

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Welcome everyone to the City of Riviera Beach. Tonight we have our City Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk, roll call please.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Please to be at our City Council Meeting. I am present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Dawn Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Terence Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson KaShamba Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Miller-Anderson.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Miller-Anderson

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Miller...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Miller-Anderson.

MAYOR MASTERS: KaShamber Miller...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...Anderson.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Pamela Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRPERSON 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, OR SUBSTITUTIONS

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

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, we do, Madam Chair. We have several community benefit recommendations for add-ons. You did also receive a revised Resolution for Consent Agenda Item No. 2, the Fire Grant. But, it was just a revision, no change in the dollar value or anything else. Some type graphical errors were corrected and some things of that nature.

First of all, on community benefit request, would like to add Item No. 21. This is Healthy Food Healthy Living, Inc., \$500 from Councilman Bruce Guyton to assist in the distribution of food and clothes to needy families.

Item 22, this is to R.J. Hendley Christian Community School, \$500 Councilman Bruce Guyton to support the students of the Teen Outreach Program undertaking a beautification project in the community. Item 23, Inlet Grove Community High School, \$500 Councilman Bruce Guyton to assist the boys' basketball program in the purchase of basketball uniforms for the team. Also, Item No. 24, to the Youth Recreation Association, \$500 Councilman Bruce Guyton to defray the cost of providing Thanksgiving holiday meals. And Item No. 25, Community Benefit to the Riviera Beach Police Foundation, \$500 from Chair Pro Tem Terence D. Davis to support the 1st Annual Trunk or Treat community activity on October 31, 2015. Those are the add-ons for the Agenda, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I need to check my information. I think the... It's not? I thought it was going to the..., oh...

UNK: Boys' basketball.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. We're good.

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Alright. Thank you. Do we have disclosures by Council or Staff? Okay.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Do we have a motion to accept the Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Council, Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes. Hold on a second. Alright.

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON 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 COUNCILPERSON 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.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Do we have a...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...motion to accept Consent? Yes, Ms...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'd like to pull four, five, and six.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Four, five, and six. Anyone else? Alright. Do we have a motion to accept Consent with four, five, and six pulled?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes. Okay. The Item was approved.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Item No. 4.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 146-15 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID NO. 541-15 TO CREATIVE MAILBOX DESIGN, INC., DOING BUSINESS AS CREATIVE SIGN DESIGNS OF TAMPA, FLORIDA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MONUMENT SIGNS AND COMMUNITY SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$516,936.00; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%); AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO APPROPRIATE \$177,000 OF FUND BALANCE IN FUND 108 AND TRANSFER \$100,000 FROM THE BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 309-0202-541-0-8301 FOR SAME; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBERS 309-0202-541-0-8301, 310-0202-541-0-8301 AND 001-0822-521-0-4601; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Alright. Ms. Miller, you had questions.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Can someone give me a briefing on this?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. This is a project that we have been working on for the last couple of years and with the allocation of resources that we've been provided from different sources. I would like to ask Brent Johnson, the Director of Public Works, to give you an overview of the kinds of signs that we're looking at and how we would like to proceed.

MR B. JOHNSON: Good evening, Council. Brent Johnson, Director of Public Works.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MR. B. JOHNSON: As Ms. Jones mentioned, we had been working on this project for quite a while and we were, we were able to establish the resources available to move forward with these projects. Um, the entry signs are gonna be in the locations identified on the map. And it's at all of the major entry points in the City, Military, Congress, US1, A1A, all of the major entry points throughout the City. This is the, this is an example of a sign on, on Blue Heron and 95. However, there will not be a digital marquee in that sign, as it was removed at your request in previous meetings. But that is the general sign and location. This is one at Old Dixie and 1st Street. And I'll run through these pretty quick because we've seen a lot of this. This is the one at Military on the south end. This is A1A at Waterglades, which is facing south on A1A. This one is Congress and the first median south of Silver Beach Road. Old Dixie, first median south of Silver Beach. Congress on the south end. Military Trail north end. US1 and Silver Beach. Now there's an existing sign at US1 and Silver Beach but that sign will be modified to match the design of all of the other signs. So there will be some modifications to, to the existing sign at US1 and Silver Beach. This is the sign that's proposed for right here in front of City Hall. It includes the change to the name, to the name Bobbie E. Brooks Senior Governmental Center. This one will have the digital marquee and it will be full color display not that normal red like you see at schools and things like that. So, and finally, these are the neighborhood or community entry signs and that's an example of what they might look like.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: There's one for each of the neighborhoods? Each of the Riviera Beach Heights, Monroe Heights? Each one of 'em would have one as well?

MR. B. JOHNSON: [Deep breath].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Only specific ones?

MR. B. JOHNSON: There, well there are a quite a bit of neighborhoods in the City, uh, but we will be targeting the major.., like, you know, Monroe Heights and, and all of those, yes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But you don't know which ones yet? They haven't been identified?

MR. B. JOHNSON: Um, in the bid, we specified twenty one neighborhood signs, so.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. B. JOHNSON: But we haven't identified the locations of those signs.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Alright. Thank you.

MR. B. JOHNSON: You're welcome.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. What, what determines the major from minor as far as the neighborhoods getting the signs? What, what, what are your determinations based upon?

MR. B. JOHNSON: Well we just.., what we consider major thorough fairs, like, Military, Congress, um, Dixie Highway, US1.

MAYOR MASTERS: No, no, no.

MR. B. JOHNSON: We didn't...

MAYOR MASTERS: That's not what I'm talkin', I'm talkin' about like, Harmony Heights and...

MR. B. JOHNSON: Oh, as far as the community signs?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MR. B. JOHNSON: Oh...

MAYOR MASTERS: You said, the major...

MR. B. JOHNSON: We, we, we...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...ones.

MR. B. JOHNSON: We haven't determined anything yet. We don't know what, where those signs will be located.

MAYOR MASTERS: No. But, I thought you said, only the ones that are the major ones?

MR. B. JOHNSON: No. The...

MAYOR MASTERS: Major communities.

MR. B. JOHNSON: Right. Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, my question is...

MR. B. JOHNSON: Well, because there's, there's a map of communities that we have and some of those communities don't really exist so we have to sit down and figure out, um, what neighborhoods we're gonna put signs in because there's, there's quite a few communities that don't necessarily exist or they may be a part of the old trailer park, for example, that was, that was, you know, demolished. And, so that's why I say, we don't really know yet.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

MR. B. JOHNSON: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone else?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Mr...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I, I, I...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I may hadn't looked up by the time you did..., is one there for the south end of Old Dixie?

MR. B. JOHNSON: Yes, sir. There is one.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Can you go back to it and let me see that one please?

MR. B. JOHNSON: I hope it's in here.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's the north...

MR. B. JOHNSON: See Silver Beach.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...end.

MR. B. JOHNSON: Yes. Old Dixie...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's it right there.

MR. B. JOHNSON: ...and 1st Street. That's it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, no, no. Old Dixie and..., okay, yeah.

MR. B. JOHNSON: Old Dixie and 1st...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Old Dixie and 1st.

MR. B. JOHNSON: That's the south end.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So, the sign that's like, at, in Monroe Heights, they have a sign, is that gonna be modified as well or?

MR. B. JOHNSON: You talking about the community signs?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

MR. B. JOHNSON: Um, as far as, we're doing new signs. We're not modifying. We did this, this, um, bid didn't call for modifications of any existing signs.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. That's all.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Just a quick question. When is installation gonna actually start?

MR. B. JOHNSON: There's some fabrication that has to happen for the community signs. Um, there's some conversations that had to be had, that have to be had. Um, of course, with Council, on where the locations will be for the community signs because the contractor proposal is to come in and do everything all at once so he like all those questions answered prior to. But, if I had to guess I'd say sometime in..., we could start probably in January, I'd say to be safe.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. We, we just need..., this has been lingering for a while. We need to start installation.

MR. B. JOHNSON: And that's a safe date. It could be before that but I'd say January.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. We had a motion and a second. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Item 5.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 147-15 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO TO THE EXISTING SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT INC. APPROVING THE ONE TIME FIVE (5) YEAR RENEWAL OPTION EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT TERM TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; APPROVING ALL AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS AS SPECIFIED; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Ms. Miller.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I wanna...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You want a presentation? Okay. Before we go to that, we have comment cards. Tina White, Henry Taylor, Willis Williams, and then Cynthany, I'm sorry, Cynthi', Cynthia Morrow.

MS. T. WHITE: Good afternoon. Tina White.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MS. T. WHITE: Um, 808 West 1st Street. I am not here as a registered lobbyist for [inaudible] garbage company. I am here as a homestead taxpayer in Riviera Beach for the last eleven years. I'd like to remind the Council that in 2011 the Palm Beach County Inspector General said that we violated our own procurement code on RFP 20-46-09 by re-ranking the award and placing Waste Management number one who ranked number last. Number four. It also said that in the OIG report that as a result of giving the contract to Waste Management for the last five years, we have received an increase every October from 2011 to this October, 2015 and the renewal will give them an increase every October all the way up to 2021. It states in the OIG report that as a result of them getting the contract, the residents have paid 2.2 million dollars more than they should be paying for this garbage contract. If you renew this extension tonight, that means that we will pay another 2.2 or greater for this renewal. Um, as you know, your job is to get the best rates for us because this is a contract that you put out. But, the residents and the business owners pay the bill. It is not a City bill. The residents and the business owner pay it. In light of the raises we just got, storm water, sewer water, water, our poor residents cannot continue to pay these types of bills. Delray put out their bid this year for garbage. Their rates were reduced by 8 million dollars. A bid gives us an opportunity to see how many companies value our business and want to give us the lowest rates. I implore you tonight to put this out to bid. Staff says, well it cost money to put out a bid but that is procurement job. Their job is to secure lower rates. That's their job. If they're not prepared to do their job and they just wanna continue to renew this contracts then we need to take a look at the Staffing and just say renew contracts and piggy back and don't ever put out any original solicitations. Um, the forty, the fifteen thousand dollars that Waste Management gives under the guides of community benefits, it's only benefitting a few, few companies or non-profits in Riviera Beach. Please don't sell your vote for a mere fifteen thousand dollars for, for that slush fund. This is very important that you do put out a bid and try to get our rates reduced. The last bid put out a Solid Waste Authority also reduced rates so it shows that they haulers are willing to, to put in the lowest dollar amount. We had our rates reduced when we put out this bid in 2011. So, it shows that if you put out a bid, more than likely we are gonna get a major reduction. And, so I do ask you tonight to do what's right before the, uh, rate payers.
[Beep]

MS. T. WHITE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Henry Taylor and then Willis Williams.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair, as Mr. Taylor come, I would like to point out that Ms. White did represent a different garbage company in that bid and since that time she has had issues, from what I can see, as a result of that. Also, the OIG report found that nothing was done illegal. And, Madam Attorney, was anything found to be done illegal in the last bid?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Guyton, I, I don't think so but quite frankly I don't remember the OIG report. But, we're fine and the contract is on the Agenda right now.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But if anything was found to be illegally, it woulda been dealt with.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct. Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. So...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: There was nothing.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, there was nothing dealt with by any Agency to suggest that anything illegal was done.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I just wanna put it on the record because people said things and no documentation, no evidence, no data. They just come out here and spit it out and people sometime take it and run with it. If she feels something wasn't done properly.., I'mma data, documents, evidence man. Produce it and I'll take a look at it. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening, sir.

