 107 THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING
- 108 SETTLEMENT OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS OF LOUIS KANITSCH
- 109 V. CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, OJCC CLAIM NOS.: 20-029618CJS AND 20-
- 110 029620CJS; AUTHORIZING GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INC. TO MAKE
- 111 PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000) AS FULL
- 112 AND COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF BOTH CLAIMS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
- 113 **EFFECTIVE DATE**
- 114 DAWN S. WYNN, CITY ATTORNEY, 561-[845-4068
- 115 3. RESOLUTION NO. 84-21 RESOLUTION NO. 84-21A RESOLUTION OF THE
- 116 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,
- 117 FLORIDA, APPROVING SITE PLAN APPLICATION (SP-20-26) FROM SALT POND
- 118 PROPERTY, TO OPERATE A CHILD CARE FACILITY (58 CHILDREN) OCCUPYING
- 119 PORTIONS OF AN EXISTING 9,609 SQUARE FEET (SF) BUILDING, WITH
- 120 APPROXIMATELY 3,886 SF IN BUILDING AREA DESIGNATED FOR THE CHILD
- 121 CARE USE AND APPROXIMATELY 3,013 SF DESIGNATED FOR OUTDOOR PLAY
- 122 AREA, ON A 0.89-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST
- 123 CORNER OF AVENUE E AND W. 14TH STREET, WITH POSTAL ADDRESS 1401
- AVENUE E, IDENTIFIED BY PARCEL CONTROL NUMBER 56-43-42-33-04-003-0011,
- 125 HAVING A DOWNTOWN MIXED USE (DMU) FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION
- 126 AND A DOWNTOWN GENERAL (DG) ZONING DESIGNATION, PROVIDING FOR
- 127 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 128 CLARENCE SIRMONS, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, 561-845-4060
- 129 COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS ON CONSENT

- 130 4. WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUEST FOR \$1,500.00
- 131 TO FAITH DELIVERANCE CHURCH OF GOD, INC. FROM THE OFFICE OF
- 132 COUNCILMAN TRADRICK MCCOY.
- 133 Chairperson Lanier: Does anyone need to pull an Item from the Agenda, the
- 134 Consent Agenda? [Pause]. If not, let me get a motion for the approval of the Items on
- the Consent Agenda.
- 136 **Councilperson Botel:** Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
- 137 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Second.
- 138 Chairperson Lanier: Madam Clerk.
- 139 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do have a public
- 140 comment on...
- 141 **Chairperson Lanier:** Oh. Sorry.
- 142 City Clerk Anthony: ...on the Consent Agenda. The acceptance of public
- comment on the Consent Agenda is now closed.
- Rosemary Murray.
- 145 **Ms. R. Murray:** Hi. Good evening.
- 146 I'm here to talk on the daycare center. There was just a couple of things I wanted
- to have clarified as to who actually applied. There appears to be two names. They are
- 148 Salt Lake Property and a ministry.
- And then, the other thing that I have a question about is the landscaping being two
- 150 years where everybody else is held to landscaping within a hundred and twenty days.
- 151 **Chairperson Lanier:** That's your comments?
- 152 **Ms. R. Murray:** Yes. That's my comment.
- Oh, and also. Yes. I wanted to add something else.
- 154 Chairperson Lanier: Sure.
- 155 **Ms. R. Murray:** I'm in the area quite a bit and drive by. It doesn't seem to be an
- appropriate area to have children there. There's a supermarket that's directly across the
- street on the corner. And other day, a man came out and was urinating right there on the
- street, right in front of everybody. And, it's.., seems that, I'm not sure how the parking
- situation is either. For fifty-eight children, you know, fifty-eight cars picking them up plus
- the, the area surrounding it. It doesn't seem like it's a.., could support it either.
- So, those are my comments.
- 162 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you for your comments.

163	Mr. Sirmons, do you have a response to these comments?		
164 165 166	Development Services D Members of the Council. the record.		Good evening, Madam Chair, rector of Development Services, for
167 168 169 170 171 172	The comment about the, the bond for landscaping, that is our typical lan', language that the applicant, after approval of all inspections on the property and before they get their Certificate of Occupancy, they must provide us with a landscaping bond, in case any vegetation that they plant dies within two years, that it can be replaced so that that Site Plan reflects what was approved by Council, if it happens before the period of that bond.		
173	So that is standard language.		
174 175	As far as the application, I believe she is seeing the, the owner of the property, and then the applicant's name reflected on there.		
176	Chairperson Lanier:	Very good.	
177	And she talked about parking as well.		
178 179	Development Services Director Sirmons: I don't recall the question related to parking. Was it how it works on		
180	Chairperson Lanier:	Yes.	
181	Development Services D	irector Sirmons:	the site?
182	Chairperson Lanier:	Yes.	
183 184 185 186	Development Services Director Sirmons: They have a drop off area near the west end of the building for this property. So, because of the constraints on the site, they won't have a pull up/drop off type lane, but they do have a parking configuration where persons could pull into the spaces and drop off their children and move on that way.		
187	Chairperson Lanier:	Very good.	
188 189	Before you, before she leaves, could you give her your card? If she has any other questions?		
190	Development Services Director Sirmons: Absolutely.		Absolutely.
191	Chairperson Lanier:	Thank you so much.	
192	Development Services Director Sirmons:		Mhmm.
193	Chairperson Lanier:	Any other public co	mment, Madam Clerk?
194	City Clerk Anthony:	No, Madam Chair.	
195	Chairperson Lanier:	Very good.	

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196	Call the question, p	lease.	
197	City Clerk Anthony:	Councilperson Botel?	
198	Councilperson Botel:	Yes.	
199	City Clerk Anthony:	Councilperson Lawson?	
200	Councilperson Lawson:	Yes.	
201	City Clerk Anthony:	Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?	
202	Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Yes.		
203	City Clerk Anthony:	Chair Lanier?	
204	Chairperson Lanier:	Yes.	
205	City Clerk Anthony:	Motion approved.	
206	Chairperson Lanier:	Very good.	
207	END OF CONSENT AGE	NDA	
208	Chairperson Lanier:	Next Item, Madam Clerk.	
209	UNFINISHED BUSINESS		
210	PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING		
211	AWARDS AND PRESENT	<u>rations</u>	
212 213 214	5. City Clerk Anthony: PROCLAMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR DECLARING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF SEPTEMBER AS COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY AT FAITH DELIVERANCE CHURCH AND FEEDING HOPE VILLAGE.		
215	CLAUDENE L. AN	THONY, CMC, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090	
216	Mayor Felder: Thank	c you.	
217	Chairperson Lanier:	Mr. Evans.	
218 219	City Manager Evans: Mayor.	Madam Chair, this presentation is gonna be made by the	
220	Mayor Felder: Thank	c you, sir.	
221 222 223	From the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida declaring the first Wednesday of September as Community Service Day at Faith Deliverance Church and Feeding Hope Village Day; and		
224 225	WHEREAS, Faith Deliverance Church and Feeding Hope Village believe a thriving community is essential for the growth and prosperity of the City of Riviera Beach; and		

- WHEREAS, the active and effective community based ministry, Faith Based
 Deliverance Church and Feeding Hope Village, is a key component to our City's faithbased, vibrant businesses community; and
- WHEREAS, since developing a desire to give back to Riviera Beach community, Faith Deliverance Church and Feeding Hope Village volunteers under the leadership of Pastor Oscar and First Lady Diane Lewis has worked tirelessly to support local residents through a nutritional food pantry, employment skills training, helping residents apply for Medicaid, Medicare, and cash assistance.
- We help them stay connected to available services for resources, assist families with the help they need to understand resources, transitional housing, homelessness prevention, social services, and health information.
- AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FULLY RESOLVED, that I, Ronnie L. Felder,
 Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach in Palm Beach County, by the power vested in me by
 the residents of Riviera Beach, do hereby proclaim the first Wednesday of September as
 Community Service Day in Riviera Beach, and for all citizens to join me in recognizing
 Professional Internal Auditors for their contribution.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 18th day of August, 2021 A.D.
- 244 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Mayor.
- Next Item. Ordinances on second and final reading. No. 7. Madam Clerk.
- 246 **6A.** City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, prior to going to Ordinances on second reading, under additions and [stammer] deletions...
- 248 **Chairperson Lanier:** Oh, that was the Item for the state of emergency.
- Yes, ma'am.
- 250 **City Clerk Anthony:** And so, I'll read the heading into the record again.
- 251 Chairperson Lanier: Okay.
- 252 City Clerk Anthony: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
- 253 RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF
- 254 LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19, WAIVING THE PROCEDURES AND
- 255 FORMALITIES OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE, PERTAINING TO
- 256 EXPENDITURES, EMPOWERING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXERCISE ALL
- 257 POWERS AND DUTIES TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
- 258 PERSONS AND PROPERTY EFFECTIVE AUGUST 18, 2021.
- **JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANAGER, 561-812-6590**
- 260 **JOHN CURD, FIRE CHIEF, 561-845-4104**
- 261 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.

Mr. Evans.

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City Manager Evans: Madam Chair and Members of the Board, just an intro to the Item, then I'll ask Fire Chief John Curd to provide a presentation.

Because of the numbers that we're seeing and the significant increase of COVID positive cases and how it's impacted our workforce, we think that it's appropriate that we take some measures to ensure that we can protect the health, safety and welfare of the workforce.

We are looking at other opportunities to implement policies that better preserves our workforce, even modifying schedules and looking at the possibility of going to a remote status. But, we are looking at what our peers are doing. We have seen the County move forward with a emergency declaration and we're asking that he Board consider the same action in front of you this evening.

