

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.**

[Before meeting chatter].

[Gavel]

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Welcome everyone to the City of Riviera Beach. Tonight we have our Utility Special District Board meeting. Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Dawn Pardo?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Present.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Terence Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Bruce Guyton? Board Member KaShamba Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Present.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Cedrick Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters? City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Executive Director Louis Aurigemma?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: District Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Pamala Ryan?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: And District Finance Director Randy Sherman.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Here.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Thank you. I'd like to invite everyone to stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge.

[Moment of silence]

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: I pledge allegiance...

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

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Ms. Jones, do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions to the Agenda?

CITY MANAGER JONES: There's one thing that Executive Director Aurigemma would like to mention.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Under my discussion I wanna add an Item 6 which is the temporary change in disinfection for the water treatment process.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Alright. Do we have a motion to accept the Agenda?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So move.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Is there a...

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Second.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ...second? Alright. Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Miller?

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Yes.

[Inaudible background comments]

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Anderson.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Yeah. I know. I thought about it after I said it. Sorry.
[Chuckle]. Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

DISCLOSURES BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Before we go that, do we have any disclosures by the Board or by Staff?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: None.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Do we have a motion to accept Consent?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Thank you. That's the end of Consent. Awards and presentations, none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Public hearings, none.

REGULAR AGENDA

Regular Agenda. Item 2.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: 2. RESOLUTION NO.2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SENIOR UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HELP RIVIERA BEACH LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN PAYING THEIR WATER BILL; TO APPROVE LOW INCOME DISABLED VETERANS AND LOW INCOME DISABLED RESIDENTS AS ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES; APPROVING THE PROGRAM NAME CHANGE TO THE RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENTS FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 411-1417-536-0-4801, NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Is there a motion?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Good evening, Mr. Aurigemma.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Good evening. We've had the Senior Utility Assistance Program for the last three fiscal years and in your backup, in fiscal year 2013, we had 95 participants. In fiscal year of 2014, we had 46 participants and in fiscal year 2015, we had 44 participants. There is a downward trend in participants in our As'.., in our Senior Utility Assistance Program. So, for fiscal year 2016, we wanted to loosen up some of those requirements and bring forth to you a Utility Assistance Program which, not only included the seniors, but also included disabled veterans and other disabled people in the City.

And, in addition to that, the previous requirement was for a very low income limit which, for one person, was \$23,000. So, what we did was, we made that a little bit higher in accordance with the Palm Beach County median family income and so the low income limit is now boosted up to \$36,000. So, we believe that we will get some more people. There were some people that weren't eligible when they were seniors. They'll probably be eligible at this point.

So, we've listened to the Board and we want to expand this to other people that will, will be eligible and that's basically what we put forth in this, in this Resolution. So, I'm ready to answer any questions that anyone would have.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. So, \$36,750 is considered low income for a household of one?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. In Palm Beach County. So what is it on the national level? And, do we know what it's considered, you know, here in Riviera Beach?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, I, I don't have the answers to, to those regarding national. I was just focused in on Palm Beach County.

UNK: Ma'...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright, because for Riviera Beach, you know, we have people all the time telling us, you know, we're such a poor community and there's no money. Well, you know, \$36,000, you know, that's... I find that as, you know, a very high number. So, if someone's making thirty six thous'.., almost \$37,000, just on their own, it's just one person in their household, then they're eligible for this?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Yeah.

UNK: Ma'...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: I, I question if that's fair. Okay, Ms. Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Also, Ms. Pardo, the figures that we were using for the extremely low, very low and the low income and the moderate income come from the West Palm Beach and the Boca Raton metropolitan statistical area. And so, unfortunately, the information is in aggregate for the metropolitan area. And we got these numbers from the county. This is what they use in their home programs in any other grants that were being assisted. And our attempt was to try and get more people to participate that could not participate in the past.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Well then, why don't you give everyone a discount then? You know, I thought this was for seniors who are struggling. There are seniors who get, you know, they're lucky if their social security check is \$800 a month. Alright? I thought we were looking out for those people. And I understand the whole veteran thing, I have no problem with that. If anything, they should be getting even more than just a, you know, a cut on their water bill. But, you know, if we're gonna open this up to, you know, a person just making \$36,750 a year and because we're trying to get more people to participate in it, then give everyone in the City a 10% discount. It just doesn't seem fair. I thought we were focusing on the low income people that really needed it. You have here a household of four, \$52,500. You know, it's...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: I have a problem with it. And the other thing is, the whole, you know, Boca Raton. You know, if you're doing something on the Island, I would say, yeah, you know, include Boca Raton but mainland is nothing like Boca Raton. Alright? So, I don't think Boca has any low income residents like we have here. So I.., and I understand where you're coming from.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right. The county...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Right.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: But, I don't understand why they would even include Boca. Go ahead, Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. One thing I do like about this, it's giving the residents a potential relief. A lot of our senior citizens here, in this community, have under, a tough situation where they're sometimes raising two and three or four grandchildren. Umm you may say \$36,000 for that one household but it has a major impact throughout.., it's sharing, throughout this community because, unfortunately, you know, some of the grandparents have to be the bearing of the jobs of a lot of the parents.