MR. H. TAYLOR: Yes. Um, Henry Taylor, 8355 Woods Mill Drive. I've come to you this evening, uh, ask about this particular resolution. Um, I understand that, uh, from what Ms. White has just said, that you did have some problems in the beginning. And my questions to, uh, not delay a lot of time is to question the Council as to the same thing that Mr. Guyton has just finished talking about, is that, is everything up to par and above board as it stands now? Those are.., that would be my question. And it's, if the taxpayers are continuing to pay more money for their garbage collection in the City of Riviera Beach because of this contract. Those are my questions and I'd like to have em' answered before you pass this, uh, particular resolution.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Willis Williams and then Cynthia Morrow.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Good evening. Willis Williams.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: My concern is as the previous two people spoke, uh, what is the urgency that we have to go out? Why can't we just settle down, take a minute and breathe and say, okay, maybe we need to go out to bid. With all these escalating of things that are happening in this City in the last couple of months with the stipend that you gave yourself. You gave yourself a twelve thousand dollar more a year raise. Uh, and then you raise the taxes on everybody else and now you're sayin' you wanna shuttle this out. Why don't we just take a time and breathe. Just say, okay, let's just slow down, take a minute. You got some concerns and if you have concerns from your constituents that are out here, you oughta pay attention to that and say, well, let's go back to the table, let's sit down for a minute and see can we work this out that it.., so it'll make everybody happy. I don't see anything wrong with goin' out biddin'. But honestly like, Mrs. White said, is it for that fifteen thousand dollars, I think your vote is worth a lot more than that. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, thank you. Cynthia Morrow.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, Madam Chair, another correction. We did not raise anybody taxes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We lowered.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: They're, they're getting these issues confused and I'm just tired of people coming to the mic and saying erroneous information and nobody up here correct them. And, it goes out in the community as if it's fact. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Good evening, Ms. Morrow.

MS. C. MORROW: Good evening. Good Afternoon. My name is Cynthia Morrow and I reside at 1221 West 24th Street in Riviera Beach. You know, I look at this on Channel 18 a lot and we need to go back cause God is not pleased with what we're doin' over here. And, I been in the City a long time and I do see some improvements and we need to stop badgering these people up on this dai', on the dais up here. We need to come together as one and, and God is watching all of this. You know, I, I, I'm not taking my brother's place because I know what he would say but I wouldn't say those things he would say. But, I think we're moving in a good direction. I was happy to be on a team with Councilman, um, Thomas with his barbeque cookout. Taking us all over the City, showin' us things that were goin' on in the City. Let's not go back. Let's go forward. And, some of us get up to this mic and don't say nothin' good about what's goin' on. Everything they find out is bad. If the lawn not cut on Broadway, they come wit' all kinda stuff. God is not pleased. Go back and see if, and vote your conscience tonight. Whatever you do, you need to vote your conscience and sleep well or feel good about what you're doing. And, the constituents in the, in the community, they are talking about what's going on over here. So, we need to get together, you need to pray and ask God to lead and guide you on what you need to do and how you need to do it. God Bless all of ya. You're doin' a good work.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you very much, ma'am.

[Applause].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who is doin' the presentation?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead. Yup.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Is someone doing a presentation? Or...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. While he's preparing I'll ask Brent Johnson, the Director of Public Works to come forward. If you'll recall, when we had the budget workshop in June, I believe it was June 15th, this was one of the Items that we placed on the Agenda because we recognize that the current contract was to expire in 2016 and if we were to go out, we needed to start doing it as soon as possible because that is a long process and you don't wanna rush it and you want to get it right. And, in that budget workshop, the decision was made to continue with the renewal with Waste Management, our current provider. And, therefore, we're bringing this recommendation forward for this renewal based on the decision that was made in that budget workshop. And, so now if Mr. Johnson is ready, I think I've taken enough time.

MR. B. JOHNSON: Good evening, Council. Brent Johnson, Director of Public Works. Well, Ms. Jones pretty much said everything that I was going to say so, I'll bring Ellen Smith of Waste Management up to the podium for the presentation.
[Ms. Smith and Mr. Johnson inaudible conversation].

MS. E. SMITH: Thank you. Good evening, Reverend Mayor, Chairman, um, and, um, President Pro Tem, and the rest of Council. I'm Ellen Smith of Waste Management. I'm here tonight for bilateral renewal of our agreement. The Resolution says, this franchise agreement is to in effect March 11, 2011 to September 30, 2016 with one option to renew for five years based on mutual consent of the parties. With that, we went out and asked our customers, 'how are we doing?' About nine thousand know your driver customer satisfactions cards were mailed to Riviera residents in January 2015. Um, Glenn Miller, our Senior District Manager will give you the stack of, uh, response cards. You'll be quite impressed and we are very proud that of 312 total responses, 99.8% of respondents rated our services good or excellent. Of the 2/10 of a percent that said service could improve, those were only four cards. And our Senior District Manager contacted those persons and personally followed up. That's particularly impressive with 3.5 million service touches that our drivers make to your residents. A 99% excellent rate is, um, spectacular given the amount of times we come to your house and successfully and cleanly remove the garbage. What's also impressive is we do this with America's best safety record. Waste Management safety record is nine times the national average. It is the best in the county. And our success

is due to the training of our drivers and the longevity. The gentlemen serving Riviera Beach have a total of over two hundred combined years of experience in your City.

Benefit of our agreement was really, um, comes from the architectural context of this agreement. You have things in your agreement that other localities do not have. You have an administrative fund and many other communities have a franchise fee. Your administrative fund returns 1.4 million dollars to the residents of Riviera Beach. This fund increases every year and effectively lowers Riviera resident's rates. I'll be happy later to compare and contrast what a typical franchise fee would raise. It's about 1/3 of this amount in the City with the highest franchise fee that I know. The extra benefits in the agreement that many other communities do not have is your codified community benefits and I think I heard somebody say, don't give this away for \$15,000 a year. On this slide you'll see it's far greater from that. In addition to the 1.4 million that we returned to your [inaudible] every year, you have codified community benefits of \$90,000 per year plus free municipal services. In addition, many of you know that Waste Management steps outside the limits of this community benefits fund and demonstrates leadership for charity after charity. We've been involved with the Boys and Girls Club, countless feeding programs, Southside Mother Programs all throughout your City in addition to this. Our leadership is unmatched. Our collection vehicles are required to be fully automated. Many of the other cities do not require fully automated collection vehicles. So you'd really have to compare rates of other places with Riviera by comparing what you're getting for it. Full automated collection is required and it is not in other places. You have a quality assurance position that's an extra benefit. A \$45,000 contribution each year to increase with this renewal to about \$55,000. We have the best technology in the industry. We have drivecam and onboard computing and this is.., these, these bits of technology are extremely important. On, on our Senior District Manager's laptop, he can call up a truck and see in real time where it is. We know what routes are done and what routes need to be finished and that is how we get our customer satisfaction rating so high. We have a vacant lot clean-up program which is unique among jurisdictions in Palm Beach County. And, I included this to show how Waste Management goes steps up and beyond what's expected in the contract. We're only suppo', only required to collect five hundred cubic yards from vacant lots a year and then we're supposed to charge you. Well, we've decided that we're able to collect material from the vacant lots and we collected them with six times the amount required and that's about a \$60,000 value. Also, immeasurable is our collections vehicles run on clean fuel. No other hauler in Palm Beach County is able to run collection vehicles on anything other than diesel fuel which pollutes the environment. This is your effort to reduce greenhouse gas admissions. It's your gift to future generations. This agreement clearly allows renewal. Waste Management meets and has exceeded requirements to renew. Waste Management desires to continue our partnership. And, Waste Management seeks your approval tonight.

I can't leave the podium without a couple comments in response to things I've heard. First of all, with regard to the inspector general report from 2011, that addressed community benefits. You all were the leader of codifying community benefits. Since you've done this, it has been, um, tested and, um, Wellington has included community

benefits in their agreements as has Delray. I also heard tonight that Delray went out for bid and saved eight million dollars, well your rate is still lower effectively than the rate in Delray considering your administration fee. Actually, rates are trending up. And the last thing I would suggest that I heard that I must comment on, is that your rates have steadily gone up because it's tied to this consumer price index. Well, that's patently untrue. The consumer price index resulted in a rate decrease, um, this year for Riviera Beach and over the course of the contract, it's gone up about a dollar and change. Madam Chair, I'd be happy to answer questions. It is our great pleasure to serve the City of Riviera Beach. Thank you for your time.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Alright.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, I had a que'...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We'll go down the dais. Go head Ms. Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I had a question in regards to the OIG report that stated about the \$2.2 million over the five year period. Is that true or is it not true? Or is that amount incorrect about their paying more over that five year period? [Pause]. If it went out to bid, I mean, would we be able to bring that price down or..., can you not hear me?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I hear ya. I'm trying to read the IG report to get to the point of the...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: On page two...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. Of that...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Where it says...

CITY MANAGER JONES:

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...decisions to award the contract will result in additional cost to the City's residents and commercial establishments totaling \$2.2 of the length of the contract, five year period.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That is one of the conclusions that they drew.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: When we were asked about this we were able to defend it with the IG as to what we were looking for...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And just like all of their reports they could, he could, they can come up with questionable cost because it is their opinion and they're entitled to the opinion. That doesn't mean it has to be fact. And so...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, this is not a fact?

CITY MANAGER JONES: From their perspective it is a fact. What they don't say is how much of that is really covered by commercial and not by the residents. When you lump it together like that, that then I would, so they don't give you the breakdown but the biggest part of that is also born by your commercial that pay a lot more, fortunately in order to be able to keep the residents portion low.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we know what the breakdown is?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I don't know what the, the data is that they made their conclusion on.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Based on our figures what do we, do we feel that it's not a increase at all or do we have some sort of figure that's different from what they came up with?

CITY MANAGER JONES: There is a increase of as they mentioned, I think approximately \$1 over the span...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...because there is the, the clause that allows for, is it, I don't know ___ the CPI adjustments.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What's CPI?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Consumer price index.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so based on that, yes. You can concluded that there is an increase.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So there's a dollar increase ever what?

MS. E. SMITH: Not every year.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Not every year.

MS. E. SMITH: Over the course of fi'...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Over the course of the, of the term of the contract that they're looking at.