Fire Chief John Curd will talk about some of the things that we are doing as an agency, but some of the challenges we have, and then some treatment opportunities that will be available to our residents that we're excited about, to help combat COVID.

- So, without further ado, I'm gonna turn the presentation over to Fire Chief John Curd.
- 279 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, prior to Chief Curd speaking, we need a motion to approve the Resolution which has been read into the record.
- 282 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: So moved.
- 283 Councilperson Botel: Second.
- 284 **City Clerk Anthony:** In addition, we do have public comments on this Item. The acceptance of public comment card on this Item is now closed.
- 286 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.
- Chief Hurd. We'll, we'll... I'm sorry, Curd. We'll take public comment after his presentation.
- Thank you. Go ahead.
- 290 **Fire Chief Curd:** Thank you. Good evening, Council, Mayor.
- I wanna talk to you all a little bit about what's going on. This has been a very hectic beginning to the week as it relates to COVID-19.
- 293 Just...
- 294 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Pull...
- 295 **Chairperson Lanier:** Pull your mic... Yeah.

Fire Chief Curd: This is.., right before this meeting, I was actually listening to Palm Beach County School Board is having a meeting and we expect some significant changes for schools.

But, some of the things that we're dealing with right now is, is.., everybody who's been watching the news in the Delt'.., dealing with the Delta variant. Right now, 93.3 percent of all new cases are the Delta variant. And understanding that it is extremely, much more contagious, related to that of chicken pox, it's actually sixty percent more contagious than the original version.

Just this last weekend in the state, there have been a 151,415 new cases. The positivity rate is now up to 19.3 percent over the last week. In Palm Beach County, last week, we are looking at 9,159 new cases. And please understand, at the eighth of this pandemic, 6,000 was some of the biggest numbers we were seeing. And we have eclipsed that, and many other records, since the onset of this new variant. The positivity rate here in Palm Beach County is at 17.8 percent

Talk a little bit about the vaccination front. Sixty-nine percent of Palm Beach County is vaccinated. However, those numbers are skewed by the elderly, 'cause over ninety percent of our elderly, in Palm Beach County, are vaccinated. So, they skew that number of sixty-eight percent and we are [stammer] still dealing with issues of the young and middle aged being unvaccinated.

For our community who's looking to get vaccinated, we always have opportunities at Walgreens on [stammer] Blue Heron and Broadway. We also have the Walmart on Silver Beach and Congress. And tomorrow, and you'll see some flyers being passed around, and also at the, the front desk out there, and on the doors, Wells Recreation Center will be offering no cost COVID vaccines, of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine from 10:00 o'clock to 4:00 o'clock, at Wells Recreation Center located at 2501 Avenue H West.

One of the things I do wanna talk about, at least bring to the community, and we are starting to receive an abundance of phone calls about the, the booster shot. And I just wanna kinda read some information into the record for the community, to have a better understanding of what the booster shot is, and who is eligible for the booster shot.

Right now, there is only a very small group of people with weakened immune systems that qualify for the third dose. The CDC is recommending it for moderate to severe immunocompromised people. And those people are individuals who are receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood, receiving an organ transplant, or taking medicine to suppress the immune system, receiving a stem cell transplant with at least two years of taking medicine to suppress the immune system, moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency, advanced or untreated HIV infection, active treatment with high dose cortical steroids, or other drugs that may suppress your immune response.

That is the category of individuals, as of right now, that are eligible to receive the booster. The CDC recommends you get the same vaccine you got in the first two doses.

So, if you got the Pfizer or Moderna for your fist two doses, you should go back and get that same vaccine for your third dose.

But, if that is not feasible, the CDC committee said that an additional dose with another mRNA vaccine is permitted. So, you can, but it is preferred that you stick with either Pfizer or Moderna.

Currently, only the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines arer authorized for additional dosages. If you got J&J, you are.., which is the Johnson & Johnson, you still are not eligible, and you cannot receive the Pfizer or Moderna as a booster because they are mRNA, where Johnson & Johnson is actually a portion of the virus itself. They are completely different. So, Pfizer and Moderna do share some properties that Johnson & Johnson do not.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released the following statement on the Administration's plan for COVID-19 booster shots for the remaining population. They have developed the plan being offered.., to offer these booster shots this fall, subject to the FDA conducting an independent evaluation, and determining the safety and effectiveness of the third dose of the Pfizer and Modera vaccines.

- They are prepared to offer...
- 353 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Hold on, Chief Curd.
- **Fire Chief Curd:** Oops. I'm sorry.
- **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** We need to take a recess. We lost a person.
- 356 [Inaudible comments]

- 357 [One minute pause]
- **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Alright, Chief Curd. We're, we're back, Walter.
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Sorry about that. It...
- 360 Fire Chief Curd: That's okay.
- **Chairperson Lanier:** ...went down the wrong pipe.
- **Fire Chief Curd:** Understood.

So basically, they are prepared to offer those booster shots to all Americans beginning Sept'.., the week of September 20th. But they are still asking for individuals to wait eight months since their last shot. And we're gonna keep our community informed of when those different groups open up, where they can get the vaccine.

And if we see the demand, me and Mr. Evans are prepared to work with the, the county and the state, and maybe fire back up our pod site, where we could provide those vaccines to the individuals who came there the first time. 'Cause a lot of individuals are

looking to come back to Wells. We're getting the calls already. You're just accustomed to going back to where you got the first shot.

So, part of what Mr. Evans is discussing on this emergency declaration will give us the flexibility, and the maneuverability to pop that up at a moment's notice.

As it relates to testing, there is testing being done every Tuesday at JAYS Ministries from 10:00 to 4:00 at 2831 Avenue S. And also, every Thursday at Wells Recreation Center, 10:00 to 4:00 at 2501 Avenue H [stammer] West. As well as the vaccinations on Thursdays.

While the death rate is climbing, we have seen some success amongst the vaccinated, and those that have received treatment from the monoclonal antibody IV infusion or treatment of Regeneron, which is the name of the drug that's actually being used. I am happy to announce that Riviera Beach Fire Rescue, through approval from City Administration, is working to be proactive and looking to be one of the first departments in Palm Beach County to offer this monoclonal treatment in home for our community, as an option for our residents.

So, if we have individuals who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms, or have been exposed to somebody and those symptoms could not have manifested longer than ten days. So, we're looking to catch people early on. If they don't wanna go to the hospital and receive this treatment, we are prepared to offer them that treatment in home, stay with them, provide the infusion, the overwatch, and the then follow up the following day, to make sure that they're doing well.

Again, it's just another option for our community. One, to help prevent surge in the hospital. You may have seen what's going on in the news. They're, they're tapped out. And then also, community spread. Not to mention, many of our residents, and some of the seniors that I talk to, don't wanna go to the hospital. They're comfortable at home. And if we can treat them at home, I wanna provide them that option.

That is kind of the update. And without me getting my emotional hat on, this is real. This is serious. We have ten employees out right now. We have another half a dozen to a dozen that are out on quarantine, or isolation. We've had as many as twenty plus employees out at one time. We've come very close to shutting down departments and certain aspects of different divisions.

You can see what's happening at the School Board. They went from two hundred and forty-four teachers and students Tuesday, to almost seven hundred today with thousands... Well, what they're referencing is, low thousands, that are out on quarantine or isolation. And we haven't even been back in school two weeks yet. We know what that seven to ten day window looks like, and I see it getting worse before it gets better.

I've also made my recommendations to the City Manager for us to start taking a look at some of these gathering and special events that the City has. We cannot take the chance. I don't care what the Governor's doing, I don't care what other counties are doing, or what other cities are doing, my responsibility and obligation is to the City of

- Riviera Beach and this is bad. We need to do something, and we need to make sure we
- stay on the frontside of this, and not wait to be reactive.
- **Councilperson Botel:** Madam Chair?
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.
- **Councilperson Botel:** My, my remarks are directed at Chief Curd, as well as the City
- 415 Manager. Bravo! Bravo! I so greatly appreciate...
- 416 [Applause]

- **Councilperson Botel:** ...them bringing this treatment to the community.
- I had it myself last night at the hospital. I can tell you [chuckle], it certainly would've been a lot easier to stay at home. [Chuckle]. So, this is a wonderful thing for our community.
 - I am so much better today than I was yesterday. As you may know, I'm out of the meeting tonight because I have COVID. It's a breakthrough case. It wasn't very severe, but certainly, the Regeneron treatment has given me real great relief. And so, I applaud you for trying to bring this to our community. I hope we're successful in that endeavor.
- 425 Thank you.
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.
- **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair?
 - Also, one of the things that we want to do as Staff is, if we are the first municipality, or one of those, you know, top five municipalities that is prepared and queued up, there is a greater possibility, and probability, that we're able to get the booster shots faster than other communities.
 - And so, if the Board so graciously approves this Resolution, we will make sure that it's provided to the county once it's executed, and then make sure that there's conversations with the Health Department that says, if the booster shots are available, we do have a site that can be spun up and support the vaccination efforts to get the second.., or third shots for persons that are interested.
 - And so, it is so important that we move forward in this direction to show our eagerness to not only just treat our residents, but continue to get shots in people's arm. Because, the virus is going through our community at a rampant rate and we are very concerned as what's happening when our school children come back home and they continue to have activities.
- So, as the Chief said, we're looking at all special events, we're looking at all programs, we're looking at capacity. We also are gonna be putting guidance out to the public that no mask, no service. You cannot come into a City facility or building and not

wear a mast the entire time that you're in the facility, regardless if you're vaccinated or not.