Au'..., Aurigemma, one question. For two people, \$52,000. Is that correct?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: \$42,000.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Forty-two?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Forty-two.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: For two in the household?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I, I have no problem with it because our community is a very unique community and just from actually seeing what's going on, people are really doing a lot to help one another. You very seldom see seniors not taking care of their grandchildren. So this truly helps because a lot of their children are walking around unemployed. And so they've.., a lot of this bur'.., burden is falling on them, unfortunately. But I would love to support this Item considering it would give us, our community, our resident some relief as we continue to bring more jobs so then we can do some, maybe, some modifications later. But I do understand the sensitivity and the dire need of this particular Item at this time.

That'll be all.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Ms. Pardo, may I add something that I neglected to say? Uh...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Please, sir.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: In the previous programs, we had a fixed amount. It was \$10, \$10.25 and \$11. The new rate is gonna be tied to the base rate. So, as that goes up, so will the assistance.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So, we did that in an effort to balance, you know, the, the water and sewer rate increase.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Anyone else?

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: I just wanted to make a comment. I, I do support this. Mainly because of the fact of what Mr. Aurigemma just mentioned, the fact that we have passed and approved rate increases and this is almost kinda giving something back, if you will, um, for having made that decision to do that. So, I'm in full support of it.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Anyone else? [Pause]. Okay. Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: No.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Board Member Pardo dissenting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. That's the end of the regular Agenda. Public comment. We don't have any cards.

DISCUSSION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT OR THE CITY MANAGER

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Discussion by the Executive Director of the City Manager, or both. Who would like to speak?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'll let Mr. Aurigemma start. He's got about four or five Items he wants to talk about.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. The, the first Item is a discussion relative to the fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2020 Capital Plan as it relates to the Utility District bond funded projects and the issuance of Series 2016 Utility District bonds, revenue bonds. I believe everyone has seen, in our program, we approved a City of Riviera Beach Capital Improvement Program and, and that's what I'm referring to. And, as, as part of our Master Plan, and I know you've all heard this before, we had high priority, urgent, high priority, medium priority, low priority projects as well as programmatic projects. And, when we were going through the water, wastewater rate increase, I identified a number of projects that were necessitated by this future bond issue. And,

uh, one of those projects effects all your districts and that is the water and wastewater infrastructure in conjunction with the Public Works bond projects. We're able now..., you know, once, once this gets through, we'll be able to go through and put in new water and sewer lines in your districts with respect..., with, in coordination with, with the Public Works bond projects.

In addition to that, one, one of our big projects will be a, a, a parallel sixteen inch force main across the intracoastal which will..., it's a redundant sewer line that gets the sewage from the Island back to the mainland and eventually to the ECR. We have over forty lift station rehabilitations that need to be done. In addition to that, we have new raw water wells that are required for our consumptive use permit. We have, um, uh, we need to replace our water plant generators and we have another sixteen inch water main to the Island.

So, these projects that I'm just talking about is about \$33,000,000. Our total budget is approximately forty to \$43,000,000 is what we're looking at our five year Capital Plan. So, that's the discussion we wanna have with respect to that but what we would like to do is, if we proceed with, with this, um, with this Resolution, then we would like to get permission to go out for an RFP to get bond underwriters. And, and that..., with that, we move forward obtaining the funds for our, our, our future capital needs and, and then we move forward with, with the projects.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Any comments?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes. Madam Chair.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mr. Aurigemma, I was looking on here and I saw an Item in here that said miscellaneous water sewer, sewer replacement for \$6,000,000 by 2020. What is that?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. That, that's what I was explaining. It, in each of your districts, there is some money allocated...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...for the, the roadway projects...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh, okay. That's what...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Right. So...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...what it is. Okay. Cause it just said miscellaneous there.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. When you, when you tear up the road, it, it makes sense to replace the water and sewer now as opposed to...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...build the road then we have to come back and redo it. So yes, that, that's included in there.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Yes, Ms. Anderson.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: I understand that we, you know, we have some work that we need to have done and, you know, we have more work than probably money to get it done. And, issuing a bond or, or going out for that would be one of the ways in which to, um, get what we need. I do, either wanna make a motion or suggest that we put it on the agenda to see.., have the community come out and speak and see if they wanna put that on as a referendum and see if that's something that.., or, at least, a discussion about whether or not this is something they want to do.