UNK: Excuse me.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Had we considered, I know you said back in June we talked about bringing this back and going [inaudible] and doing it as a renewal, just because my mind is probably not that great, is this something, do we have the vote on how that turned out? Or was that just one of those...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Consensus.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...consensus that we went through? Was it a consensus vote or was that a vote that we made?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well it was a consensus.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Consensus. Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And as I read here for the minutes of that meeting Chair Pardo, 'No. No. We do. It's just a consensus. Okay.' So it looks like there's a consensus for option one which is to renew. Which is move everything over and so then that's why that..., it was a consensus.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I understand. Okay. And going out to bid I did a, I think I asked it, or tried to ask it a minute ago. Going out to bid would we possibly be able to save a little money or we'd, if someone bid lower or is this our best bang for our buck?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I cannot venture to tell you what we might get.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I have no way, I haven't, it's not a topic I've been looking at recently...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...to see what's going on in the market to be able, right here on the spot, to say how we might fair.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Where you gonna say something Ms. Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Uh-uh.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Okay. I just think that we, I know that we did this as a consensus. And I know back then when we were doing some consensus votes that kind of, you know, pushed through regardless, but I really feel that we need to be able to show our community that we are trying to get what's best for them, especially at this time when we've already increased a number off cost and fees to our residents. Waste Management, I know, have been around for a while and I know they had 3% response cards, out of the 9,000 they had 3% to return 'em and say that they're doing a wonderful job. I just, I just question whether or not we did our due diligence in trying to make sure that we definitely got the best rate for our residents. Again, because of the fact that we're going through a time right now where we've increased so many things, we only decreased our ___ rate by a little bit and I just don't want it to appear that we're not trying to fix whatever we can fix for them because of the fact that we just went with what we knew, you know, and didn't try to see if we can find if there was another way that could possibly ___ some relief to them as well. That's it.

Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well I...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hold on a second. So, I'd like to say something. I am supportive of this contract. I was supportive of this contract when we went out for bid and we listened to the other three providers that came in and, and told us what they were going to do for us, you know, I stand by my vote from several years ago. Waste Management is doing a terrific job. We have people that come to this podium week after week and complain about everything, everything except Waste Management. You never have, you never hear them coming up and saying, 'Waste Management isn't picking up my trash or Waste Management ripped up my law.' They don't complain but they'll complain about everything else but nothing about Waste Management. I think we're getting a good bang for our buck, you know, Ms. Smith laid out how much of a administrative cost, oh well administrative fee that the City gets back., along with the community benefits that go out into the community either, you know, they're going to non-profits or they're going to build, you know or redevelop things in certain areas. So, you know, I am supportive of Waste Management and when this contract it up the, we'll

have the opportunity to go back out but, you know, I am all about the quality of service and, you know a lot of times you can't put a price on that. So, you know, I'm supportive and I look forward to this contract continuing. Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you Madam Chair. And I too support it. I'm ready to call a question but I'd like to make a quick comment. There is this narrative that's beginning to circulate in the community that we have increased a number of different cost and fees as if there have been a dramatic amount of increases. We have increased two, to my knowledge. Storm water to help repair years of ___ infrastructure so that we can have better drainage when we redo our roads. It's for a road improvement program. The quality of life would be better. We increased the water rates slightly to build a new facility to have quality water. In a community, we as a community come together and contribute to the better quality of life with everyone. If there's something else that was increased please tell me about and those two things are long overdue. Our infrastructure has not been replaced, some of it, since the inception of Rivera Beach, 1922 I think it is. It has exceeded its use for life. Sewers is backing up in some areas. We had a incident that I had to deal with in my district. The drainage is absolutely horrendous. Chair Pardo call he street Lake Pardo. It's time for us as a community to better the quality of life of our people and all of this, it was double, 100% that was storm water that they're talking about, \$4.50. For some that's a lot, less than a happy meal, \$4.50. When they talk about this 100% increase you think that they talking about increasing it \$50, \$70, \$4.50. And as exchange for that you know what we did? We said that we were gonna relax our assistance program to make it easier for people to qualify and we're gonna allow they to get that back in the assistance program for seniors, disabled veterans, and low income residents. A lot more people qualify now. They're not telling you the things that we're doing to help those who may be, who may not be able to afford it. So as you hear these little political narratives try to make it seem like we're insensitive, please get the full story because it is done to better the quality of life for everybody. And I'm ready to call a question if nobody else has any comments.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone else? Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I want to go back to Ms. Tina White. I think she stated in the beginning that she was not a lobbyist for any company and she wasn't here representing any company so I think we should keep that as a perspective that when people have questions as a taxpayer and a property, owns property they have that, that right. And assume or infer because they made a complaint previously ___ representative that's the case now I think that I was clear in understand what she said. I wanna go back to.., and I do appreciate the Waste Management from the things they have done in the community particularly for non-profits. I'm always thankful for that but I do wanna go back to the office of Inspector General Palm Beach County Management Review case number 2012-0018. I want to make sure I hear the attorney correctly. Did you state

Madam Attorney that you have not reviewed this or you don't remember? Would you state what you said about that, uh, office of Inspector General's findings.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't know what I stated earlier but I have since looked at it since I've been sitting here

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Would you go to page [pause] 3. It's the recommended corrective action issues reviewed, part of the recommended now I'm a little confused based upon what, is it Ellen, Ms. Ellen stated and what the OIG stated. I think Ms. Ellen said two cities now have community benefits. Del Ray was one and what was the other one?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Wellington.

MS. E. SMITH: Wellington.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Now this is what the Inspector General said, on this page and the Attorney is reading along with me. At the top of the page it says, "In order to maintain impartiality and the integrity of a contract award process it is recommended that the City implement the recommendation of the Palm Beach County Grand Jury regarding discretionary funds by eliminating requests and are [inaudible] of fundings similar to community benefits as part of the awarding of contracts." So how do we respond to that either one, Attorney or Ms. Ellen? Cause you said there were...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: How do we, how do we respond to it or how did we respond to it?

MAYOR MASTERS: How did we respond to it?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I, when we got this and my timeline might be off but we crafted our community benefits in such a way that it did not run a __ what the Grand Jury recommended. If you will recall the Grand Jury investigated Palm Beach County and how Palm Beach County dealt with its benefits. They were not Waste Management benefits but apparently they would have what the IG's office called, a slush fund. They would have monies put into their individual accounts that would rollover every year until there were millions of dollars in these funds that each elected official had discretion over. So the grand jury thought very poorly of that so one of the things that we did in crafting the community benefits policy for the City of Rivera Beach was to make sure that number one: the money does not roll over. If you do not use the money in the six month term in which it is given it goes back to Waste Management. It does not stay with the City of Rivera Beach. If you don't spend it as an elected official it goes back to Waste Management. And number two: as you would recall, Mr. Mayor...

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I re...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...we went to the ethics commission...

MAYOR MASTERS: Correct.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...on top of this. And the ethics commission found that our community benefits program was perfectly legal, ethical that's what their job is to find that it was ethical but they made further recommendations that we list every community benefits on the agenda so that the public could have a say so as to what was going on.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I think again with Palm Beach County nobody really knew what was happening to this discretionary funds. So one of the things that we try to keep as a practice, and I think I reiterated it at the last meeting is to make sure that we ___ each one of these community benefits. That they're listed to the agenda and that the entire board approve the community benefits and it's not just one council person. When we first started in the process a council person could say I wanna give "x" amount of dollars to this non-profit and the, the City Manager's office, the finance department, and the City Attorney's office would be the one's who signed off on those.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We changed that practice after you and I went down to the ethics commission so we feel that we resolved this. If there were any issues about how we handled community benefits that it was resolved by the way that we structured our policy and the fact that we got further direction from the ethics commission under your leadership.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. So the City's position is that we are not in any way in violation of the way that we're doing our community benefits that it does line up with good government.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Ms. Ellen you were gonna comment. I would like to know about the other two cities. You said, Delray and Wellington, I think.

MS. E. SMITH: I'll put it in context of my experience. Only three years young with Waste Management. When I came aboard you had approved this agreement. You've been back and forth with the Inspector General's office and you did resolve their issues to be consistent with good government, probably from that many of the consultants who write the RFP's four governments who are hired by governments to write the RFPs that go out. They've included the requirement for community benefits similar to yours in their RFPs. That is a blessing and a testing, so to speak, of the structure of community benefits Wellington has gone out for RFP and has adopted a community benefit structure. It's now codified as did Delray, went out for RFP and included a requirement for community benefits codified it. So, I believe it's consistent with good government and it's been blessed and tested.

MAYOR MASTERS: I, I certainly..., stay right there a second. I certainly like your, your statement blessed, blessing, blessed and tested.

MS. E. SMITH: Blessed and Tested.

MAYOR MASTERS: I need to, that's kind of sermonic there a little bit. Let, let me ask you this and this is what I always ask major companies that the city of Rivera Beach is doing business with, no matter who it is, but what is the, I, I noticed the pictures of the workers which were said that you're hiring a lot from the community, a lot of minorities but what is the breakdown on minorities in upper management or in managing positions with your company.

MS. E. SMITH: I don't have statistics in my head but we are very diverse, especially with regard to females and 33% of our employees in Palm Beach County are of Haitian decent. In management we have route managers that represent all faces of the communities. I can show you back in our picture here, many of these gentlemen whose faces are in this card, I wish I had a pointer because these guys really are the reason that we're here tonight and are able to provide you exceptional service. Our route manager James Parish is on the left and our other route manager is on the top row on the right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

MS. E. SMITH: All the way up in our organization, Mr. Mayor, we have representation from all members of Palm Beach County and the community.

MAYOR MASTERS: And what is your position again with the company?

MS. E. SMITH: My position is Public Sector Solution representative or Government Affairs Director.

MAYOR MASTERS: And they hired a woman for that position so that diversity right there isn't it?

MS. E. SMITH: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: You're welcome. That's it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes. Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: A couple things I just want to point out and comment about. Five years ago when this report come out I've since been provided of a copy and I've been reading through it, you know, I didn't support Waste Management at that time for various reasons. I didn't support Waste Management at that time. Over these

years that they have, since they've gotten this contract phenomenal things have occurred. For one, I know that they, I know that two of their employees are City residents. I know at least two. One of them is here tonight, Mr. Clayman Walker who's been picking up, you know, my garb'.., yeah, he deserves, he deserves an applause. [Applause]. He does. For many years, you know, he gives us an opportunity sometimes when we're a little late to pull our garbage on the other side of the road. He picks it up. But you know he lives here and always has. He's happy. I talk to him in great detail about the way they treat him. How does he feel, you know, about it? And he always has great things to say and he does not have to say those things. It's just he and I are talking. The other person that I want to point out is a longtime resident here, as well ___ on our staff but is the, I don't know what his title is in terms of but we call him, we call him Mr. Everything but what is his official title?