We also are looking to see about the possibility of talking with our labor units, to require a vaccination for all our employees. New employees that are coming aboard on the agency, they have to be fully vaccinated to start employment with the City of Riviera Beach. We also created a program whereby, in the event somebody is vaccinated and they do test positive, that we created the sick leave bank that they can utilize.

And then persons that are not vaccinated, we have provided for a PTO day, a paid time off, one day, if they go out and get the vaccine. And so, we are doing everything to encourage our employees to go ahead and do that.

As it relates to the workforce, I think we're probably at thirty to forty percent of our workforce is vaccinated, but that's not nearly where we need to be as an agency because there's still some skepticism and, and pessimistic feelings as it relates to the vaccine. So we're gonna really try to encourage the employees to get vaccinated.

And then, if we have to take another approach, we're gonna have to sit down with the labor units and see what we can do to collectively bargain, or impact bargain that particular requirement or requiring them to get vaccinated. And of course, being conscientious of religious exemptions, as well as medical conditions that certain persons can't get the vaccine.

So we're trying everything we can do, as aggressively as possible. But we wanna be ready to work with the county or the state to be able to, not just put shots in people's arm, but also to treat our residents that are at home with this treatment that the Chief had mentioned in his presentation.

468 Councilperson Lawson: Madam Chair?

- **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.
- **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 471 And, Mr. Evans, thank you for that.

And Chief Curd, first thing, Bravo! Because you guys are doing phenomenal. We had a meeting this past week and you spoke about some of the things that we're gonna be doing and we've always been trailblazers in the City and that's thankful to you and our City Manager.

So, Mr. Evans, we talk about incentivizing the employees. That was actually my first question. Is it possible for us to reach out to our healthcare provider and see what additional incentives, outside of the PTO day that we have, that we can bring to the table to incentivize these nonvaccinated employees to get vaccinated? Whatever it takes to kind of support that cause to say, 'Listen, it's gonna be better off for our insurance provider, it'll be better off for the City if we get these va'.., employees vaccinated, in addition to the PTO day?'

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair?

Chairperson Lanier: Yes. Go ahead.

City Manager Evans: Yes. Certainly.

We're, we're going to le'.., leave no stone unturned. We're gonna look at some other option too, to help get persons vaccinated. And then, we're also weighing that, as well as the workforce that you do have, that already got vaccinated, we don't wanna leave them out as well.

But, some.., we.., when we had the conversation today, some municipalities have said, employees that are vaccinated are permitted to work remotely. Those that are not in the vaccinated have to come into the office. And so, we're hearing what other communities are doing. And I can tell you, a lot of the other communities [inaudible] mention it, are duplicating some of the practices and policies that we put in place as a result of COVID-19.

So, we're, we're gonna be at the forefront as much as possible. And, and see what we can do. 'Cause, at the end of the day, we wanna get, you know, as many people in our community and, and our workforce vaccinated.

- **Councilperson Lawson:** And... Follow up, Madam Chair?
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.
- Councilperson Lawson: And I think that if we do follow up with our healthcare provider and some of the, the different unions, I think even incentivizing with cash incentives to say, 'Listen, employees, in addition to this paid time off, here's a hundred dollars, here's two hundred dollars.' We need to really just mobilizes our Staff, because then that will just kind of trickle into the residents in the community.

And that will assist with us continuing to keep the operations of the City going. But, it's just to save lives first and foremost. As a lot of us have been talking and we've discussed, I lost a very close friend recently with COVID. And, it's literally to the point where I'm trying to be an advocate for people to get out and get vaccinated, and to try to keep people safe.

And last but not least, just, well wishes to Doc. I didn't know that she had tested positive, but for a speedy recovery for you to get back, Doc.

- **Councilperson Botel:** Thank you.
- **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you.
- **Councilperson Botel:** Thank you. Madam Chair?
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.
- Councilperson Botel: I, I, I'd like to piggyback on what Councilperson Lawson is

saying. Could we approach the largest employers in the City? The largest is the VA

- Hospital. I don't know. I should really do my research before I ask this but, is it possible
- 520 that we could encourage them to also, you know, have their employees vaccinated? I
- 521 mean, they are the largest. And we might wanna also look at other large employers,
- 522 Chaney, Sysco, some of the [stammer] larger companies that employ a number of our
- 523 people, and try to persuade them to also require or ask, or encourage, their workers to
- 524 get vaccinated.
- 525 Thanks.
- 526 City Manager Evans: Ma'...
- 527 **Chairperson Lanier**: Thank you.
- 528 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Madam Chair?
- 529 **City Manager Evans:** Uh...
- 530 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.
- 531 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I just wanted to ask this question. At some point,
- 532 do you see those phone calls being made again doing our COVID updates? Are you
- 533 planning to do those again? They were very popular.
- 534 **City Manager Evans:** [Stammer]... Madam Chair...
- 535 Chairperson Lanier: Go...
- 536 **City Manager Evans:** ...if I may?
- 537 **Chairperson Lanier:** Go ahead.
- 538 [Chuckle]
- 539 **City Manager Evans:** We, we did have conversations. We are going to start with
- our, our workforce, probably a call first of next week and then we're gonna do the
- community calls and the updates on what's happening.
- We did want to get additional information on the Regeneron and what's, what's
- 543 that gonna look like for our community. But, we are gonna re'.., spin up our
- communication efforts to inform the community what's going on.
- 545 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Thank you.
- And, you know, I, I.., you couldn't've said it better than I would say it, in terms of
- 547 the schools. Yeah. It, it's really bad. And one of the things that people may or may not
- be aware of with the buses, those students are being.., a lot of them are being packed on
- buses, two to three students a seat. You're talking fifty, sixty, seventy kids on one bus.
- And, I can assure you, most of them are not keeping their mask on.
- And so, you know, knowing that a lot of our students are bused out to go to school,
- 552 it.., they're... Because they're short of drivers, it's really challenging to minimize any

exposure with them because they're literally sitting on top of each other. And, and most places, a lot.., there's not a lot of social distancing occurring.

So, it, it, it is probably definitely gonna get worse very quickly because of kids being back in school. Because it's just, I mean, it's no fault of their own, or anyone because we all are having to go. But it is not.., it's not looking pretty in the schools.

So, I expect in a couple weeks that our numbers will be really, really high. And I'm sure everyone else probably, who's watching the trends, are going to understand why that happened.

So, all I can say is, you know, continue to wear your mask. And that's why I never stopped. [Chuckle]. I'm now wearing two masks when I'm at work. So, it's... Yeah. It's... I'm glad you all are, are doing something and trying to get something to be proactive because it's, it's bound to get much worse. I can say that.

- 565 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.
- [Stammer], is that Chief Curd? For your...
- **Fire Chief Curd:** Yes, ma'am.
- 568 Fire Chief Curd: ...pres'...
- 569 Thank you so much.

And, and piggybacking off of the... And, and kudos to the, to the City Manager and, and to you, Chief Curd, for continuously being able to keep us on the cutting edge of making sure that this community is safe.

I also wanted to say that the, the Regeneron, you know, bringing it to the City would be wonderful in terms of people who do end up getting COVID. But there's also a couple of sites at Westgate Park and Baptist Hospital for people who want to get that treatment. And also, there's an infectious diseases doctor.., infectious disease doctor. He came to present to us early in the pandemic, Dr. Osiyemi. He's off of 45th Street and Metro Center. He has an infusion center as well for the [stammer] monoclonal antibodies. [Chuckle].

But those things work miracles, in terms of people who are.., who tested positive, who get to the, the treatment early. And, working in public health, dealing with people who are HIV positive, people who have compromised immune systems, these are the kind of things that people need to know, and also to be in a position to take advantage of it.

- So, please keep us abreast of when we will be having the opportunity to get our booster shots for our community.
- **Fire Chief Curd:** I will. Thank you.
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you so much.
- 588 [Applause]

- 589 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Public comment?
- 590 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. We will have public comment for this presentation,
- 591 please.
- 592 **City Clerk Anthony:** Bessie Brown.
- 593 **Ms. B. Brown:** Good evening. Bessie Brown.
- l'd like to have a copy of all the backup for this.., for 6A because nothing was ever presented and it was an addition. I'd like to have.., I'd like to pick up a copy of the backup
- of all this information that haver to do with 6A tonight, in the morning.
- 597 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes, ma'am.
- Could someone get with Ms. Brown before she leaves, so that she can get this information, please?
- Thank you.
- 601 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Madam Chair?
- 602 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead.
- 603 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Was the new part of it included, regarding the
- 604 quorum? Did we read the whole thing into the record or?
- 605 **City Attorney Wynn:** Once you pass that, then you'll be okay.
- 606 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Okay. Okay.
- 607 **Chairperson Lanier:** Alright. Very good.
- 608 **Councilperson Botel:** Oh. That takes us... That....
- 609 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yeah. It's an hour.
- 610 **Councilperson Botel:** Oh, great.
- 611 [Chuckles]
- 612 **Chairperson Lanier:** I know, right? Very good.
- So, if there are not any other comments in regards to this presentation, Madam
- 614 Clerk.
- 615 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?
- 616 Councilperson Lawson: Yes.
- 617 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?
- 618 Councilperson Botel: Yes.