So, I'd like to make a motion if we could put this on the Agenda. Well, actually, postpone this and put this on the Agenda for a discussion for the community to come out and speak and see if this is something they want for a referendum.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Hold on. There's a motion on the floor. Is there a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'll second for discussion.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Go ahead, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Attorney Ryan, if the public wants to pu'.., do, do a referendum, do they need to ask the Board for that or that's something they can get signatures on their own and do?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Depending on what the issue is, they can just do signatures themselves and, and put it on the ballot or you can do what I think Ms. Miller-Anderson is asking which is to get their input and then we can put it on the ballot. You can do it either way. The earlier way takes a little longer because...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mm.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: ...they have to actually get the signatures. But they can certainly...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: [Whisper: Unbelievable].

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: ...get the signatures for something like this.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Is this something.., this Item was already.., a presentation was done on this already, correct?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And we had how many readings?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, we spoke about it when we were doing the budget.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Budget.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And, particularly as it related to the capital budget was where there was the most discussion about this and I wanna say was there one or two budget hearings on capital two.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: On capital.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. I have no further questions.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Now... If I may, I'm sorry.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Go right ahead, ma'am.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Ms. Anderson, as a part of the referendum process, and I'm trying to think about the implementation of that [pause]. Were you thinking if that was the desire of residents to have it as a Reso'.., as a referendum question, that we would do that in March?

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: As a part of our election?

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. So if you're working backwards from March...

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Um...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: Ms. Anthony, I need your help. What is the timetable that we would need to get something to the Supervisor of Elections to get it on a ballot for the election in March?

[Inaudible comments]

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: We will need to have the question to the Supervisor of Elections office by December 11, 2015.

[Inaudible comments]

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Any other discussion? So there's a motion and a second on the floor.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Question.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Go right ahead, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: If this motion passes, then what will be the, the requirement? I know that there's certain ballot language, it can only be a certain amount of words, it can only be... So, there's a lot of that that needs to be crafted. Umm... I don't know, maybe it's to Ms. Anderson. I mean, do you, do you know how you want that to read?

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Right now? Right this minute? No. But, I do want to make.., what I'm asking for tonight is for it to be put on the next Agenda for discussion. So, between now and then, we could.., I could sit down with Ms. Ryan or whoever I need to sit down with and come up with that language. I'm sure she would be able to better formulate it then I can but I can tell her what I'm trying to do.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Even with approving this Item, this is the dis'.., discussion, right? Even the approval of this Item that we were discussing, this still can be brought back the next meeting for, for a discussion, correct?

[Inaudible comments]

UNK: Madam Chair?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Thank you. Randy Sherman. I'm Director of Finance. Yeah. This is actually just a discussion...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...Item tonight. The Resolution that's on the Agenda is a draft Resolution.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And, what we do is, bring this back at your November meeting. You know, we wanted to have the, the presentation and, and the discussion now but this Resolution is not here to really be voted on tonight...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It'll be on the, the next Agenda.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So t here's...

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: I...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Go ahead. I'm sorry. Go ahead. You got the floor.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So there's no action really necessarily needed if ...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:it's coming back...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: This is just a...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...the next meeting.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: It's just...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...discussion Item tonight.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ...a discussion.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Well, Madam Chair.

[Inaudible comment]

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Go ahead, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: The action that I wanted to take place was for, what I just said, to be put onto...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Correct.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: ...the next Agenda for a discussion.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright. So, there's a motion and a second. Are you gonna...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Uh, no. Let me make sure that I...Madam Chair?

UNK: Right. I wanna...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: If you don't mind...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Go ahead.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: ...I understood. Cause the first motion I heard you include you wanted it to be a referendum.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Well, I want it to be put on to the Agenda so that it can be a discussion about making it a referendum for the people to come and, and voice their opinions on it. Versus issuing at., as a bond. As it explains here.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. Do you mind just restating your motion just so I understand exactly what you...

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Did you all understand it?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: No.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Of course you're gonna say no. Um, what I would like to do is make a motion that we put on for the next Agenda Item...

[Inaudible comments]

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: ...for a discussion to bring it back as a referendum and let the community be able to speak on it. Was that clear or no?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Mr. Davis, does your motion..., do you [inaudible]?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: My second still stands.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I mean, it's comin' back anyway, so.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Exactly. So, Mr. Thomas, are you clear now?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I just wanna make sure that I'm understanding. She's asking for it to come back as a referendum...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: No. She's..., I don't think she's...