UNK: Solid Waste Contract Compliance Officer.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Mr. Arthur Johnson. Ya'll gotta give him another hand as well. Yeah. Before Mr. Johnson got there we did have several complaints at that podium. I mean from everything but Mr. Johnson has worked extremely hard even at times that he should be off, he works hard and not just with Waste Management but all over but he really cares and loves the city. And, you know, that, that can't be denied by anybody that knows him or even knows what he does so, you know, I'm basically preaching to the choir when it comes to that but it says something for somebody to take such, you know, abuse and criticism and does not run. That stands up to the test improves the quality of service, does what it takes, continues outside and Ms. Smith did not name all of the things that they do. We have a basketball team I the back from one of our high schools that's going to be a recipient of some of these particular funds. They're here right now so if we didn't do it this way that basketball team may not be able to get any of these funds. If we did not do it this way. There's other countless things that they do in this city, things that they don't come and brag about. I know it's been several times where some of the schools didn't pay either, either, either fees and they still picked up the trash and worked out, you know, payment plans and all those things have to be taken into consideration but, you know, I'm proud to support Waste Management this time around. I think they've earned it. I think anytime that you send out 9,000 cards and get however many you get back. I think I heard it was 3% yeah, however many you got back. I know Mr. Guyton sent out several cards, several surveys and didn't get very many back either but uh, anytime you can send out anything and what you get back is 98% that is great. And I'm also glad to hear that they, even the four cards that they got that they received back, I'm happy to hear that they went and tried to address those issues. And I can tell you that they give us top notch service as if we were one of the bigger cities. The other thing that we don't bring into consideration and I heard a few people talkin' about the OIG Report, I read through it. I thought that originally, cause this is the first time I actually read through it. I thought that originally that the OIG just picked this up and decided that they wanted to do it. But that wasn't so, it was somebody who actually, was somebody who actually called the OIG to look at what they thought was wrong, and that's fine.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's anybody's..., it's in the report, but that's anybody's, you know, that's your right to do. One of the things that ___ did that I thought was very brilliant was he asked before and of the community benefits were done over five years ago, it was the Mayor who did that in his, you know, I mean he was seeing that and he asked to have the actual, not the OIG but what's the other one? Ethics Commission and we adopted every protocol that they brought. Thanks to the Mayor we're now above board. Thanks to Rivera Beach, of course, blazing the trail. I saw that they didn't like the fact that we were trying to get more for our residents and they actually named me personally but everybody who know me know I'm gonna fight for the resident. But the Mayor did that and since we've done this two other communities including Wellington and Delray Beach who is not even with Waste Management anymore but they still have the community benefits program. So we've blazed the trail with that. It's been tested but I don't, you know, I don't just want people to get beat up on without, you know, saying, 'Hey look, they have improved they have done everything that they needed to do to be able to be awarded the contract. It is in there for one renewal. So at the end of this, or three years from now or four years from now. However long we do it then it's going back out to bid and the contract said, it said you get one opportunity for renewal if both agree. If this board decides not to do it then we'll do that but at this point I think that they earned it. I don't think that they've done anything other than just try to be very supportive even to organization and things that we don't know. They're always here. They're just a phone call away. And I will tell Ms., Ms. Smith. I said, 'Ms. Smith you giving out your business card to all of these individuals you gonna get thousands and thousands of calls.' And she says, 'Hey. I'm fine with that.' She continues to give out her card. Residents call them individual. I've called several times on Sundays and, you know, when you call me. I call her. Sundays, Saturdays, any of these days that, that's called and I see some of the audience that have called me on Sunday and have called me on Saturdays and you get a response right back. That's because Ms. Smith does not take a day off, like most of us and we responded to those. So, I just wanted to make sure that Waste Management knows that I appreciate all of the hard work that they've done. I appreciate you employing so many employees from our City. So many employees from a diverse group. Looking at the picture the group doesn't look like it's very diverse.

MAYOR MASTERS: It's all men.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But I appre'...

MAYOR MASTERS: No woman up there.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It doesn't look diverse at all if you ask me. But I appreciate you doing what it takes and most of all I appreciate you giving our citizens the services they deserve. That's all for me Ms. Pardo.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair? I do just want to just kind of address a little not too much but a little bit. Waste Management obviously has been doing a wonderful job. That is not my issue in this whole matter. I do know that there have been other contract that have been awarded where they have been allowed an option to renew but that wasn't always the answer to that was not always the same as what we've said, most of us have said up here. So I just want to make sure that, you know, we keep that in mind. Just because we have an option to renew does not mean we've always done that. Sometimes it has been put out to bid so just wanted to know if that was something that would benefit the residents by having it go back out for bid versus renewing it. So I just wanted to make that very clear that option to renew we have that extended that to many different bids and many different job but we have not always followed that. So that is not something that, you know, just because it's there that's what we do.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, just a quick comment. Clear something up. If you will.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go 'head.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Just real quick. I know it was said about the storm waste fee that was double \$4 or whatever it is but I challenge anyone up here and anyone out there that know any entity that doubled a rate cost over night. I don't know any not in the world that I come from. Also the fact that we raised the water. I mean it's being said that we did that for our building and the storm water and we're gonna be drinkin' poison water and all that. Well, just for the record three people agreed with the cities position, three of us didn't agree. So it doesn't mean that the three I mean the three where the two that voted. Councilman Terrance Davis, Councilman KaShamba Miller-Anderson, and the Mayor did not vote but of course my voice was there. The three of us disagreed with the city's findings on raising the water rate that this time and the storm water. Doesn't mean that we don't like the city as much as the others. Doesn't mean that we're not interested in improving the quality of life. It's just like a jury. You see the facts sometimes some people agree others disagree but we, [inaudible] speak for myself, I'm just as much involved as a quality of life for our residents then anyone, just as much, or, you know, equally. So because three of us disagreed doesn't mean that we don't care about the residents and we don't care about the storm water situation or the water bill. We just don't agree with the city's position on that at this time. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Great. Thank you. Anyone else? We're gonna go to the vote?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. I'm gonna be real brief when I first got elected just two and a half years ago I made sure I took the approach to stay as far from Waste Management staff as possible cause I want to give them a very unbiased review. Knowing that someday this situation would come up. A lot of you at home know the sensitivity to this subject is to me, those that don't know my father was someone who worked here in the city for 21 years of service as a garbage man. When that vote took years ago and those 44 individuals, man and woman lost their jobs, my family was impacted. Some may say this may be your time to make a move but I must maintain a sense of professionalism. The first two years I stayed far away as I could. Really didn't care how much I used to community benefits but I really wanted to see what it was they were doing to perform. All the drivers, one thing I can say about all the drivers, I never asked them about how they felt about their employer. And one thing I can say is, they always seem happy. They always seem happy, good level of service and I was satisfied. Just without even askin' that question. They never complained about the trucks. They always talked about once the trucks were, you know, I have, I got big pet peeve with garbage truck juice on the road. I don't like that in front of the houses. It smells bad and one thing I can say is when those trucks are having situations those trucks have been replaced. They have been environmental friendly. I looked at the finances versus what OIG reports stated, didn't know nothin' about the CPI, the \$1.5 million. I was impressed with that. I looked at the competition or how much money we're payin' them for a level of services we get across the county. We're very competitive. I must say, Waste Management you have impressed me. You have impressed my family. Believe me it took a lot but they were very impressed because the service has been top notch.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: The money and what I look at next has been very competitive. I want to thank you on what you have done this far. As we know this vote would pass as a, for you to continue your services. We will find out later, but this will be the last continuation for what competitions like once it go out for bid at that time. But at this time I must admit, I must be, always maintaining a sense of professionalism and say you all have done a great job. I'm making a very professional and unbiased [inaudible] and thank you so much what you all have done. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Miller-Anderson dissenting,

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. And thank you again to Waste Management for all you do. Okay.

MS. E. SMITH: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Wait hold on. Where are...
[Background Conversation].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Item Number 6.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 147-15 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE A LEASE PURCHASE PROPOSAL WITH U.S. __ GOVERNMENT LEASING AND FINACE INC. TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF EIGHTEEN POLICE VEHICLES. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO SET UP A BUDGET FOR THE SAME AND AUTHORIZING THREE ANNUAL PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,232.78 AND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...a motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Ms. Miller? I'm sorry. Ms. Miller-Anderson would you like a presentation?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Who wants to do the presentation?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. I'll ask if, and it's a pleasure to the board if Assistant Chief Mike Madden would come forward and talk about this solicitation.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Which is a continuation of our efforts to replace our police fleet using the lease purchase strategy.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MR. M. MADDEN: Hi. Mike Madden, Assistant Police Chief. I don't have a presentation per say outside the information that's containing the Item. We are seeking to do a lease purchase of eighteen police vehicles. This has financing in __ which means there is no payment for these vehicles due until October of 2016. It does not impact this year's fiscal budget. The police vehicles we're trying to replace are listed in the packet. I can give you a summary we are addressing our specialized units such as the K9 Unit, Traffic Unit, Crime Scene and I think we're buying an additional five patrol vehicles. And I can answer any questions you may have.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Will these come, do these come with dashcams or do we have to put them in there? Do we have any dashcams in there?

MR. M. MADDEN: The dashcams aren't part of the order with the vehicles. We have been using our [inaudible] grant funding to install dashcams.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And how much does one cost?

MR. M. MADDEN: The systems run about \$4,500 apiece.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. This is a question for probably Ms. Hannah. Ms. Hannah? Ms. Ryan.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh.
[Laughter and Awes].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: With our consent agenda items is there a certain amount that we try not to put on consent and just put as a regular discussion Item, or a regular Agenda Item?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. The way it's usually done if you all discuss it in some other form...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...like the budget.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: If you discuss it at the budget then it's kind of like, you just..., when they put it on the agenda they're just enforcing what was discussed and affectively approved in the budget. So this Item from what I'm understanding was already in the budget.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And I don't know if it was actually discussed but it was a part of the police budget and that's why they put it on consent because you've already approved it., I don't, was it in the capital plan?

MR. M. MADDEN: No. There was no funding in this budget but the discussion was that we would bring forward the municipal lease which didn't impact the sixteen budget but it was discussed during the budget process.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's, you know, iffy but, you know, it's usually it's, if it's a part of the budget discussion and it's in the budget we will put them on the agenda under consent.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We can look at the rules again. We're talking about doing that anyway.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: To see if we want to tighten up...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...consent because it's not as crystal clear...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...as you may want it to be. It really is what do you think the council has already discussed, have they had enough information. Somethings we discuss a lot and we still don't put it on a consent.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So it really just, it just depends.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But on something like this, if you wanted to discuss dashcams, you know, maybe it woulda been better to put it on regular.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm. Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: If you're gonna add some money to it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But if you're just gonna vote to do it it's appropriate.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So can we, at another time put this on to, as far as identifying an amount and tightening this up a little bit for us so that, you know, I'm just not comfortable? Not that I'm just disagreeing or not wanting to approve this I'm just not very comfortable with large amount Items going under consent.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But I will say this, Ms. Miller-Anderson, a lot of cities and governments put million dollar ___ issues...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I know.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...on their consent.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm sure.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So, I mean you would, it's not uncommon to have large...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO:

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...numbers. They will put...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I understand.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...millions and millions of dollars on consent.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But that doesn't make it right though just cause...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. So you can [stammer] we can bring that back to have a discussion with the council. If you want to put a dollar amount on it that makes.., it's easy...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You can, you can do that.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mrs. Anderson are you done?