- 619 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?
- 620 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Yes.
- 621 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?
- 622 Chairperson Lanier: Yes.
- 623 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.
- 624 **Chairperson Lanier:** Motion approved unanimously.
- 625 Next Item.
- 626 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

627 ORDINANCES ON SECOND AND FINAL READING

- 628 7. City Clerk Anthony: ORDINANCE NO. <u>4177</u> AN ORDINANCE OF THE
- 629 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,
- 630 FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED
- 631 "ELECTIONS", SECTION 5-2(a) ENTITLED "FILING AND QUALIFICATION OF
- 632 CANDIDATES FOR MAYORAL AND COUNCIL", PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY,
- 633 CONFLICTS, AND CODIFICATION: AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 634 CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CMC, CITY CLERK, 561-845-4090
- 635 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have public
- 636 comment on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now
- 637 closed.
- 638 Chairperson Lanier: Motion?
- 639 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I make a motion we approve Ordinance No.
- 640 4177.
- 641 Councilperson Lawson: Second.
- 642 **Councilperson Botel:** Second.
- 643 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.
- Mr. Evans.
- 645 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, I would ask that the
- 646 City Clerk present this Item.
- 647 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, as you all recall from
- our last City Council meeting, when this Item was on the Agenda for first reading, this
- ltem is presented as the result of a, a communication that was received from the Palm
- 650 Beach County Supervisor of Elections office requesting that all items be into her office no
- later than the ninety-fifth day prior to the election day.

In the communication in which Ms. Satory Link provided, she used the example of December 3rd, would be the ninety-fifth day before the March 8, 2022 election. And, if we chose December 3rd, that is exactly ninety-five days, and it would not provide the Office of the City Clerk with the time needed to get the language translated into Spanish and Creole, as required and requested, and present it to the Supervisor of Elections office in a timely manner.

The information that is in [stammer] and included in the Ordinance, is the first Tuesday of November, to the third Tuesday in November. Providing more than ninety-five days. If it.., if you include the weekends, and short of.., a little short of ninety-five days if you do not provide.., include the weekends.

This will give the Office of the City Clerk the time needed to get the language for the ballot translated and into the Supervisor of Elections office.

Anyone have any questions?

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- 665 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. So, what date are we looking at [stammer] instead of December 3rd? What date would it be?
- 667 **City Clerk Anthony:** You don't actually give exact dates. We put a timeframe in the Code of Ordinances. Because your dates change from year to year. So, if the
- Ordinance is approved on second reading tonight, the first Tuesday in November would
- 670 be... Let me pull up my calendar here. [Pause]. The first Tuesday in November is
- November 2nd. And the third Tuesday in November is November 16th.
- 672 **Chairperson Lanier:** So, it would be.., be between those two dates?
- 673 **City Clerk Anthony:** Qualifying that the timeframe that's been offered.., proffered in the Ordinance, it's the first Tuesday in, in November to the third Tuesday in November.
- The dates for the first Tuesday of November for this year, for the upcoming 2022 election, is November twenty'.., is November 2nd, with qualifying to close on November 16th.
- 678 Chairperson Lanier: Okay.
- So that'll be a whole month before. Basically. 'Cause it, it was a December 3rd the last Item?
- 681 **City Clerk Anthony:** She put in her communication, an example of December 3rd.
- December 3rd is exactly ninety-five days.
- 683 Chairperson Lanier: I see. I see now. Yeah.
- 684 City Clerk Anthony: Okay?
- 685 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.
- 686 **City Clerk Anthony:** Any additional questions? I'm more than happy to answer.

687 **Chairperson Lanier:** Do we have any public comments for this Item?

688 City Clerk Anthony: No, Madam Chair.

689 Chairperson Lanier: Okay.

690 Call the question, please.

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

692 Councilperson Lawson: Yes.

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

694 Councilperson Botel: Yes.

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

696 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Yes.

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

698 Chairperson Lanier: Yes.

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

700 **Chairperson Lanier:** Unanimous vote.

701 ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

702 **8. Chairperson Lanier:** No. 8.

- 703 City Clerk Anthony: ORDINANCE NO. 4175 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
- 704 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, 705 AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED
- 703 AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED 706 "FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT", IN ORDER TO SPECIFY ELEVATION OF
- 700 MANUFACTURED HOMES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; TO PROVIDE CRITERIA
- 708 FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS: TO REPEAL
- 709 CHAPTER 25 EXHIBIT A; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY, REPEAL OF LAWS IN
- 710 CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN

711 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

712 CLARENCE SIRMONS, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, 561-845-4060

- 713 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have public
- comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is

715 now closed.

716 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr. Evans.

717 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I appro'..., I make a motion...

- 718 Chairperson Lanier: I'm sorry.
- 719 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** ...to approve Ordinance 4175.
- 720 **Councilperson Botel:** Second.
- 721 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.
- 722 Mr. Evans.

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- 723 City Manager Evans: Madam Chari and Members of the Board, if I can have
- 724 Director of Development Services, Mr. Clarence Sirmons, make this presentation.
- 725 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr. Sirmons.
- 726 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Good evening, Madam Chair,
- 727 Members of the Council, and Madam Attorney. Again, I am Clarence Sirmons, Director
- of Development Services before you to present this Item related to amendments to
- 729 Chapter 25, which governs flood..., floodplain management in the City of Riviera Beach.

As you all are probably aware from your materials and, and other operations around the City, that we are a part of the Nation Flood Insurance Program. And it is through that program that allows residents of the City to acquire flood insurance. As a part of.., or, a participant in that program, we also participate in the Community Rating System. They Community Rating System governs the rates that citizens of the City pay for flood insurance. The better the City's rating, the lower their prices are for flood insurance.

In order to improve our rating, we are bringing forth this Ordinance amendment to incorporate language that would put use in a better standing with the CRS, or Community Rating System. We have recently submitted our packet, and one of the prerequisites for us to move into a better rating range, is to amend our Floodplain Ordinance as presented before you tonight.

The main changes related to mobile homes and the elevation of them. And there are additionally some miscellaneous changes throughout the document, updating some definitions and removing others that are not relevant.

- I am with you, along with our Building Official, Mr. Michael Grimm, in case you have any questions related to this Item.
- 747 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good.
- 748 Are there any public comments?
- 749 **City Clerk Anthony:** No, Madam Chair.
- 750 **Chairperson Lanier:** Any question from the Board in regards to this presentation?
- 751 [Pause]. Very good.
- 752 Madam Clerk.

- 753 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?
- 754 Councilperson Lawson: Yes.
- 755 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?
- 756 **Councilperson Botel:** Yes.
- 757 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?
- 758 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Yes.
- 759 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?
- 760 Chairperson Lanier: Yes.
- 761 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.
- 762 **Chairperson Lanier:** Unanimous vote.
- 763 **9. Chairperson Lanier:** No. 9.
- 764 City Clerk Anthony: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
- 765 RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF
- 766 THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED, "ZONING", ARTICLE 1, "IN
- GENERAL", SECTION 31-1, "DEFINITIONS", BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF
- "HEIGHT OF BUILDING" TO READ "HEIGHT OF BUILDING MEANS THE VERTICAL
 DISTANCE MEASURED FROM THE MINIMUM REQUIRED FLOOR OR 18 INCHES
- 770 ABOVE THE CROWN OF THE ROAD TO (A) THE HIGHEST POINT OF A FLAT ROOF:
- 770 ABOVE THE OKOVIVOL THE KOAD TO (A) THE HIGHEST TORK OF AT EAT KOOL
- (B) THE DECK LINE OF A MANSARD ROOF; (C) THE AVERAGE HEIGHT BETWEEN EAVES AND RIDGE FOR GABLE, HIP, AND GAMBREL ROOFS; OR (D) THE
- 773 AVERAGE HEIGHT BETWEEN HIGH AND LOW POINTS FOR A SHED ROOF.
- 774 PARAPET WALLS INTENDED TO PROVIDE SCREENING FOR ROOFTOP
- 775 MECHANICALS MAY EXTEND NOT MORE THAN 5 FEET ABOVE THE ALLOWABLE
- 776 HEIGHT OF A BUILDING."; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS;
- 777 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

778 CLARENCE SIRMONS, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, 561-845-4060

- 779 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have public
- 780 comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is
- 781 now closed.
- 782 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.
- 783 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** I make a motion we approve Ordinance 4174.
- 784 **Councilperson Botel:** Second.
- 785 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.

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- 787 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the Board, if I can have the Director of Development Services, Mr. Clarence Sirmons, make this presentation.
- 789 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mr. Sirmons.
- 790 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Thank you again, Madam Chair. 791 And thank you, Mr. Manager. I am again before you to present this additional Ordinance 792 amendment that also relates to our City's resilience and situations of flooding.

This current Item before you, amends how we measure building height, though measurement of building height has evolved over the years because of flood mitigation efforts. This Item before you removes the minimum requirement from where the base of the building is measured to the height. Each Zoning District has different height maximums, however, those that are in flood prone areas, have a higher base flood elevation that the building must start from. And those buildings are penalized in their height because of where we measure from, which is the lowest point.

Right now, this Ordinance before you, proposes that the minimum required floor elevation be eighteen inches above the crown of the road, or the minimum required floor elevation. This will allow developers to get the full allowance of the height maximums of their Zoning District and they won't be penalized based on the flood zone. And they additionally will not be penalized for screening mechanical equipment, which may be on the roof of buildings that have flat roofs.

For example, mechanical systems, A/C units and things of that nature, that would be on the roof, many of these buildings will have a parapet wall that screens them so they are not seen from the street, and from their neighbors, they won't be penalized for that screening when it comes to measuring the height of their building.

We believe this amendment will improve the quality of development products that we have in the City, and we recommend it for approval. And I'm available if there are any questions.