UNK: No.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Should bring...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: ...asking that.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ...the Item back...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Because we're not gonna...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ...to discuss...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: ...have a question ready.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I'm just saying...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ...a referendum.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: I understand it...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: That's why asked for the motion to be...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: ...restated. And, I heard it again as a referendum question.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No. That's not what she stated.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: If that is what the community wants to do.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: She wants to get...

UNK: See...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: ...input at the next meeting from the public.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I, I would just would appreciate if the maker of the motion, let her motion be as it is because what I'm understanding is she's saying that she wants this to be a referendum. And if that's not what's she's saying, then that's a whole different aspect of what I'm thinking. So, are you asking, Ms. Anderson, for this to come back as a referendum question?

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: I want it to come back to the residents as a discussion to see which way they would like to go with it whether it be a referendum or if they wanted to continue here with this bond. Right now we're not even bringing up a referendum in this discussion item that we have listed here. Am I correct on that or no?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: [Inaudible].

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: There's nothing about referendum in here.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: The issue tonight was to, to get feedback from the Council to let you know that this is the direction that Staff is going in.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: This was a...

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: But I wanted to provide....

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: ...discussion.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: ...the other option of.., and let the community.., give them an opportunity to come in and say whether or not this is what they wanna do or if they wanna go towards the referendum.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: And if they're.., and, and as part of Staff's due diligence, I guess Staff would have to say what would occur if we did not get the bond. How would we.., or, how would we pay for this infrastructure? And, you know, what would be the timetable if, if the Council does not, um...

[Inaudible comments]

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: ...put it out to referendum and does not vote for... Because whether or not.., you don't.., whether or not it goes to referendum, does not mean that you have to vote for a, a...

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: ...a bond.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Right. Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: You can say to Staff, figure out another way to pay for this.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: So, you know, maybe you'll hear enough from the public to help you make that decision or, as you stated, I'm not sure how we would craft the, the referendum...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No. Excuse me but, um, no. I don't know how we do that either but...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm not sure.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But, we have until November 18th to [chuckle], to come back with that.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: My, my concern and that.., that I would bring is the, the reason this is on tonight is.., and coming back in November, it.., it'll take us about 90 days or so to go from your first authorization to move forward to actually being able to close on those bonds. In order for Public Works to actually put the bids out on the street, they need to know that they have financing. So, if you're gonna push the referendum which, you know, that certainly is your, your choice, um, that pushes that 90 days out further. Ya know? Cause we wouldn't be able to do anything until you have the response to the referendum. But we'll have to go back and look at the bond documents and see what's allowed and, you know...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Madam Chair.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Ya know?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Are you done wi'..., Mr. Sherman?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Mr. Thomas.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I just wanna make sure that I understand something. We have projects that are already in the pipeline, first of all, that I don't wanna have stop. That's the first thing. Secondly, what I'm hearing you say is, since we're gonna be tearing up the roads already, let's go ahead and fix the, the pipes that are under there so we don't redo the roads,..., pay to have the money re'..., to redo the roads and then come back again and tear up the new roads that we just did to put the pipes in, in the ground. Is that...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That is correct...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: ...what you're trynna...?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...Mr. Thomas.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. So, if this motion, that I'm hearing is saying, 'Hey look. Regardless of whatever we've done this far, this is what I, I wanna see done. And that's Ms. Anderson's right to do that. It's her motion, she can do that. I just wanna make sure that this is not going to cause any of these projects that we have...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: ...in the pipeline that we've waiting on, to stop.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Specifically, with the Public Works projects that are in each of your districts...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Exactly.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It, if, if we didn't get the funding for that, then obviously we could not build the water and sewer lines. You could still build the road itself but, again, that that's the [inaudible]....

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. Then what sense would that make to pay to redo the road only for it to start crumbling again because the, the pipe up under it is not...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: ...is not done.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Ya know?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So, I mean, I just wanna make sure, this is not about not wanting, you know, any community input because we do. It's not that. It's just that we have all these projects that are now getting backed up, you know, that won't get done. That's gonna just further just make us say, 'Okay. Let's just wait,' you know and things tend not to happen when that, you know, happens.

So, I just wanted to make sure that I was understanding correctly. That's all for me [inaudible].