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. I am. Thank.

MAYOR MASTERS: Sorry. Madam Chair. I just want to just add onto Ms. Miller-Anderson's comments.

[Inaudible chatter].

MAYOR MASTERS: In light of the fact of recent events, or recent event in Palm Beach Gardens, I don't think that we have a, I don't think there's an option. Every police vehicle should have a body, I mean a dashcam. Every police officer should ha', in the city of Rivera Beach. People we are one city away. That happened blocks away their police department, just blocks away from Rivera Beach. One city away and we've been talking about body cam for the longest. We've been studying and I want to ask the Manager can you do something, put on the agenda? But I would like to see us make it happen, body cams for every police officers and dashboard cams for every police vehicle that's on the road. I don't know how to do it, what the procedure it, but I just want to lay it at your feet and that the chief's, the acting chief's feet and I know you're talking about the cars but those cars too, certainly I would feel better that they would have body, I mean a dash board cams. There's no option. It shouldn't even be a discussion on that part. So, whatever the procedure, put on the next agenda...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well I can...

MAYOR MASTERS: I mean what do we do?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, hear it. You want to talk about body cams now? I'll discuss it with you. So, I went to Washington two weeks ago and I spent all morning at

the Department of Justice and I did that because body cams was one issue but then the other issue was, you know, I'm constantly being approached by residents here in the city saying, you know, 'Ms. Pardo there was a shooting on my street last night. Or Ms./ Pardo my children and I had to sleep on the floor last night because there were bullets flying all around.'

MAYOR MASTERS: Wild, Wild West.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So, I decided to and, you know, I've brought this issue up many times over the years and the response was always, 'Crime is down in the city.' Okay. So, I went to Washington and I sat with the DOJ and went through the issues that we are having in this city. And some of them they were aware of and some of them they were not. And they went through the different kinds of programs that they have that have been successful in other communities and they shared those with me and that's something that I was planning on discussing later but then we got into the body cams. And I was aware that the Police Department wrote a grant and submitted a grant for the body cams. This cycle we did not receive money, however, we were in tier one. And when you're in tier one you will eventually get the funding for it. This time around we didn't get the funding because they wanted to, they wanted a prosecution rate and they wanted other things from the State Attorney and they shared all of that with me and I forward it to the Police Department, the Chief, the ___ Chief, and the Assistant Chief, and also the City Manager. So they're aware of it and they are now working with our lobbyist. We are all over this. The other thing I'll mention...

MAYOR MASTERS: Go 'head.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...since I was gonna mention it tomorrow at the sister city meeting, they said what we should be doing is partnering with other cities. The north end of West Palm Beach has a crime issue vert similar to Rivera Beach and a lot of times...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ___doing that already.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...it starts in...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I believe West Palm is doing...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It starts over and then it comes over here.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So, they had suggested that for some of these grants that we go and we partner with West Palm Beach and if we do that we're apt to get even more money. I think...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...this grant was for \$300,000 grand where apt to get even more. And that's what they're looking for, you know, collaboration between cities. So, Mayor we are all over...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...the, the whole body cam thing.

MAYOR MASTERS: Cause West Palm Beach Police Department, they have body cams.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And they paid for it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Themselves.

MAYOR MASTERS: If we can pay for them...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Correct. Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: We need to pay for it. We need to do something.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: But they paid for it themselves and they were not able to get cams for all of their officers.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: But if we were able, you know, if we, you know, sat down and maybe together we would be able to do it. But like I said...

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...I'm confident the chief knows...

MAYOR MASTERS: Cause we're over it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We are all over this, Mayor.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go 'head Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mayor [stammer] would definitely respectfully suggest that, you know, at tomorrow's meeting that you sit down with Mayor Muoio and go be an advocate and maybe have to take a trip to Washington D.C. to advocate even more to get this funding. But that'll truly help get that push over the hump.

One question I do have on this item is, as we continue to purchase new vehicles what are we doing with the inventory that we do have? Cause o drive by a Public Works and I see a lot of scrap vehicles and things of that, what are we doing to get rid of that? What type of inventory listing do we have? What are we doing?

MR. M. MADDEN: The Police Department takes vehicles out of service based on the mileage and recommendations of Public Works.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MR. M. MADDEN: The vehicles are transferred to purchasing for disposal and they can give you more information about their process but generally they're auctioned.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh, okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Auction...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Auction is generally the way we've gotten rid of most of them in the past.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, like an online auction or something like that or do we need...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Public ___.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Public...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Palm Beach County.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: It's a public auction.

CITY MANAGER JONES: When county has...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...auction and...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. No other questions? Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: PRO TEM Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. That's the end of the Consent Agenda. Petition and communications for filing.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: None.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Awards and presentations. Item 8. Proclamation from the office of Mayor Thomas A. Masters declaring October 2015 as National Breast Cancer Awareness month in the City of Rivera Beach.

[Pause].

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you Madam Chair. Certainly as you know, this is just not the city of Rivera Beach but this is a national proclamation that we line up with the national proclamation as well. Proclamation from the office of the mayor City of Rivera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida declaring October 2015 as the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, were as breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer effecting about one in every eight woman born today in the United States or roughly 230,000 women as well as 2,300 men annually and is responsible for more than 40,000 deaths in this country each year and whereas breast cancer does not discriminate. Striking people of all races, ages, and income levels. And making it

increasingly important to raise awareness of this disease and its symptoms so we can more easily identify it, then more effectively treat it. And whereas this month October 2015 as we honor those whose lives were tragically cut short by breast cancer and stand with their families. Let us arm ourselves with the best knowledge, tool, and resources available to fight this devastating disease. And whereas...

UNK: And whereas we are making strides in improving treatment options, regular screenings and quality care are vital to improving outcomes for millions of Americans, of people extending the five year survival rate to 98% when detected and localized at an earlier stage. And whereas thanks to the affordable care act, most health insurers are now required to cover recommended preventive services including mammograms at no extra cost and Americans cannot be denied health care due to a pre-existing condition like breast cancer.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Item 10. **10. PROCLAMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTED MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS, THE PEOPLE'S MAYOR, DECLARING OCTOBER 2015 AS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.**

MAYOR MASTERS: You almost sound like my campaign manager, Madam Chair. And you were several years ago as you know.

Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida declaring October, 2015 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month which is also nationally, acclaimed across the country. Is there anyone here that I'm supposed to be giving this to? Okay. Well, we'll read it. I know Pastor Thicklin wanted to be here.

WHEREAS, domestic violence continues to be a major social crisis and healthcare concern in society that affects everyone in every community and requires us all to put forth every effort to bring it to an end and to bring it to an end now; and

WHEREAS, Florida reported more than 106,880 incidents of domestic violence in 2014 which is lower statewide than incidents reported the previous year, which is good. Palm Beach County reported nearly 5,000 domestic violence crimes including 11 homicides. Half of those cases had evidence of substance abuse, a third had evidence of medically diagnosed mental health disorders and 28% listed the perpetrator, the perpetrator? The perpetrator?

UNK: Perpetrator.

MAYOR MASTERS: Perpetrator. God, these big words. As having displayed prior stalking behavior; and

WHEREAS, exposure to domestic violence in the home is considered child abuse and has lifelong effects upon children under the age of 4. Domestic Violence Council of Palm Beach County is coordinating a community based responsive, and community base response through advocacy, education and prevention with the goal of reducing the impact of violence on families; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County...

UNK: Palm Beach County recognizes the vital importance of designating a time devoted to increasing the general public's awareness to hold forth a vision of a community free from domestic violence. This month, we recognize the survivors and victims of abuse whose courage inspires us all. We recommit to offering a helping hand to those most in need and must remind them that they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, as we honor the advocates and victim services providers who offer support during the darkest moments of someone's life, we encourage survivors and their loved ones who are seeking assistance to reach out to a national domestic violence hotline.

MAYOR MASTERS: And I don't think we have the hotline phone number, do we?

UNK: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: You have it?

UNK: We do.

MAYOR MASTERS: Please say it.

UNK: 1-800-799-SAFE. Safe.

MAYOR MASTERS: NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved that I, Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida by the power vested in me by the residents of Riviera Beach, do hereby proclaim October 2015 to be a national domestic violence awareness month in our City, the City of Riviera Beach. I call upon all residents to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes and finding the help and healing they need and deserve.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 21st day of October, 2015, A.D.

I'm going to ask Ms. Mickens [sp], Mother Mickens to come and accept this proclamation because I do know that your church and Pastor that they have a viable domestic violence program at your church. And, on behalf of Bethel., is it Bethel, right?

UNK: New Bethel.

MAYOR MASTERS: New Bethel. Uh, New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and your Pastor and I know you are a person who continually speak out against violence in our community. Any kind of violence. So, everybody look at this beautiful, black hat here, this lady. She's only 55 years old, right?

MS. MICKENS: Oh. Come now.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MS. MICKENS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Would you like to say something...

MS. MICKENS: No.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...in response?

MS. MICKENS: I'm gonna give it to the Pastor and I thank you very much.

MAYOR MASTERS: You're welcome.

MS. MICKENS: And I think he gonna appreciate it too. Thank you.

AUDIENCE: [Inaudible and chuckles].

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I think that's all of the proclamations that that we, that we have.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: We have the rubber bands that we wanna give from the ___ to people in the audience and...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: That's great.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...the Council as well.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you, sir. Alright. That's the end of Peti'..., Awards and Presentations. We're moving on now. Regular Agenda.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 11. DISCUSSION OF CITY MANAGER'S BENCHMARKS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Let's see. We have a public comment card. Fane Lozman.

MR. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MR. LOZMAN: Um, as part of your deliberation tonight regarding the City Manager's performance. I wanted to share with you the research I have done at Singer Island. That my research hasn't been scientific where I've gone door-to-door but I've put a chair out on the sidewalk in front of the Renegade properties. And I've talked to

Singer Island residents that walk their dogs, to go jogging, that just go for a walk. And you'd be surprised how many of the senior residents there try to stay active and try to stay in good shape. And I have been approached by a number of people that want to break away Singer Island from the mainland. Now, I think back in the 80's they tried to that and it didn't work out. But one of the reasons they wanna do that is they are discouraged by the leadership of the City Manager. They're not happy with the way the City's being run and they want a change. And, I share that view but I think it's important that if you, independently, and that's my suggestion, don't take my word for it, independently go around Singer Island, talk to people and see what they want. The voters that pay, I think, 60% of the tax base in this City, what do they want? How do they think the City's being run? Um, you know, the OIG report that involved the \$800,000 and all that. That really has angered a lot of people and also people on the mainland.