- 813 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.
- Any questions for Mr. Sirmons? [Pause]. Excellent.
- Madam Chair. I'm sorry. That's me. [Chuckle]. Madam Clerk.
- 816 [Chuckles]
- 817 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?
- 818 Councilperson Botel: Yes.
- 819 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?
- 820 Councilperson Lawson: Yes.

- 821 **City Clerk Anthony:** : Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?
- 822 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.
- 823 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?
- 824 Chairperson Lanier: Yes.
- 825 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.
- 826 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Unanimous vote.
- 827 [Chuckle]
- 828 Chairperson Lanier: [Inaudible].
- 829 **ITEMS TABLED**
- 830 **REGULAR**
- 10. Chairperson Lanier: We'll go.., we'll move on to No. 10.
- 832 City Clerk Anthony: RESOLUTION NO. 83-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
- 833 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
- 834 APPROVING PLAT APPLICATION (PA-20-02) FROM THE RIVIERA BEACH
- 835 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA), TO COMBINE THREE
- 836 CONTIGUOUS LOTS OF RECORD INTO ONE LOT TOTALING APPROXIMATELY
- 837 0.45-ACRE IN LAND AREA, FOR THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 WEST
- 838 BLUE HERON BOULEVARD, ASSOCIATED WITH PARCEL CONTROL NUMBER 56-
- 839 43-42-28-04-006-0220; HAVING A DOWNTOWN MIXED USE FUTURE LAND USE
- PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN

DESIGNATION AND A DOWNTOWN GENERAL (DG) ZONING DESIGNATION;

- 842 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 843 CLARENCE SIRMONS, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, 561-845-4060
- 844 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have public
- comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is
- 846 now closed.

- 847 **Chairperson Lanier:** Very good. Motion?
- 848 **Councilperson Botel:** [Inaudible] that the Resolution.., approving the plat application
- 849 **Councilperson Lawson:** Second.
- 850 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.
- Mr. Evans.
- 852 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and Members of the board, if I can have the
- Director of Development Services present this Item, Mr. Clarence Sirmons. And we also

- do have the CRA's consultant, Mr. Paul Skyers, to answer any questions that may come
- up related to the project.
- 856 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.
- Mr. Sirmons.

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- 858 **Development Services Director Sirmons:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank
- you again, Mr. Manager. Good evening again, Members of the Board and Madam
- Attorney. I am before you to present this plat application as read into the record.

The boundaries of the property in question, for your vote this evening, is circumscribed by the redline on the screen before you. The Land Use is downtown mixed use. The Zoning is downtown general. The application and the document has been reviewed by City Staff, as well as our consultant team to ensure that the proposed plat meets all of the City and state regulations governing them.

The image before you now shows the current configuration of three lots from the previous plat of this area. This is Page 1 of the proposed plat document. Page 2, showing the newly created lot of record, if this Resolution is approved.

- And Staff's.., Staff's recommendation is to approve the proposed plat application before you this evening.
- 871 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.
- Any questions for Mr. Sirmons in regards to this presentation? Or, the consultant that is present for any question? [Pause]. Very good.
- 874 Madam Clerk.
- 875 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson?
- 876 Councilperson Lawson: Yes.
- 877 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Botel?
- 878 Councilperson Botel: Yes.
- 879 **City Clerk Anthony:** Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?
- 880 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes.
- 881 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Lanier?
- 882 Chairperson Lanier: Yes.
- 883 **City Clerk Anthony:** Motion approved.
- 884 Chairperson Lanier: Very good.
- 885 **END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

- 886 **Chairperson Lanier:** We're at the end of our Agenda.
- 887 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC 7:30 P.M. NON-AGENDA ITEM SPEAKERS
- 888 (Three Minute Limitation)
- 889 **Chairperson Lanier:** We have public comments, that is for 7:30. If it's the pleasure
- of the Board, we can move forward with those public comments.
- 891 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Yes, Madam Chair.
- 892 **Councilperson Botel:** Yeah.
- 893 Chairperson Lanier: Okay. Very good.
- 894 Madam Clerk.
- 895 **City Clerk Anthony:** Madam Chair, will you read the heading into the record,
- 896 please?
- 897 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes, ma'am.
- 898 Chairperson Lanier: PLEASE BE REMINDED THE CITY COUNCIL HAS
- 899 ADOPTED "RULES OF DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING
- 900 OFFICIAL MEETINGS" WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE FRONT DESK. IN AN
- 901 EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO,
- 902 THE COUNCIL CHAIR MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER OR ATTENDEE
- 903 REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING AND/OR THE BUILDING, IF
- 904 NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.
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- 912 AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF BEFORE THE PUBLIC COMMENTS SECTION IS
- 913 ANNOUNCED.
- 914 Chairperson Lanier: Madam Clerk.
- 915 **City Clerk Anthony:** Cindy March, Kent Pollock, Margaret Shepherd.
- 916 **Ms. C. March**: Good evening.
- 917 First of all, I wanna thank Mr... Mayor Ronnie Felder. I went to the preschool event
- 918 for the preschool and one of my nieces won one of the raffles for \$1,000 for her kid, for
- 919 preschool, Bright Child Academy. So I just wanna say thank you.

And this is what we need here in our City, we need to find unity for our youth, for our senior citizens, instead of embezzling money or, or misplacing money, or not using the money appropriate. Because, we are taxpayers.

And, the only reason why I'm bringing up what we went through last week in federal court, is because you have these individuals that keep coming in here, going on social media, misleading, throwing rocks and hiding their hand, for Julia Botel. The truth's gonna come out. It's not over, 'til God say it's over. How do you get a \$49MM hotel spa on Singer Island for a permit, when it was supposed to be \$375MM?

Somebody gonna have to answer for that, because ya'll said there wasn't no corruption in Riviera. Then, you handed Cold Storage to build they building. Ninety percent of the building with no kind of inspection. Somebody gonna answer for that.

The City Manager, come back making more than what he sued for, plus he the CR' Director, and gettin' money from the CR' Director. Somebody gonna answer for that. So, let's, let's not [inaudible] discuss something on social media if you can't come face to face with the truth. Okay? Because they wouldn't'a paid nothing if they didn't do no wrong. So, we're gonna leave that right there. Okay?

Number two. Super spreader for the COVID. Botel is out. His aide is here. Did he not have contact with Botel? Shouldn't he be in quarantine, or shouldn't he go get tested? J.B. Dixon, shouldn't she be out? Or quarantined, or be tested? COVID is nothing to play with. I had to learn how to walk all over again. So I know about COVID. I lost family members due to COVID, and I'm quite sure you all have too.

So, somebody need to look into that.

Chairperson Lanier: Thank you, Ms. March.

City Clerk Anthony: Kent Pollock, Margaret Shepherd, William Wyly

Mr. K. Pollock: Good evening. My name is Kent Pollock. I am the Homeowner's Association Vice President, as well as the Community Development District Chairperson.., Vice Chair, over at the Marsh Harbor District. And I bring you greetings from our city, where we have four hundred and three units, four hundred and three owners that we represent.

I had the pleasure of going to several of the charettes and forums that you had, and I'm disheartened by one thing that I saw in the forum that talked about the, the Fire Stations that were being built. There was a lot of conversations about the conditions of those Fire Stations where these firemen are working in, and I, I, I just feel sad and, and I really applaud them for their efforts because, even in that condition, many of them have tenures of ten, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, eighteen, twenty something years. Most people, including myself, I wouldn't be around if the conditions in..., of that place.

So, I'm act actually here to ask that you guys really consider.., I know that this is not the Board that created that problem. But this is the Board that can fix that problem.

So, we need to move expeditiously and drive these.., the consideration for getting these Fire Stations put in place.

It's gonna take what? Twelve to twenty-four months to build a Fire Station. Which means that those same firepeople, who are pillars of this community, most of them reside here from what I understand, okay? They have to still work in those conditions. So, hopefully, as they're building those Fire Stations, we also are making provisions and plans to accommodate them a little bit better so they don't have to deal with that while those stations are in play.

I also had the pleasure of hearing a lotta issues and concerns that were brought up in these for'..., forums about how many people attend these meetings. How many people are here to make the decisions? Prior to coming to this community six and a half years ago... I used to live in Miami-Dade County. I served for thirty-five years in several different communities, and the reality is, the same fifteen to twenty people that you see here, are the same fifteen to twenty people that we dealt with in those same forums for thirty-five years. And results were being made. Things were happening.

So, I'm gonna say this, sometimes you can't wait on the crowd. You have to get that engine going, get the train moving at a slow pace, so anybody who wanna jump on, can jump on when they decide. Including myself. Most of you don't'..., have'..., haven't seen me. I've only been participating in this community..., 'cause I sit here. First time speaking. First time speaking. I sit here and I observe and I play. I watch this on TV. Something told me, you know what? You gotta get up and make some things happen, because some of the times, I've had things that I wanted to say, I said it to my TV and nobody heard me, nothing happened. Alright?

- So, I'm onboard. I'm here now and you will be seeing me soon.
- 983 Thank you.
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.
- 985 [Applause]

- **City Clerk Anthony:** Margaret Shepherd, William Wyly, Bessie Brown.
- **Ms. M. Shepherd:** Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach.
- You know, I.., I wanted to talk about something else, J.B. and Dr. Botel, and I'll, I'll come back. And I wish her well. I wish Dr. Botel well.

I thought it was all over. I thought it was just all over. When the Judge renders a decision, it should be over. We continue with these threats, whoever coming for you. They're coming for you, they're coming for... It makes me dizzy to [stammer], to just continue to talk about the past. It's over.