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Yes, Ms. Anderson.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Now these..., the situation that we're in currently with this infrastructure didn't happen overnight, correct?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That is correct.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: It occurred over time. Okay. So, um, I'm thinking that if something is already in the works, it is something that we've been working on for a while. So, my actions tonight should not be a major impact. And the reason I say that is because we've had years to get this going and running. I don't..., I wasn't here so I don't know what stopped it before but it is obviously not my intentions to delay anything but I do say that we need to have more than one option to get it done. Now if we put ourselves in a jam and now we just gotta do something cause it gotta be done at this point, then, you know, shame on whoever but... I wanna make sure that we do it the right way and are not just going in one direction simply because that is the quicka' quickest way to get it done. Because we know that hey we've delayed it all this time or didn't have the money or whatever the situation was and now were just gonna go forward. I would like to see that there are some options for us to move forward with. Thank you.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay so there's a motion and a second on the..., um

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: On the floor. What?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Really quick. A lot of our...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible]. Good question.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: The things that.., question when we're talking about the money we going for Tallahassee that we advocating for, don't we have some projects in there. As far as water projects pending talking about what we doing here now, would this have an impact on that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Not for...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: For this upcoming [inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...his co'.., the water, the waste water and water.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We've got street projects and we've got stormwater.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...but you don't have for water and for waste water.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...requests in Tallahassee right now.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So would this stop what we already got in action?

CITY MANAGER JONES: What this does, is that...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Her motion.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. As Mr. Sherman stated, we can't put construction documents on the street until you have the money.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so, until you have the money, no matter what the mechanism is, it slows down that process...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...for getting those construction documents on the street and actually getting the contracts let and someone to get on those projects and to begin to start working.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And this is coming anyway with the next meeting, correct?

CITY MANAGER JONES: What we would do is bring this Resolution back at the next meeting for a vote. We wanted a discussion...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...tonight. We would bring this Resolution back in November for a vote and if it is voted favorably, then as Mr. Sherman mentioned, it will be 90 days after then before anything would actually be...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That's what I wanted to hear

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...concluded...
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BOARD CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: But, at least we would know we would be in the process of getting the monies through a bond versus trying to look within our existing resources, which are limited in that respect and we haven't had the opportunity in the past to do major street work.
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CITY MANAGER JONES: This Council, this year, was the first time there's been any monies available in order to do any major street work. Thus, the projects have gone on for years and years and years.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. That's all.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Madam Clerk

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Anderson?

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Yes

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: No

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: No

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: That motion fails.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Alright. Aurigemma, did you have anything more to add or?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No. So what we'll do is bring this Resolution back for action at the November meeting and then we'll get our direction from you as to how to proceed.

4. LIFT STATION 10 AND LIFT STATION 50 UPDATE

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Item 4. Lift Station 10 and Lift Station 50 update.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. This is one of our major capital projects that's happening right now. A Notice to Proceed was issued on November 7th... I mean, Novem'..., October 7th, excuse me. And, uh, we've had a preconstruction meeting for this project. Lift Station 10 is on the Island. It's on Park Avenue right adjacent to a canal and Lift Station 50 is located on MLK and Avenue U. And these are our two major lift stations in the sys'..., City. Lift Station 10 takes all the sewage from the, from the Island and pumps it over to the mainland and then Lift Station 50 is our major pump station that goes..., pumps the waste water to the ECR.

So, what you may have noticed is that right now the contractor is working with the design team for shop drawings and review of various documents, et cetera. But what you've also seen is, out in the field, there's some stakes out on the, on, on right-of-way. On Lift Station 50, actually, it's, it's within the confines of the fence so you may not see it from the road unless you really look in there but, very shortly, they're gonna start moving some dirt in that area. With respect to Lift Station 10, they're staking out the right-of-way because that's..., it's in a residential area. A road may be 24' wide but the right-of-way is 50' wide. So they're going to the edge of the right-of-way and what they'll be doing is putting up some orange fencing so that, you know, it separates the, the homeowner from, from the, uh, from the work area. And, even though you may have a nice, lush, green lawn, there are pipes under that ground. So again, we, we assure you that once..., i'..., if, if someone's lawn is torn up, it will be put to, in better, in the same or better condition than it was.