So I think it's important that you go and you talk to the people that pay the taxes that fund Ms. Jones' salary and you will see, I have not heard one person, not one person on Singer Island who I've talked to and I've talked to a lot of people. I talked to people today. I saw a bunch of signs in the road. I actually stopped my truck and that's why I'm late to talk to people who are sitting out in front of their house about what they think about the City. And they agreed with me. I can't find anybody that said anything positive about Ms. Jones' leadership and people are concerned about the way the City's going.

So to wrap this up, you should go talk to the voters that put you in office and get their feel for how this being gone and use that in your deliberations going forward.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Alright. Ms. Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, Madam Chair and Members of Council. As you will recall, as a part of your discussions as it related to my contract, there was a discussion in May, a decision made for a six year co'.., six year.., six month contract. As a part of that, also benchmarks were to be established as well as a part of that motion was that, by this meeting, you would make a decision as to what your desires are going forward in order to provide both of us with adequate amount of time for whatever the, to transpire. The areas for the benchmarks for the six months were provided to you. The broad major areas consisted of the Office of Inspector General OIG report. I have provided to each of you a summary of the things that have taken place since June that I ask you to consider as a part of your deliberations and decisions as it relates to my relationship with the City going forward. I committed to each of you to working on the OIG issues and I hope you can see that we have taken huge steps in implementing the strategies and recommendations as well as looking at the checks and balances.

As it relates to the Public Services Complex, we were, I was asked to bring forward to you the options for the future of that project. That was brought forward to you in the budget process. That decision was, there was a consensus, once again, in the budget

session to stay the course and we immediately began to implement the desires of that particular option.

As it relates to the budget, I was able to present to you a balanced budget with a millage reduction as well as some other enhancements in some major areas. There has been a great deal of attention given to the budget relief. I understand that is a continuing initiative. It is not a one time and that is to continue to go forward. And then there was the area of staff development and what should occur as it relates to administration, responsibility and accountability.

I., if you have any questions about any of the information that was provided to you, I would love to answer them for you at this time. Just know that we are continuing to move forward, we're, we're looking ahead. If we continue the way we're going, I feel very confident that we will address all of the issues that have been raised, as well as, I provided for you at the end, the direction for going forward. And, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Alright. Council? Comments?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Um, yes. I have one.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I looked at the information that was in here. I wanted to know, the guidelines in which we're looking at..., how's that..., how are they being measured? Are we looking to see a decrease? Certain percentage of decrease in using credit cards inappropriately? Are we looking..., do we have a figure that we can measure to say that improvement is taking place in these areas?

CITY MANAGER JONES: One of the things, I think, that is definitely going to be beneficial and that is that the internal auditor will be looking at the spot check areas to see how we're doing rather than just waiting until something comes up. And that is the role and responsibility of the internal auditor to do spot checks in those respective areas in order to see how we're proceeding. We would like to get to the point that our audit is gonna tell us a lot, out internal audit. Whether the documentation is there. So, as we're beginning to develop our year end closing for the audit to see an improvement there we can continue to try and, at this point, it, it's always, in that respect, to decrease the incidents of not have the correct documentation to back up whatever the particular procurement is.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What...

CITY MANAGER JONES: I feel...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead. I'm sorry.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The contract administration one is easier to measure because we have an individual, we have goals that have been set and so that one, within itself, it easier to measure as it relates to the compliance and whether we're continuing to adhere to the established policies and procedures.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: How long have our..., have we had our internal auditor and contract administrator on duty?

CITY MANAGER JONES: The internal auditor has been with us at most a year.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: As well as the contact administrator.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do they ever provide us with updates here, at the meetings or just memo or do we get any update as to any of the...

CITY MANAGER JONES: If you...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...items that they're covering.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

CITY MANAGER JONES: If you'll recall when the internal auditor made his presentation, what we committed to do was, as audit reports are completed...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: They are provided to you so you would know what those actions have been and, as those are coming forward..., there's one that's very close to completion right now that you should be receive that. Fortunately, I can say our system worked. We found an issue before someone else found an issue, which is what internal audits are supposed to do. So, as they are completed, they will be sent to you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: How many have..., have we had done already? Or how many..., how often does he do an audit? He does it on a regular basis, every day, every month or?

CITY MANAGER JONES: An audit can take anywhere from, depending on the magnitude, anywhere from 60 to 120 days depending on how detailed you're getting into that particular audit.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Because, as you go through that process and you're working with the departments and they're providing you information. What we have.., what we did for this year, was that we did two things. We asked department heads areas that they wanted audited. And then we also, as an executive staff, decided areas that we felt needed to be audited and so those were placed in a matrix so that we can begin to move through all of them. So since March, we.., February I believe, when he made his presentation to the Council, he has completed one. So, you can say probably about one a quarter.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Do we ever do random audits? I mean, I know you said that they asked for 'em to be audited, do we just conduct random audits whether they, you know, I mean... If they ask for one, I'm sure they're gonna make sure it's right but...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...do we do...
[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...like, random ones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Not without.., not necessarily.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, that is not very smart but okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. So, no. You, uh, you ask for it because you wanna make your system better.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And the department heads want to do that. But, no. One of the reasons he can only get one done per quarter is because of the additional things that I insert in that for a quick audits, right now, random, go over tomorrow and do this.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So, yes. There are areas that, they're not planned, they're not announced. Of course, we go and then we have to get the information. But...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...yes, we've inserted a lot of activity. He's looked at things like telephone usage. I mean, just things that, you know, we have asked him to look at within the last five months.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead, Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Ms. Jones, you stated that for the last five months something things that we've looked at, requested, um, did you target a, a criteria for..., to what's top priority that he needs to be looking at or do you just kinda randomly pick and choose what areas you wanna focus on?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, sir, [stammer], it was a very interesting process in that it was really a collaborative effort with everyone, the Staff, the department heads, as well as the internal auditor. We've been..., once we got the complete list, we looked at low, medium and high priorities and those high priorities were based on the liability to the City.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The greater the liability, the higher the rank. And so we being with all of those high items that had greater liability for the City.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, can you list some of those? Maybe the top three that you, that you..., top of your head?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Police evidence, cash management and parks. Mm, trying to think what the third one was but, I know those are two of the top two.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Does it, does..., we be responsible for our, our various departments as well? ___.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, no. The other audit is your general audit and that's handles [inaudible] finance.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so..., but, are you meaning the legislative department?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: When you say our department.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: If that's a desire. It's not currently not...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Nah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...on there.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I just wanna know what his responsibilities are. I really just need to know what...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, his responsibility...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...is his responsibility?

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...is to do several things. First of all, to make sure that we've got the appropriate internal policies and procedures and then to be able to determine where we are adhering to them as well as what systems we might be able to put in place that might be better for data, documents and evidence.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Chuckle].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Um...

CITY MANAGER JONES: And s'...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so, that's what an internal auditor does. They do not.., they report directly to me. It's not like they're influenced by any other department head in, in an organization and they're there to make the department.., make the City better. The more that you can adhere to your policies and procedures, __, the better you are as well as if you identify deficiencies, the soon you can i'.., get on them, the better you are.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So when will those audits come before this Board or, at least, we can see those audit reports?

CITY MANAGER JONES: He's completing the first one and so I figure that probably within the next 30 to 45 days, you'll see that first audit.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So probably the second meeting in November? Potentially, our first meeting in December?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Maybe the first meeting in December.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: December?

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so then we'll have to talk about how you want to handle those. Because there may be.., we'd have to determine how we wanted to put them on as...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...as a presentation to you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible]. That'll be all.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But it's definitely a tool to help make you better.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. I've been fortunate to work in the public sec'., sector most of my adult life and, as a result, I've had the privilege of engaging different city managers, different county administrators and what I have found, which is not a brainstorm, is everyone has their own style of managing and inevitably, there are people that would think that a management style is not appropriate for the setting that they may be managing. I've encountered that here in Riviera Beach, not just with Ms. Jones but with other city managers. Sometimes people think that she needs to be a little more assertive and she needs to suspend this one and she needs to... I don't get down into that minutia. I'm up here looking to see if my City is moving forward. Are we trending right economically? Is our unemployment rate going down or up? What about our poverty rate?

We have been fortunate to be the positive light in the last few years in Palm Beach County for people to look at us to say that Riviera Beach is on the move. They have approved over \$3,000,000 projects, they're in their first phase, it's been a combination of not just the CRA but the City as well. That is something that is not happening throughout the county. We were one of the few communities that have been listed in the Business Journal, I know for the last year, at least, five, six, seven times about different companies that have decided to come into our community and established themselves. That doesn't just happen. There will be those that will say that people at the top, it had nothing to do with them, everything else happened in a vacuum, away from them. Absolutely malarkey. If we don't have good people on the Staff level and on this dais with a vision, it is not going to happen. I don't care how good our City is and we have experienced that for years. Geographically, we are the best located in South Florida. We have the intracoastal, we have a major ocean, our transportation modes are second to none. We have the Port. We have a railroad running down our City. We have I-95 and we're only fifteen minutes away from the airport.

I'm thinking manufacturing industry. They like to move their products. However they want to move their products, we have a transportation mode locally. Now we're thinking, how do we increase our business and our economic status? Our industrial zoning is the largest in Palm Beach County. Am I correct in that? I mean land wise.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Land wise for [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. We need to understand our benefits and capitalize on 'em. There will always be people complaining. Ms. Jones has identified our assets and she has good people like Danny Jones and others out in the community promoting Riviera Beach. That is why we are now seeing a positive growth in our industrial area as well as other areas in our community. People trying to do business with us left and right now. Not just on the east side of the tracks, on the west side too. No matter how the naysayers complain, Riviera Beach is growing and I have the data to support that. Data, documents and evidence. That's because of leadership. Is she perfect? Absolutely not. Am I perfect? Far from it as some would quickly tell you.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But are those who complaining, perfect? Absolutely not. So, we need to decide if the trend that we're going on is one that is positive and is gonna benefit our constituency. It is my position that it is. I do not agree with everything that Ms. Jones does. I don't try to dictate to her the minutia and how to do this and how to do that but if something happens that I'm not happy with, she and other Staff will tell you, that they would know about it. I never try to do that in public. But, when I do meeting with them, they know when I'm not happy. One of the things that I've learned is that when you're dealing with professionals, and if you do disagree, I'm not and I'm not saying some do, I'm not gonna try to get political points by chastising them in public. But, when I have a problem with what's going on and I have my Tuesday meetings and when they come out of there saying that they had a headache for the following three hours, that was a meeting that they probably didn't have much fun in.