We have an illu'..., an illustrious Attorney here. I think two of them, Mrs. Busby. And if nothing else, this City has got to move on. If you wanna shoot the needle in the foot, continue with this... Because all the people are doing the, the social media. If I

997 didn't get ten calls before.., before I walked out of the house.., what is the problem? It's 998 no problem. We have idiots.., you just have idiots.

I tell my children all the time, whatever happened, t's happened and you must move on. It's time to move on. You're dead weight. Not to us. Yourself. Because we're moving forward. We are making stands, and I thank the gentleman for coming. Because it's the squeaky wheel. If you sit at home and talk to yourself, you'll end up talking to yourself. And then they'll take you to the nuthouse, and they'll say, 'He' talking to hisself.'

So why would I sit in a room? I can take my three minutes and I can tell the people in la land, it's time out for the foolishness. If there's something going on, on your property, it's up to you to talk about. It's not up to me, 'cause I don't live into your neighborhood. If there's something going on.

Now, it's the imagination running away with you, then it's.., and that's what's happened. The imagination is running away.

I said to this lady, I don't even know her. Her name is Anna something, and she was on the [inaudible] and she.., and I said, 'Did you take your medication?' What did I say that for? Oh my God. She says, 'You're getting some free [inaudible] from the City. The City is gi'...' I'm like, 'What the hell is the City giving me?'

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- 1015 **Ms. M. Shepherd:** What the he'...
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- 1017 **Ms. M. Shepherd:** I immediately... Bam! I got her off of my Facebook.
- Tell the truth. My daddy said, 'Tell the truth. And the lie you're about to tell, you will not remember that lie.' He was right. That brother was right.
- 1020 **Unk.:** Hmm.
- 1021 **Ms. M. Shepherd:** I've learned one thing. Tried to skip around my daddy, but now I'm a grandmother. And when they tell me lies, I look at 'em. 'I see you're a liar.' You're a
- liar back there. And it's time to move on.
- Oh, I'm so upset. I...
- 1025 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you...
- 1026 **Ms. M. Shepherd:** Oh my God.
- 1027 **Chairperson Lanier:** ...so much, Ms. Shepherd.
- 1028 **Ms. C. March**: [Inaudible].
- 1029 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.

- 1030 City Clerk Anthony: William Wyly, Bessie Brown...
- **Ms. M. Shepherd:** [Inaudible]...
- **City Clerk Anthony:** ...Doretta Paulk.
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Let's, let's not have the crosstalk.
- **Ms. M. Shepherd:** [Inaudible]. I'm sick of you.
- 1035 [Chuckles and inaudible comments]
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Okay. We, we got our next resident to come forward. Let us
- move forward people.

- 1038 Mr. W. Wyly: Good afternoon, Board. My name is William Wyly, on the Planning
- 1039 & Zoning Board for the City of Riviera Beach, and also on the CDC Board for the City of
- Riviera Beach. And also, schoolteacher here in, in Palm Beach County.

I had a couple topics that I really wanted to stress today, 'cause there was some things that disappointed me. And the more and more I'm involved with my City, the more and more disappointed I get with some of the activities with some personnel from Council, about the misinformation and a lot of, I guess, a show of disinterest that we have in our City and giving our, giving our kids and giving our community, and giving our senior citizens bad information. But that's another time.

Now, we're gonna talk about something a little more important. I'll get on top of that topic a little bit later. Let's talk about these COVID issues. Everybody at home, kids, parents, please be careful. I'm in school and I'm seeing the kids, and seeing what they're doing. I'm at a [stammer] a middle school. And these kids are coming into school, they have their mask on. Of course, they're removing their masks. I have about fifteen to twenty kids in the classroom and I got 'em spread out as much as possible, but still, they're kids. They're twelve, thirteen years old. They're gonna do whatever they have to do.

Now, I'm really good with the discipline in my classroom, but guess what? When they go to the lunchroom, guess what happens? They have to eat. And when they eat, what happens to their mask? The mask comes off. And then, now, you have three hundred people inside of a class'.., inside of a, a cafeteria trying to eat and now this is getting... And then, a lotta teachers are very, very kinda skeptical about going to the lunchroom.

Now, Mr. Jeremiah Stewart, which is the Principal at my school, does a great job of getting everything out in the open and trying to get everything.., keep everybody safe, keep everybody clean. He makes sure we have disinfectant, we have wipes and everything. He does a great job with that of keeping us safe.

But, the best thing I can tell you, to please talk to your kids about how serious this is. Because sometimes the kids cannot get affected, but what'll happen is, that the kids will take it and pass it back home to the parents, and to the aunties, and aunties and the grandmothers, and everything. Okay?

So, one of the topics I wanna talk about also. I was sitting with some people a week ago and they were complaining, and not necessarily complaining but their concerns were about having a public call center. So, I didn't know much about that, so I wanted to find more information about it. So, Mr. Evans, if you can discuss that at some point in time. And what I mean by public call center is to assist people in any non-rime, or any Public Works issues, as far as getting things cleaned up, fixed up around the neighborhood or whatever. 'Cause they're saying they're contacting someone... Like, for example, if someone calls Mrs. KaShamba Miller-Anderson, her area, right? And, it can't be done or be fixed at that time or whatever, is there a central location where someone can call into where anybody can fix that? Any Councilperson? Or, anybody at Public Works, can get.., fix that and then give a return call? 'Cause they're problem, mostly is, either they're.., they don't know who to call, they don't know when they do call someone, they end up.., they don't get a call back or they're getting frustrated because then there's no action being done. And these people want simple things being done around the neighborhood, that's not really that hard to do.

- So, if that can be done...
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you s'...
- **Mr. W. Wyly:** Thank you.
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you so much, Mr...
- **Mr. W. Wyly:** Uhuh.
- 1088 Chairperson Lanier: ...Mr. Wyly.
- 1089 City Clerk Anthony: Bessie Brown, Doretta Paulk, J.B. Dixon.
- **Ms. B. Brown:** Good evening.
- 1091 I'm.., [pause], understand Ms. Botel has COVID, and Sammie is sitting in here.
- And, any of you know.., does he need to be guarantined, or whatever? Because, I don't
- 1093 want it.

- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, Ms. Brown.
- **City Clerk Anthony:** Doretta Paulk, J.B. Dixon, Mary Brabham.
- **Ms. D. Paulk:** Good evening. My name is Doretta Paulk.

And I'm here to discuss the, the last Council meeting. Concerning the Boys & Girls Club. I thought this was very appalling. And our children did not deserve this. This decision. And when it came to Mr.., Councilman Tradrick McCoy saying that he wanted the MOU taken off the table totally. Then that was voted down. Then, also, you, Mr.., Councilperson Douglas Lawson, you said that you just wanted it suspended for now, and come back to it. And that was voted unanimously, only one dissenting. That was Ms.

1103 KaShamba Miller. She talked to the whole Board concerning the value of the Boys &

Girls Club. The Boys & Girls Club is known all around the world. It's essential.., I think it was essential to our children to have a collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club.

There was a mother here, stating that her child is very challenging at school, and also at home. The Boys & Girls Club have mentors there, they have mental health counselors there, they have instructors.., teachers who are certified and can help our children with different avenues that they're having problems with, in school, from reading to mathematics.

I think this was a win/win for the, the children of Riviera Beach. This is, I think, is why contractors do not want to come to the City of Riviera Beach, because of this decisiveness. And I think it was wrong that you all did this. You had a, a retired person by the name of Mrs. Burgess came up, and said that she even wants to volunteer for that Parks & Recreation. And she has not been approved as of yet. There's something not right here. And it's certainly not Mr. Blankenship.

Now, I just wanna just tell.., I don't know how you can even right this wrong, because I think it's off the table, now, which is very, very destructive that was done to these innocent children who need the help. A helping hand. And that's what they were here for.

1121 And I thank you very much.

- And also, I think about this COVID, the Fire Chief said about congregating, I think, Mayor, would you like to think about..., 'cause you're having the scenes over at the
- Legend? Would you like to think about [inaudible]...
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you so much.
- **Ms. D. Paulk:** ...[inaudible].
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Thank you so much, Ms. Paulk.
- **Ms. D. Paulk:** Alright. Thank you very much.
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.
- **City Clerk Anthony:** J.B. Dixon, Mary Brabham.
- **Ms. J.B. Dixon:** I'm J.B. Dixon from Riviera Beach on Singer Island.
- I couldn't hear one of the other speakers, but she seemed to be talking about me and Sam, and something about spreading COVID. I think. I just wanted to reassure you
- that I happen to know Sam Brown had a test yesterday, and another test today. He's
- negative. I also had a test today. I'm negative. So, unless... Don't be afraid to kiss me
- goodbye. Okay? I'm not a diseased wretch, yet.
- 1137 [Chuckles]
- **Ms. J.B. Dixon:** I really wanted to come to the podium tonight to congratulate the
- 1139 Council and the Cit for its very impressive win in the lawsuit that was decided on Monday.