But at this point, everything is still preliminary. Of course, next month I'll give you an update on what's going on but, again, we just had a, um, the Notice to Proceed issued ten days ago. So, you know, we're, we're at the very inception of this project and we're moving forward with it.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Do you know what the..., can you tell me what the time frame is gonna be for lift Station 10?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, the entire project is 365 days. So, by October of next year both projects will be done. And because the Lift Station 10 on the Island is in a very tight area...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: They may have to close the road down for a period of days, up to thirty days because of the by'.., bypass pumping. We still have to get the sewage over to the mainland.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So, they may have to set up some pumps.., they will have to set up some pumps to get the sewage over. And, and again, the, the, the maintenance of traffic plan will be approved by, not only the City engineer, the fire department and the police department, so there'll be a temporary inconvenience for some of the residents that...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. But...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...live in that rea.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ...taking that Lift Station offline, if you will, and moving the waste through other mechanisms, that's not gonna cause any kind of problems over there? Do you...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It was...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ...foresee any kind of problems?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: With the sewage you mean?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Correct.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No. There won't be. It, it's.., it'll be seamless to the, the average person. They.., all they'll see are some pumps out there. But they don't know what's going through those pumps.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: And are those pumps gonna be running 24/7?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Uh...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Let's talk about the, the noise.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Right. They, they're required to put in electric pumps. However, the bi'.., the backup pumps are a gasoline...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...powered or a fuel powered pump. So, the electric pumps are okay but if something happened with them where they, you know..., we don't want the, the sewage to stop...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Correct.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...flowing...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Correct.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So then that would kick in automatically.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. And then tell me about MLK and Avenue U. Um, how is that project different?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Because everything goes through that...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Correct.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Correct?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Wha'..., what we're doing is, we're actually..., because there's a lot of land at that site...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We're actually building another Lift Station 50. But it's, it's a different type of, of lift station. It's going to be an online, inline booster station which means that the sewage doesn't just go into a, a wet well and then gets pumped out, it's gonna be continuously through pipes. So, the odor will be gone and it's just continuous piping. So, as, as the sewage comes into the lift station, it just gets pumped right out.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. And then, will the residents around there have noise issues also?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Uh, n'...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: When they...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Not with respect to the..., one'..., once the, the... Life Station 50 is still running.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So, there's no bypassing there.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So they're gonna.., at some point...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: So, it's...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...they'll have to make the switch.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Sure.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: But...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. So...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ...it's gonna run until the other one is built and then there'll just be a switch over?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Exactly.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Alright.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Alright?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right. Thank you. Anyone else? [Pause]. Okay. Alright. Thank you, Mr. Aurigemma.

5. EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT (ECR) UPDATE

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Item 5.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. Item 5...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ECR.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Uh, yes. The EC'.., uh, East Central Regional wastewater treatment plant, um, I believe you all have in front of you an actual written update which gives you a lot of technical information. The Notice to Proceed was issued on August 10, 2015. This is a \$92,602,000 project. It is going to.., it, it's running for a few years. It's not scheduled to be completed 'til March of 2019. So, this is a, a four year project for close to a \$100,000,000, that's what you would expect.

I did get a chance to go out to the site last week and, uh, they're progressing very nicely. They're, they're, they're starting to build some of the structures out there. Everything seems to be going very, very well. Again, this is not up'.., uh, impacting the current wastewater treatment facility but, again, it's, it's for all the stuff that comes after the water's treatment, the, uh, the waste that's produced from the wastewater treatment process.

So, I just wanted to give you an update and I'll be giving you an update every month that'll be similar to this just to show the, the progress of the actual construction.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Uhuh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Aurigemma, so, of the total figure, Riviera Beach is responsible for 12% or is it...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...10%?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...it's 11.42%.

CITY MANAGER JONES: 11.4. Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So, I, I believe I, I had stated previously, it was in the twenty-two to \$25,000,000 range over the cost of the bond.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. I have a question on this. So, alright, so the City's share is whatever you just said. Who was responsible for the bid documents on this? Was it the ECR or West Palm Beach?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No. The ECR hired an engineer.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right. Sawyer...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And that was... That, that was Hazen and Sawyer was hired, actually, before I got here, I believe.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. So, are you guys making sure that minorities, women, unions, apprenticeship programs are getting a piece of this?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. Let me just clarify that. The ECR Board voted, you know, the, the contract but all of the procurement goes through the City of West Palm Beach.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Uhuh.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So, they, they're, they..., the ECR has West Palm Beach employees and much of their West Palm Beach staff also acts as...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right. But I'm talking about the people...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. But I'm saying is that the procurement is West Palm Beach procurement and I believe they have all of that within their contract documents.