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But, Ms. Jones has been at the helm during a very progressive time. She has made decisions that some have not agreed with. That's gonna happen to anyone. Anybody in that seat, where Ms. Jones is...

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...they are gonna be only as good as the support that they get from this dais.

UNK: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: If we are not supporting the vision and the Staff, or when we give her a vision and have her to execute it, we have to support that. We try to put everything, when it goes wrong, on the City Manager, when it should fall right here on the dais.

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We are ultimately responsible. She works for us. She has five people, all of whom have different personalities, different levels of education, different levels of experience and different visions.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And she's trying to navigate all five. And when things don't go right, many blame her. We should blame ourselves because we are pulling her in five different ways often times. If we had a consistent vision, it'd be much easier. But, because of our varying personalities and level of education and experience and exposure to different projects, Ms. Jones has a challenge and she's always blamed for thing that I think the county should be blamed for. So, I'm looking at the overall picture of how we're doing and how businesses are coming into our City and how we're growing economically and how I know I get the phone calls for the meetings to say that I wanna do business in Riviera Beach. I don't need anybody to tell me that. I get the phone calls. So I know that we are the right track because people are calling to invest, oftentimes invest millions.

We had an article just recently, a manufacturer came here, created forty new jobs. About six months ago there was some kind of cleaning service out in an industrial area and their jobs started at \$40,000 a year. We have progress. And as long as we have that, I'm gonna support her. She is not perfect. She does not handle every situation as I probably would handle it.

UNK: [Chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But I step back and see, are we really doing bad in our City? No, we're not. People are looking at Riviera Beach and trying to emulate many of the things that we're doing. One of which Jazz after Dark. Port St. Lucie now and West Palm and others. That idea originated here. The problem was we didn't support it consistently. You have to support programs like that and that is a activity that draws people into your community and that's you get them to spend money and patronize your businesses. It's not always about what's coming back to the City, how much you made at the gate and.., no. It's about you come to our City, have a good time, stop to the convenient store, stop and get some fast food and get some gas and patronize our businesses.

So, I am satisfied and I am supporting Ms. Jones for a renewal of her contract and when my colleagues are done, I'm gonna put a motion on the floor.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Yes. Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: This is very brief. I don't know if Ms. Jones got evaluated or this Board just did.

[Laughter]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: With all due respect, I'm not trying to be funny because, while we do try and support a lot of our programs, when you bring up the Jazz in the Gar'..., in the Dark event which has been going on for so many years and that's an event we all wanna support but that event keep coming back before this Board and it's in the red. That's the problem I have. You know, I don't believe in spending taxpayer's dollars then charge them to come them to come to the event that's steady failing. If that's the case, we're gonna open up the gates and let 'em come for free..., if they have a Riviera Beach I.D. And that was my position on that. I didn't wanna not support the event. My position was, if you're gonna support the event, let's make it economically sound or just make it free cause if we're gonna go in the hole, why charge people? I mean, if you're a Riviera Beach resident, you should be able to come to enjoy your park for free. Now, if you're from out of town, then there should be a charge. That's all I stated.

So, let's just keep..., if you wanna support this Item, let's stay focused on the Item but don't feel..., I feel like I was just evaluated as a, as a Board Member and I'm not gonna sit here and be quiet about it. And I respect your position on how you feel and I just ask that you respect our position sometimes cause sometimes we might be right. Sometimes we may be wrong but respect us when..., whether we're right or wrong and understand that we all do have the same goals, to be effective in what we do. And just please, let's stay focused on the goal which is working together.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Thomas, you have anything?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Alright. Well, I'll say my piece. Ms. Jones, when we had this discussion six months ago or so, I, I had asked that one of your priorities be bringing in a budge showing a reduction in the millage rate and showing employee raises. So, I was very happy to see that you were able to do that in addition to recognizing that the streets in this City have been neglected for far too long, that the infrastructure in this City has been neglected for far too long. Mr. Guyton or someone made the comment about me always, you know, talking about the lake in front of my house but, you know, I've only lived here 22 years but the lake is getting deeper every time there's a rainfall. So, you know, I, I personally appreciate the fact that you realized it and you allocated funds in the budget to get these, you know, projects moving instead of just, you know, putting some, you know, tar in the potholes. You know, you realize

that there's some major infrastructure repairs that need to be done so that tar will last a little longer.

I also appreciated the fact that, in the capital budget, you, you know, started putting money aside for the fire stations. Our fire stations haven't been updated for far too long. So, you know, so, with the budge, I was extremely happy with that. I believe that the morale inside City Hall is much better than it's been in a very long time and is probably because of the contracts that we were able to negotiate. The employees are now getting raises. But I think, another reason is because there's better leadership here in the City. And, um, you know, some people have retired and I think the new hires..., you know, you're doing a great job with the new hires. You're getting true professionals inside City Hall. You know, qualified professionals. So, you know, I really appreciate that. You know, the warehouse, everyone knows where I am on the warehouse but we asked you to bring something back to us and you did. And you know, it's up to this Council to decide and, you know, there's an Item after this where, I guess, that discussion will continue. So, all in all, I think in the past six months I have seen a tremendous change. I've seen a change in attitude with the employees. You know, I think everyone is finally stepping up. You know? We're on a totally different level now. So, I am..., I'm very satisfied.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I move that we continue Ms. Jones employment with the City for an additional contract, two year contract, having the Chair negotiate the terms and bringing back to the Board for discussion.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Is there second?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Properly moved and second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I would just like to hear why two years?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: My motion is for two years because all..., most of our leaders, our CEO's, we afford those two..., actually, some have even gotten three year contracts. But, that's my, that's my motion. I believe that it deserves a, a two year contract. That's my motion. If, you know, somebody wants to bring up something different, then that's fine. But that's, that's where my motion is.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anyone else? Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilpersons Davis and Miller-Anderson dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Thank you. Item 12.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 12. RESOLUTION NO. 150-15 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH ARCHITECTS DESIGN GROUP TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX BY INCREASING THE CONTRACT VALUE TO PAY OUTSTANDING ARCHITECTURE DESIGN FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$351,468 AND TO IMPLEMENT VALUED ENGINEERED DESIGN OPTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,575 FOR A TOTAL INCREASE BY \$421,043; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO 10% FOR ONLY THE VALUED ENGINEERED DESIGN OPTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,575 ; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 310-0203-521-0-6251; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Properly moved and second. Two public comment cards. Bonnie Larson and then Fane Lozman.

MS. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MS. LARSON: I hope there is an explanation of this because when we read the Agenda, we should be able to know exactly what's going on and by reading this I can't understand quite what's going on. It says here that "approving amendment number one to the existing contract with Architects Design Group,' alright, 'to pay outstanding architect design fees.' What does that mean? 'In the amount of \$351,500. And to implement valued engineer design options in the amount of \$69,600 for a total increase of \$421,043.' That's off.., almost have a million dollars that we're increasing that contract. So, I would like an explanation of that because I don't understand what are outstanding architectural design fees and why the increase of another \$69,600. Then it goes on to say, 'authorizing City Manager to approve change orders for the valued engineered design options.' Again, I don't know what that is. 'Valued engineered designs options in the amount of an additional \$69,000.'

So, if we could have an explanation of what this means because, just by reading this, I don't quite get it.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Fane Lozman.

MR. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Singer Island. I'm still waiting for an address from our outstanding City Manager after a year and a half.

If you look at the backup for this document, it says the original design costs in 2013 was \$6,049,791. And now, three years later, it's up to \$17,141,466. It looks like its tripled based on the backup for those two documents. This is a very expensive project, involves a lot of money. Just like the City Manager's contract for two year'.., two years involves a lot of money. We need to wait until after the elections in March, which is only 90 days away, so that the new Council, and there should be at least one, perhaps two new Council Members. Ya know? From the polling I've done, one person's gonna be gone and perhaps a second...

[Chuckles]

MR. LOZMAN: We need to have this kind of commitment, both in raw dollars in the terms of the project to wait until there's a determination on who's gonna be sitting up there. And the same should also happen with Ms. Jones contract. Ninety days, the odds are there will be changes. That's just the way it works in Riviera Beach. People come and go. And, for this type of expenditure, the new Council may say, 'You know something? We can't afford \$17,000,000. We need to repair the sewer pipes. We need to repair the roads. This is gonna have to wait.' So my suggestion, instead of getting to the merits of an extremely expensive process, table it 'til March and let the Council that's sitting up there, at that time, make a decision whether to forward. I'm not saying not to go forward. I think it's, you know, I think it's extremely expensive and I think that should be a decision for the leaders that are gonna lead us for the three year starting in March and it's appropriate to let them make that decision.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Alright. Ms. Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, Madam Chair and Members of Council. This Item is on here because I approached the Chair about a concern that I have as it relates to this project. If you'll recall, just very quickly, we brought the forward in one of our budget workshops. The consensus then was to proceed. Based on that, we continue to have the architect continue to work on the design of the building. That's the first chronology as to how we got to this point. This Item came before you in August in order to pay for the work that had been performed and that Item failed. If I'm not mistaken it was a 2/2 that night and I had a conversation with the Chair and expressed to her my concern that we have a vendor that has performed work based a decision to move forward and we need to make sure that we pay that vendor. Based on that, the Chair agreed to let me bring this back for discussion tonight. And so that's why the Item is before you is because I need to express to you my concern that this original construction grant, not design grant but construction grant, was \$6,000,000. Once it as designed with all of the things that we were able to do and the additional things, the cost for construction went up to \$17,000,000. As you know, with any construction project, if you've ever built a project, the design is generally somewhere around 10% of the construction costs and that's the way the market runs. It's not something that we set.

So now that you have a construction estimate of \$17,000,000 and the way we got to that and all of the work that needed to be done, I would like your consideration to continue to talk about this Item because we need to, at a minimum, pay the vendor for the work that they've done which is the \$321,000. You may let not to proceed any further and therefore we would not expend the \$69,000 that's there. But I would be derelict in my duties and responsibilities if I didn't bring to your attention, the potential that might arise if we don't take an action either stopping the project totally or moving on with the project so that we can continue to move this forward, as well as begin to provide our employees with the kind of facilities that they need.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Are you done? Okay. So, we really have two issues here. We have the issue of paying the vendor and for that we're gonna need a motion and then we need to decide are we moving forward with this. I passed down a letter that

I received and Staff received it also, Sancilio, who is over in the, in the industrial rea. They sent us an offer of \$8,000,000 to purchase that property. When we received this, I asked Staff to do an appraisal. The appraisal came back today and we just got it right before the Council meeting. The warehouse appraised at \$9,000,000. So, I just wanted to put, you know, put that out there.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do ya'll have another copy? Extra copy of that down there somewhere?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Of the letter?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible] get one.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thanks.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And if I may, of course, now this is the second offer that we've had. We also had an offer back in June so people are still questioning us about the property.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam...