- 1140 And, I know that he Chief Counsel, Dawn Wynn and, and her Staff worked very hard, and
- 1141 I think brought a lot of honor to the City to see how well.., how well they presented the
- 1142 City's case.
- And certainly, to come away with, you know, saving us millions of dollars, and
- having everything that the jury said was.., there was just part of one complaint. And that's
- the only reason any money was awarded. But \$60,000 sounds really good compared to
- 1146 \$3MM. [Chuckle].
- So I, again, wanted to say that it wasn't just the win, I think, that matters, that you
- need to be congratulated for, but the very attitude of the, the Council. It, it makes me very
- proud that you all signed on to that battle, you proceeded with it, you did not give in to
- the intimidating circumstances of, 'Oh, I'm gonna sue you for this, I'm gonna sue you for
- that.' You didn't roll over and settle, which previous Councils have certainly done.
- And, I think that that sends a message, not only to other cities about how we have
- changed, but it sends the message to those people out there who may be thinking of
- being litigants unfairly, against us. And it says, 'Hey, this is a new day in Riviera Beach.
- Don't think that you can come here and get what you used to get.'
- 1156 This is a new Council, it's a new Administration, and it's definitely a new day. Don't
- mess with us unless you want a fight. I'm very proud of you.
- Thank you.
- 1159 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.
- 1160 [Applause]
- 1161 **City Clerk Anthony:** Mary Brabham.
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- 1163 **Chairperson Lanier:** We don't blame you, Ms. Brabham. We don't, we don't blame
- 1164 you.
- 1165 [Chuckles]
- 1166 **Ms. M. Brabham:** Can you hear me? I know I have a, a different setting here, but can
- 1167 you hear me?
- 1168 **Unk.:** Uhuh.
- 1169 **Ms. M. Brabham:** Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.
- 1170 Pertaining to the lawsuit, I would just like to say, I wish everyone well in their
- endeavors. That goes for Ladi March, as well as the City. The case was tried amongst
- 1172 a, a peer of jurors. And this came down to the jury decision. That decision there relieved
- us as well. Because we did not do any racist bias.

So, whatever the jury of peers decided, let us accept that and move on. This was not a case of a one million to a \$3MM deal. Let's be reasonable. A lot of times we allow others to influence us, and bait us, and pull us in to madness. So we say, Ms. Brabham say, and others, we wish everyone well in their endeavors, whatever that may be.

And as elected officials here, if this does not touch you all, then don't let it hit your foot. You.., some of you elected officials, you all need to stop this here as well. Because you indulge with this type of behavior, with the residents that comes in here. We as residents, we know this. But you are elected officials. Don't pull yourself into this here. You are an elected body that is supposed to govern Ms. Brabham and everybody else. And you should always be neutral.

I would not hang my signs on the Utility District, because that belongs.., that [inaudible] belongs to the Utility District.

The schools. They should be non-bias too. We, as politicians, we don't [inaudible] because if you do that, then Ms. Brabham will hang her [inaudible] and say don't vote for none of you all. So, we should not do those types of things. And expect to be good leaders.

I wish to wish Dr. Botel, all of those Councilmen that ore out, as well as our firemen, police, residents, babies and children, wellbeing in this COVID here. Because this is a real, real, real thing. And we have to take it like we are living on our last living days here. Because this is just what we are in.

So, I would like for you, as a Board, to govern yourselves as good politicians. They always say that politician is a dirty word. No, it's not. Because you can be good leaders, if you desire to be good leaders. Because you would not have ran if you did not have something within you.

- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you so much...
- **Ms. M. Brabham:** So, I want you to...
- **Chairperson Lanier:** ...Ms. Brabham.
- **Ms. M. Brabham:** ...consider these things here.
- Thank you.
- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you.
- 1204 City Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, that concludes public
- 1205 comment.

- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Mr. Evans, would you like to address some of the
- 1207 resident concerns?
- **City Manager Evans:** Certainly, Madam Chair.

In regards to the public call center, we are looking at the possibility of entering into a relationship with a call center to be able to expand the opportunity for persons to interact with local government, as well as allowing for us to be able to track any inquiries, any requests, any items that residents have concerns on, and then make sure that that gets disseminated to the departments.

We're also looking about the possibility of consolidating all our phone numbers so there will be one number for the City. It will come into that call center, and from there, the departments would be responsible for responding to what the inquiry is. And then, we'll be able to have that real time as to when an item is closed out. And so, we are moving forward in that particular direction.

As well as, establishing a call center for fraud, waste and abuse hotline that persons can call at any particular time and then the information is provided to the Internal Auditor. So, that is in the works.

With respect to the comment on Fire Station 86, we are moving forward. We have one last community meeting, which is tomorrow, here at the Marina Event Center, where we will discuss the plan for Fire Station 86. This will be a meeting that will be a hybrid meeting. We will certainly encourage persons to come in person, but also, we will interact with them via the City's social media channels, as well as an online platform, as well. I believe it's Zoom.

So, we will field questions that persons may have related to Fire Station 86 and provide additional clarity with respect to the City's plans to move forward. Our intent is ultimately to be able to deliver that plan.., or, that, that Fire Station in eighteen months. And, we can look to have that Station, if everything goes as planned, hopefully, up and operational by the second or third quarter of 2023.

With respect to Mr. Sammie Brown. It is prohibited by federal law to talk about protected personal health information. And that is not something that I would do, but I can assure that Mr. Brown would not be here if we were concerned. And so, he has been working with Fire Chief Curd, as well as our contact tracer, and I will leave that comment and remark there.

With respect to the CRA Director. I think I've answered this question maybe about fifteen, twenty times. There has not been any compensation associated with this. I assumed the responsibility in a temporary capacity in August 28th to October 14th. And then, since October 14th, I've served in the permanent role.

So, I've served in that particular capacity, next week Saturday, will be a year. And so, there has not been any compensation, nor have I brought an item to the Board requesting compensation. Because, at the end of the day, we wanna just get the work done and move the things forward. And so, that's what we'll, we'll keep it at that and continue to, to move on accordingly.

And, Madam Chair, that, I believe, is all the comments that were made with respect to citizen comments.

Chairperson Lanier: Thank you, sir.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

- **Chairperson Lanier:** We're at the end of our Agenda and if you would like to go
- ahead and do your comments for the evening, we would appreciate that.
- **City Manager Evans:** Okay. Great.
- 1254 Chairperson Lanier: [Chuckle].

- **City Manager Evans:** With respect to Fire Station 86, there is some questions and some concerns that are coming in from persons that reside next to the proposed location.
- The proposed location is the area at the Ocean Walk where the current playground, as
- well as tennis courts, are. We did look at multiple locations.

The only facility or property that was conceivably available for us to relocate Fire Station 86 was probably within a stone's throw of where we're proposing the new location. And the property acquisition cost will be anywhere between three to \$5MM, which would make the cost for the Station excessive, and be the most expensive and most costly con'.., construction of a Fire Station that we would have in our, our community. Evan that much more expensive than Fire Station 88, which is gonna be significantly larger.

We have also communicated to persons that have attended the meetings that the recreational amenities that are currently at the Ocean Walk, would actually be enhanced and be improved, as they will be moved to the southside of the property to add for a pickleball court, and the two tennis courts. And then, we would move the playground into an area that is adjacent to the pavilions and the restrooms on the southside of the property.

We have also communicated to residents that we would have a quiet response. So, we would leave the Station with no audile sirens, until we got to North Ocean. It actually.., the relocation of the Station will provide for a better response to our community, and we'll be able to get to a lot more calls in a quicker fashion.

Our intent is to be conscientious of our neighbors next to us, and we know that one of the most controversial things that any community ever has to do is putting a fire station in a neighborhood or taking one out. The existing property where Fire Station 86 is, is not suitable for the reconstruction of Fire Station 86.

One, it's in the flood zone. Two, at king tide or high tide, we have our personnels' vehicles in salt water. It is not a Fire Station that can accommodate anymore improvements or anymore renovations. It is at the end of its useful life. And, we know that, in order to complete the vision that this Board has, and that Staff has to be a department that functions in the 21st Century, we have to have those facilities.

Those facilities are woefully inadequate and we are a moment away from having to close that Station and relocate to the Ambassador Center because of the significant

deterioration and the concerns that we have as a result of the Fire station in its current location .

And the.., it's a fifty year old station. So, we know that persons are not enthusiastic or thrilled about us looking to relocate the Station, but we knew that being good stewards with the resources, that we could not conceivably look to acquire parcels to three to \$5MM, take it off the tax roll, and literally be within viewing distance of where the proposed location is that we're considering.

We looked at the.., we looked in the parking lot at the Ocean Walk. We didn't wanna cannibalize the parking there, because that would adversely impact the businesses. We've looked everywhere we can possibly look. The property on the corner of Blue Heron and.., on Bule Heron on the southside of the road, if somebody would like to acquire that parcel for us, it's \$25MM.

[Exclamations]

City Manager Evans: And we would love to do a great Fire Station there but the reality is, we would never bring a property acquisition of that magnitude to the Cit Council for consideration.

So, we understand that this is something that is concerning to some folks, but we are gonna be good neighbors, and we are gonna make sure that, from a life safety standpoint, firefighters do not decrease property values. And, and we're going to be able to provide information with regards to that. If anything, they improve the value because you have better response time. And we're putting a thirteen plus million dollar asset in that particular park.

We also looked at preemptive devices that will ensure that if pedestrians are on the walkway, that there would be some type of gate or arm that would come down, that would make sure pedestrians would not cross in front of the Fire Station as they leave. We also look in the new design of Fire Station 86, to incorporate a room that can house maybe about a hundred to a hundred and fifty people that would have views of the park, as well as the ocean. So there will be a community room in there.

It will actually bring Ocean Rescue into the Fire Department, which Ocean Rescue are lifeguards report to the Fire Department. As well as, the Ocean Rescue guard facility that we have out of there, we would make renovations and improvements, and the Ambassadors would actually have their office there, and respond out of there as well. So, you would have, actually, more people in the park that would create for a better Public Safety presence, all things considered.

So, we're gonna get into that conversation with the community again, tomorrow. And then, there's a subsequent discussion that I believe Councilperson Botel is having at her town hall meeting, where we're gonna discuss the Item again, but then ultimately, bringing it back before the Board because we want to marry these stations as close to poss'.., close together as possible because there's economies to scale that, in the event that we tie the construction periods together, we can save hundreds of thousands of dollars.