[Inaudible background comment]

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Yeah. Could you please double check that? Only because, if we're laying out, you know, these millions of dollars, in our procurement we have that, you know, the apprenticeship programs need to get at least 20%. And I would like to make sure that they are getting at least 20% of this project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. I will...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: They..., it's...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...check into that.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Yeah. That..., something like, you know... I feel it's very important. You know, it took us a long time to get that language into the procurement code and if we're going to be laying out millions of dollars, even though it is, you know, there's other cities involved in it, I think that they should respect our procurement and... You know...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. I...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Put something, something..., just to make sure that, um, [pause], you know, that people are getting the jobs. You know, I, I hope that the people working on this project aren't from Tennessee. You know, we see FPL all the time building whatever they build and you have these people coming in from Tennessee for months at a time instead of using all of the locals. So, I would like you to make sure that the locals are getting a piece of this. So perhaps you can have that conversation with West Palm Beach and at our next meeting, bring us back an update? And...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes. Absolutely.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ...I'm sure, in the meantime, some of us'll...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And, and there...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ...be doing our own...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...is a local...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: ...research.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes. There is a local contractor. It's Poole and Kent Contractors. They are local so it's no one from Tennessee or anything like that.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right. That's fine. Right?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. But...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: But he could be subbing it out. You know what I mean?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: And then, if we have all these apprenticeship programs in the City, not just the City in Palm Beach County, it would be nice if they all, you know, got a piece of this also. This is a huge project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And just one more Item. Item 6, uh...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Ah, question please.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Has the project already been bid?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So that means that work has already commenced?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir. The, the...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So how are you...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...project has...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: ...gonna do all of what Ms. Pardo just asked?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, I am going to research it and get back to you., with respect to...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. Let me make.., maybe I didn't.., ah, maybe I wasn't quite all... The project has already been procured and bid. Some company has this contract already?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: That is correct.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So how are you now, after the contract has been signed, after it's all been out there, how are you gonna now do all of that?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, I'm just going to research, at this point, what the items in the, the contract, with respect to the apprenticeship, pro'.., if there's a pr'.., an apprenticeship program, if there are any minorities that are required, a percentage and I'll get back to you with, with the details of that information.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. And when you've got that information and whatever that information is, then what are we gonna be able to do about it?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, we'll see what that, what that information is and then...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Then...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...we'll talk about it.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: And you know what? Mr...

[Inaudible background comment]

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right. Mr. Thomas, remember, Thursday, we have a meeting with Lake Worth and with West Palm Beach. So this is an item that can come up and we can ask them. West Palm Beach especially.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Right. West Palm Beach...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: And I would hope, you know, knowing some of their commissioners and how passionate they feel about local participation, I would hope that they pushed it but...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Well, what I, what I'm getting at is...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Uhuh.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: We don't procure it.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: We just have to show up with..., I don't know how 11% of, of \$92,000,000 becomes \$25,000,000 but I'm not that great in math. I'm, I'm really not. However, \$25,000,000 for us is a lot of money. To West Palm Beach it may not be so much...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: But I do know that our procurement codes and policies are much different, uh, from each other. I just don't know what you could do at this point if the contract has already been put out, if work has already commenced. I don't, I just don't know what, you know, can be done. If we had any authority, then we should've exercised that at the time before this was, this was signed before, you know, we, we were committed. And, of course, we don't have a choice when that Board decides to do something because we are 11.4% or whatever. We just have to show up with the money which I never liked for years but, I mean, that's what's happening. So, I mean, of course, we would love to do it. I mean, maybe we should be thinking more of trying to marry some of, all of the individuals who have ownership in C'..., in the ECR. Maybe we should try to marry some of our policies or come up with some policies that the ECR needs to abide by versus saying, 'Hey, West Palm Beach,' you know, 'We think that you,' you know, 'Should do this.' Because it's really, it's really ran by West Palm Beach. I mean, we can say all we wanna say but it's really ran by West Palm Beach. Their employees do it. They procure everything. They..., so, we get very little. And I know either you're the Chair or you sit on the Board, you know, some type of way but you know how things go with...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: ...Boards sometime. You... I don't have to tell you. You know? The Board can say something and sometimes it doesn't necessarily, you know, happen that way. All I'm sayin' is, we need to be lookin' to marry some of our, you know, policies and procedures. And I, if the whole contract is not..., let's say they've only done..., it's, it's phased or something like that, then absolutely. But if you're saying, 'Hey, the whole \$100,000,000 contract is out there and it's done,' then I don't, I don't see what, what we'll be able to do ta, you know, to get in that..., but get involved in a lawsuit. You know?

That's all.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, Mr. Thomas, I will, as Ms. Pardo requested, look into the, the various items and report back to the Board on that.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Go ahead.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Onto, uh, Item 6 which is the...

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Disinfection?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...temporary change in disinfection. A news release was issue to the public and it is a, um, the City of Riviera Beach Utility District is altering its disinfection process for a period of two weeks. Essentially, the typical water treatment process in, in our situation, we add chlorine and then we add ammonia to the proc'.., to the, the water to disinfect it. And, as time goes on, there's a little film that builds up inside the, the water lines and so, what we have to do is, and this is recommended by the health department, every six months or so, we go out and we go to straight chlorine. And so, it's a little bit more disinfectant. You may get a tiny smell in, in the water but what this does is, uh, it, it eliminates that film that, that develops on the pipes. And what homeowners, residents will notice is that we'll be going around the entire City and flushing fire hydrants because, once you put that chlorine in the water, you gotta get rid of it somehow. So, what you do is, you open up the fire hydrants and you let the hydrants flush and that takes out all the disinfectant and kinda cleans out the pipes.