1327 In the event that we defer and do not move forward with this Station, I will tell the 1328 Board that this will be the last station that we will construct. We will construct Fire Station 1329 88. We will then look at 87. We will then look at 89. And then, we will go back to 86, if 1330 we don't move forward with this particular plan that Staff has put forward.

Fire Station 86, if we do defer it, we will have to move out of that Station, and we will have to operate out of a temporary location. We believe that if we can get things lined up app'... appropriately, we can hold onto that particular Station, hopefully, for the next eighteen months, until the new Station is constructed.

1335 So, I did wanna bring the Board up to speed. You may get some emails and phone calls. We've offered to meet with persons, meet at HOA meetings, to share with them. 1336 1337 But, we will have a live presentation tomorrow that will basically touch some of the items 1338 that I discussed in this particular Item.

- And that concludes my comments, Madam Chair.
- 1340 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.
- 1341 DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY
- **Chairperson Lanier:** 1342 Madam Attorney?
- 1343 **City Attorney Wynn:** No comments, Madam Chair.
- 1344 STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
- 1345 **Chairperson Lanier:** Mayor.
- 1346 Mayor Felder: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 1347 I just wanna send well wishes to Dr. Botel, Councilman McCoy, and all of our Staff 1348 that's battling COVID.
- 1349 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you, sir.
- Dr. Botel. 1350
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- 1352 **Councilperson Botel:** Sorry. Thank you so much for all the kind words and wishes...
- 1353 well wishes from my colleagues and the community. I do feel much better today, believe
- me, than I did yesterday, after that Regeneron treatment. 1354

1355 In any case, my ne'.., as Mr. Evans said, our next quarterly town hall meeting will be on Tuesday the 24th at the Ambassador Center. We had to change that date due to 1356 1357 the conflict with the Thursday meeting, tomorrow's meeting. I hope people are able to join [audio skipped]. Anyone from the Ritz, in particular, who has sent me emails about 1358 1359 it, I've sent them the link so they can join, even if they're up north. So, I hope..., I really hope they get there.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING 40 **AUGUST 18, 2021** As you might know, we've been planning a health fair for the entire community, that's gonna be held at Azure Estates, formerly Stonybrook. We've had to change the date for us. The original date I announced was in September, but the Community Center will not be ready yet, so it's gonna be October 23rd from 11:00 to 4:00 at this point in time. Unless something else happens with the Community Center.

Sam took over for me in a great call today with the School District and Cheney Brothers on our CDL program. So, we're moving forward with that. Very excited. I just saw in the paper today, the School District even wants drivers. So please, we are gonna have.., we're gonna make Riviera Beach the driving capital [chuckle] of the world, in addition to other things that we're known and great for.

I think that's all for now. Again, thank you so much for your kind words.

- **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Mr. Lawson.
- **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

First, I just wanna start by congratulating our Mayor and our Finance team. Again, they improved our bond rating to a AA rating. And, that's essentially putting our City in just a better position to where we're going to the bonding market. We just approved that we're going to the market for \$35MM for our two Fire Stations. And with that increase in bond rating, it's essentially, like, the credit. We've increased and improved our credit as a City, so we're gonna get a better interest rate when we go to the market. So, congratulations, Mr. Sherman and, and Mr. Evans. You guys did a great job with that.

On August 28th, we're gonna be hosting a community forum at Station 88 on Singer Island. It's gonna be a discussion to talk about a array of topics. Most importantly, we're gonna discuss the Station 88. And, we're also gonna be discussing Reimagine. Those are some of the things that we were slated as a Council to spend these next thirty days really talking about the concerns of where we're gonna be developing things, what's gonna be happening on Broadway corridor and throughout our City? So, our goal is to hear from as many residents as possible, and to introduce our ideas to every resident directly.

So please, if you're available to attend, it will be August 28th at 10:00 a.m.., at the new Fire Station 86.

August 29th, we'll be hosting a mental health forum for parents. It's gonna be held at the promenade at the CRA starting at 6:00 p.m. That is a Sunday afternoon. So parents, that's gonna be a night out for you talk about mental health, an initiative that, we've started many, many years ago. And, we're actually looking to bring an Advisory Board to the City to really address this and talk about mental health.

So, the promenade on August 29th.

And finally, September 13th, we'll be hosting a Broadway business corridor luncheon, and we'll be talking about the Reimagine addition. So, the businesses on

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1399 Broadway, what effects will happen with Marina Phase II, with Reimagine Riviera Beach and having a discussion with all the businesses on Broadway. 1400 1401 Mr. Evans, thank you so much for everything you've done for the City so far. This 1402 team is moving everything forward. We're making a lotta progress. I'm very excited. 1403 Thank you. 1404 **Chairperson Lanier:** Thank you. Pro Tem. 1405 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Just wanted to say get well soon, Dr. Botel and all of the others that are battling with COVID. I had three of my immediate family 1406 1407 members that had it. One is still currently in the hospital. So, it is definitely out there. I'm gonna always tell people to continue to wear your mask and social distance. 1408 1409 I do.., I think Mr. Evans mentioned it not too long ago about the Fire Station meeting being here at the Marina, but we also have the Park Manor Neighborhood Association 1410 meeting that normally meets on the third Thursday. We will be having the Reimagine 1411 1412 Riviera Beach presentation done at that meeting, tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.... 1413 [Inaudible background] 1414 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Oh, somebody's [inaudible]. 1415 [Chuckles] **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Park Manor. 1416 1417 And then also, Mr. Evans, I just had a question about the.., I know Waste Management's contract is ex'.., expiring the end of September. Where, where will we be, 1418 1419 or what are we doing for that? 1420 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair, if I may? 1421 **Chairperson Lanier:** Yes. Go ahead. 1422 **City Manager Evans:** Legal and Administration are working on that... 1423 Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson: Okay. 1424 City Manager Evans: ...to, to bring that back before the Board, if it takes any action. 1425 I think the contract does allow for an extension, but I think there is some, some conversations that are happening between both entities. 1426 1427 So, if there is action that is necessary, we'll bring that back before you. But we are reviewing that and had conversations with Legal about it. 1428 1429 **Chair Pro Tem Miller-Anderson:** Okay. And that's it.

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Yes. Thank you. Go ahead.

Thank you so much, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Lanier:

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1432 Councilperson Lawson: Thank you, Madam Chair.

1433 Just a question, Mr. Evans. We were in a meeting recently and you said that we.., the American Rescue Plan, that there was a change in funding. Can you just give a guick 1434 1435 information so the residents know what's going on with that?

City Manager Evans: Absolutely. Thank you, Councilperson.

We.., originally, we anticipated that we were gonna get \$14.9MM of our community's money back from the federal government. And, we got the latest updated information, so we're projected to get \$17MM back from the American Rescue Plan.

1440 So, based on this Board's action that you took to allocate these monies for the purposes of the new Utility District, that's a substantial amount of money towards getting that project up and operational a lot quicker. 1442

Councilperson Lawson: Awesome. And, and residents, that's, that's a big deal. That's a big chunk off of the money that we're trying to get this new water plant up and running. So, that's thankful for our Staff again and for the federal g government sending down those dollars for us.

So, thank you, Mr. Evans.

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Chairperson Lanier: Thank you.

And, I just wanted to briefly talk about..., thank'..., thanks to City Administration, the Fire Department, for their efforts in, in testing and in vaccinations. If you are interested, there is testing every Tuesdays and Thursdays at JAYS Ministries from 10:00 to 4:00. There is testing for COVID every Monday. Wednesday and Friday at Wells Recreation Center from 10:00 to 4:00.

If you don't have your vaccine, there is a vaccination, for free, that you can get every Thursday from 10:00 to 4:00 at Wells Recreation Center. So, if you're not vaccinated, you can get the vaccine. And if you're not vaccinated, and if you're concerned about your status, you definitely need to get a test.

There are a lot of people who are succumbing to COVID, into this Delta variant. People are getting COVID and arer vaccinated. So you can imagine a person in the position that is not vaccinated. You have to be very, very, very careful. Because these.., this new... And then, I'm, I'm understanding there's another variant that is on the way. So, you have to definitely be very careful in t terms of how you interact with people. And I'm glad that the City is looking at making sure that special events, any type of events, that the City has, that we're very careful in what we do.

We have employees that have succumbed to COVID. So, we have to be very careful. Everybody has someone who knows someone in their family who has had issues with COVID. So, we definitely have to be on, on our guard with that one.

The Hope Dealers. I told you some months ago that the Hope Dealers mentoring program has come to the City. Every Wednesday night from 6:00 to 8:00, they have

- 1470 young men from the ages of thirteen to twenty-one. They provide leadership development, social.., emotional learning and community services for your young men. 1471
- On Thursday nights from 6:00 to 8:00, they have the young women. 1472
- So please check out that mentoring program. It is a excellent program that talks 1473 about mental health and leadership in young people. 1474
- 1475 And, with that being said, thank you so much to the City employees for all the work 1476 that they do.

1477 **ADJOURNMENT**

- And this meeting is adjourned. 1478 Chairperson Lanier:
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1480 [End Of video]

Rosemary Murray

1481 **City Employees, Public Comment Speakers and Others**

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1485	Fire Chief John Curd	Fire Chief Curd
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1487	Cindy March	Ms. C. March
1488	Kent Pollock	Mr. K. Pollock
1489	Margaret Shepherd	Ms. M. Shepherd
1490	William Wyly	Mr. W. Wyly
1491	Doretta Paulk	Ms. D. Paulk
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