So, this is done for a period of two weeks. It started yesterday evening and it'll continue to October 31st, Halloween. And, of course, we, we, um, we advised that it, it doesn't have any adverse health effects but, if you're a tropical fish owner, hospitals have to be notified because of kidney dialysis and that kind of stuff. So, you know, they have to be made aware of the change in the disinfectant. So, everybody's been notified and, if there's any specific questions, you can contact us at the Utility District.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Yes, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. Have there been any actual studies been done before we actually moved forward with this, in our City? Environmental studies? Because you're saying that this is gonna, um, you're gonna open up the fire hydrant and you're gonna blow e'.., basically, blow everything out the, the whole garbage with the increase of chlorine. Is that correct?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: What.., are, are there any tests that says on how much you can put in versus what, what are the guidelines.., where are we are with the actual standards?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, no.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...In regards to chlorine?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We're within all the standards.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It's just, it's just a, just a little, a temporary increase in the disinfection which allows for.., you know, if there's any bacteria in the line which may be very minute, it's all flushed out through the fire hydrants throughout the City. And, especially in the dead end lines where a line goes and it just stops, we're able to flush those lines out and literally clean your pipes out.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So if I'm home and I'm a diabetic, how will this impact me?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, you, you have to, uh, if you have a.., a diabetic, I don't believe it, it affects you personally.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: However, if you're on some sort of dialysis where, you know, then, you, you need to contact your, your doctor and, you know, find out what you need to do. You may have to go to a temporary water source for your machine which may be some bottled water, something like that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And, and the reason I asked that because, I think, this message, which you just stated, needs to get out a lot more cause some people sometimes can miss things if we don't keep it going. You know, we keep that momentum.., I saw the press release. You did a great job of getting it out but I think, you know, having this discussion now and keeping that discussion for the next few days, is very important because if I missed the first message and I'm on dialysis, you know, we wanna make sure we did our due diligence to get the word out...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...as much as possible. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. And one thing you should mention, you know, we do do this twice a year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: So, also for the people that have swimming pools and if they have to add water to their swimming pool during this two week frame, you have balance it. I've ran in.., you know, in the past, I've run into that situation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Because of the chlorine. Okay. Alright. Good.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: That is all I have.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And we have made sure..., and that individuals have been noticed about this particular activity...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So that they can take the precautions. The hospitals, they know it occurs so they know how to get ready for it and we've placed the information so that the residents, as much as possible, can be aware of it so that they'll understand... If they see the fire hydrants just running, what we're doing as well as the importance of cleaning out those pipes and getting out any infection or any bacteria that might be in the pipe.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Have we done a PSA as far as Channel 18?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, I know they sent the press release that we were telling them to post. Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah. Yeah, I saw that. But, a lot of people watch...

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'll, I'll double check but they were to post that on...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...on 18 as well. One of the things that we have not done and we need to make sure tonight that we get it to the O'Donnell Agency so they can get it to the TV channels.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

STATEMENTS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Ms. Jones, do you have anything tonight?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, Madam Chair.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Alright. Do we have anything from the Commission?
[Pause]

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Yes.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Ms. Anderson.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: I know this our first separate meeting that we, we're having since we decided to do this. Do we know yet if this is gonna.., we have a lot more information that's gonna be coming through the pipes that is gonna require us to continue to have these additional meetings? Because, this meeting lasted 55 minutes. I just wanna know, is this something that we're gonna continue to do or do we anticipate having a whole lot more agenda items that will make this worth our while to come an additional day?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Right. Hold on. Do you wanna answer that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I believe we will. This meeting was typically set for 30 minutes and 30 minutes just has not been enough time. So, I believe in order to get that full, at a minimum an hour, it needs to have its separate day.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Now, will we just be meeting once a month or are we gonna be having it more than once a month?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I believe it would depend on what the circumstances are. Let's say that if, in our next meeting, there's a decision to go with a referendum, in order to vote on what the question is and do some things, you're gonna have to have more meetings than if it was the routine sorts of things that needed to occur.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Okay.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I, I think I was gonna say the same thing.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

BOARD CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Anyone else? Any comments? Okay. If there's no more business, we are adjourned. Thank you.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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