CITY MANAGER JONES: As late as today, the representative from the offer that we had in June sent me an email reiterating their interest in considering purchasing of that property.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: One other thing I'd like to mention. I'm the City's representative on the Bioscience Land Advisory Board. I'm a Vice Chair of the committee and we were at Scripps [sp] last week. We were there almost all day and what we kept hearing over and over from some venture capitalists and also the leaders at Scripps and, and the, the group down in Boca, a lot of bioscience companies are looking to relocate to the north end of Palm Beach..., north Palm Beach..., Palm Beach County. But property's becoming very scarce. And, you know, I'm not a real estate agent.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: But, you know, for this property to appraise at \$9,000,000 and for us to have received now two unsolicited bids for the property, you know, it really, it says a lot.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: How did they know this property was for sale?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No one knows it's for sale.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, why they soliciting property that doesn't have for sale, that's not open to the market?

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's unsolicited.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It's unsolicited.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I never said it was solicited. All I said, how did they know the property was for sale?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I have no idea.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Just somebody riding through the City, see this building, 'Hey, let me contact Riviera Beach Staff...'

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It's not..., but it's not for sale.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'm not saying it is but why are people making offers for a building that's not for sale? You have to drive up in the industrial area to actually see that structure. So, that's nothin' that you're just driving passed by. It's hidden by UPS, its back off in the cut. How would they know that property would be in consideration for sale? Cause someone from Staff should tell 'em already, say, 'Listen, hey, by the way, the previous Board, before the new leadership got in place., well, one of the new Council Members made a decision already, two of us, before me and Guyton. The decision was already made so I'm trying to find out why there's different people soliciting this Board for this property?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Sig].

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's..., it is not uncommon when...

[Inaudible background comments]

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...people are aware that, earlier in the summer, you entertained the discussion about whether to sell it or whether or continue. It is for those individuals that have been successful in helping us reach the 96% occupancy rate over in our light industrial area know that it's sitting there. And, I just know the one that I got. And then, of course, the one that Ms. Pardo just shared. I was carboned on that for the

information that she got from that but we didn't.., I didn't.., no one in our office went out trying to offer it to anyone. They just know it's empty and, um...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well.., okay. Well, well, here's my, my concern with this matter. And I have... I'm, I'm glad that people are interested in our City. I'm very, very grateful for that but, once they contact the City, whoever they contact in this, in this facility. The first question should be, they're gonna ask Staff is, 'Hey, by the way, is that.., are ya'll interested in selling that building?' Before this letter even get typed up. Whether they're talking to Staff or to elected official, for some reason, they went out their way to actually type up an actual offer. So, they're typing up offers and, and putting 'em out. There's been some conversation with somebody somewhere to feel like that they're gonna take time to actually give us an offer. I mean, you can do a letter of, of interest and say, 'Hey, we're interested in the property.' That's, that's one thing. But, to go to the extent to actually putting together numbers and say hey, this is what we wanna offer, this Board hasn't made.., I mean, the Board.., our previous Board already made a decision. So, how did we get to this point?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, I'd like to say something for the record, I have not spoken with the attorney, [inaudible] on this nor have I spoken with his client about it. Like I said, I received this, this was an unsolicited offer.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: May I suggest, since we have two issues to deal with. Deal with the first issue about payment and if we requested services and they performed the services, it's my position that we should pay. So I would like to put a motion on the floor that we pay the architect for the work that has been done. This is not approving the building [inaudible] forward, this is just to pay for services that have been requested and.., I mean, that have been...

UNK: Yep.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...rendered. And then we can discuss what we wanna do with the building and where we're going with that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Would you like to...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...second it?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: For discussion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Alright. Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: At what point did this Board decide that we were not moving forward with the construction of the project over on 13th Street? I don't ever remember that. I don't know how we get to this point. I don't.., somebody please tell me, at what point did this Board decide that we were not going to move forward?

[Inaudible background comments]

CITY MANAGER JONES: The decision in June was to continue. However, when this Item came on the Agenda, this Item failed. And I believe, was it a 2/2 that night?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That was a...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: 2/3.

CITY MANAGER JONES: 2/3?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I don't think...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: 2/2.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I don't think...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Thomas was not here.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You weren't here that night?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I wa'n't there?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You weren't here.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh. Okay. I wa'n't there.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But the motion...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I don't believe that I., I believe I was here but...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: I think you were here too.

UNK: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It was a 3/2. It failed.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Me too. I remember that.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It failed 3/2.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It failed.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: 3/2.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And for it to go 3/2, Thomas would've had to be here.

[Inaudible background comments]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I just wanted to make sure, ya know?

UNK: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Well, [stammer], my concern is, if the, this Board, several years ago, made the decision to move forward with this, since that Board has changed and we still have not moved forward with it and I heard a previous speaker say that he's done some type of poll and the Board is gonna change again...

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...and we would still not have done anything with it. Until this Board makes an official decision not to do something with that building, it needs to move forward. Now, if the Boards wants to, to do that, then you'll probably need to do that now but, other than that, we need to go ahead and continue moving this forward.

And, that's my only issue with the motion that, that Mr. Guyton just made because there has been no motion not to go forward. Period.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, Madam Chair, if I may?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That discussion, I thought, would take place immediately after this motion...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: To decide whether we're gonna...

UNK: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...move forward or not. But we've been, um, in a delay position of paying..., well, not a delay, they, they haven't gotten approval to pay them and they've done the work and it's been a long time now. So, I was just trying to move that part of it forward, then this Board discuss where we go from here. Like, right after this motion. Like, these people get paid, they've rendered the service, they've been waiting a long time and it's not good business practices for it to get caught up in this politics up here. They've done the work, let's pay 'em. Okay? Now we decide what we're gonna do with the building. Right after this motion.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And, I'm just saying, the fact that you're having to break this up like that...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I understand.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...is a problem.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I understand but it is...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Because it should be to pay and continue to move unless someone says this is a motion that I want to have. It has not been that way and we shouldn't even be discussing it that way. It should be, this is the motion that is here, we need to decide up or down and move on. Tha'..., that's all I'm saying. Continuing to split this out..., and I know that there's people that don't want us to go which way or not with the building but the decision needs to be made and we need to move on. Period. So if you wanna break that motion out and keep it that way, fine but we immediately

need to go back and make sure that Staff has the correct direction, you know, to move it forward.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. And Madam...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Or not...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...Chair...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...move it forward.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. I would like to move forward with breaking it out because that's how it got caught up last time, it was combined with the decision whether to move forward or not.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And those who didn't want it to move forward, got [stammer] when they cast their vote, they voted against payment too and that's a problem with me. The people rendered their services, they need to be paid, so I don't want it to get caught up in politics again. So, that's why I broke it down so we can deal with that and the people get paid, we keep our good credit rating and then we can deal with what, what we're gonna do with the building.

So, I call the question, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Alright. So please pay the gentleman.

CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible] will.

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Federal Express.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. So, so we have this letter for \$8,000,000. We have an appraisal for \$9,000,000...

CITY MANAGER JONES: And an earlier offer.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And an earlier offer for \$8,000,000.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: we have...
BD: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And Gilbane is saying it's gonna cost \$17,000,000 for buildout. And we don't have all of the funds. So, go ahead, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. My position has not changed on moving forward with this remaining a City owned building. We are now leasing buildings around the City at a tune of \$300,000 or more a year.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Been doing that for a while now. Over ten years, that's \$3,000,000. Twenty years \$6,000,000 and we have a facility that we can bring all of our people in under and not have that outside expense. The other reason why I support moving forward with that building is, it's not just gonna be for the police and for Public Works. It's also, as I understand it, gonna be for the emergency operation center. Am I correct in that? Madam Manager, would you speak into the mike?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We don't have the money.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. We want to do the [inaudible] eventually, to make it..., and get the grants in order to make it also our own EOC for hurricanes and disasters.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So, I, I guess my point is that, why would pay to lease property when we own property? That doesn't make much sense to me. Two, the buildings that the police department and the Public Works departments are in, there are six buildings. They've been there since 1970 something. It's time for our employees to get into a building that, one, don't make them sick and two, that everybody that the police and Public works need, can be under one building. Right now they're scattered all over the City. And that is not, in my opinion, a good business model for the residents.

So, there are people that don't support keeping the building for various reasons but the police chief and those in the police department that I've talked to...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, he's not here anymore.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: They feel that the best move for them would be the building that we own and it will save the City over \$300,000 a year which makes economic sense to me, to move forward, to keep what we own and bring our people from those buildings where we're leasing. So, my position hasn't changed. From what I understand, the police department position hasn't changed that that would be the best arrangement for them. They are the ones who are the professionals. They know what they need and if they're still supporting it, I'm still supporting it. And I would hope that, you know, our colleagues understand that one way or the other, we have to make a decision. Up or down. We can't keep going on this trajectory here. That's...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...that's not..., that's indecisive, so.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead, Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. First, I'm gonna reiterate very quickly that a Board has made the decision already. That's first. We should not even be talking about this unless we're talking about not doing it. That's the first thing. And that decision was made two years ago or three years ago.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Three.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Three.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Three years ago. That decision was made. But let's go back some ten or twelve years ago when it was first made to do a new police department and this how things get stagnated in the particular government process. Because policymakers change, immediately when it has to do with any type of funding, things just get off course. And this project got off and now it's having some trouble getting back one. And I can assure you that if you, if you keep trying to kick the can down the road, that the issues are gonna get greater. I get it. One way or the other, I get it.

However, what is being failed to say, that if we don't do this.., say we decide, for whatever reason that we're not going to keep that building, say we're gonna sell it.., well, first of all, we're gonna sell it for at least the appraised value and I haven't seen any offers that met yet that. That's the first thing. Secondly, if we went back to the old plans, from what I understand and please correct me if I'm wrong, that it's gonna take \$4,000,000 to do it, four additional million to do it on this site and it's gonna take four additional million to do it on the site that's on 13th. Am I correct?

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's correct, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So, you have six in one hand and a half a dozen in the other. We've already purchased the building, the Boards have made a decision already on the building. I think we need to move forward. However, what I'm asking this Board to do is whatever we decide to do tonight, let's do it. If we decide to sell it, sell it. If we decide to go forth with it, go forth with it and let that be it. Let's not continue to kick this can down the road.

That's all.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anyone else? If not, someone wanna make a motion?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I have, I have [stammer].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: I have a question for the Attorney.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ms. Ryan?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: She's not here.

MAYOR MASTERS: Then, possibly the City Clerk as well. I agree with Mr. Lozman to a certain extent or either he agrees with me. From day one I have proudly and humbly opposed this warehouse, as the Chair calls it and we continue to call it a warehouse for what it is in, in our thinking. For several reasons. First of all, common sense tells me that if it was approved three years ago and it never got off the ground, there must be a reason. Things keep changing. The people who voted for this warehouse in its infancy who gave this to us to move forward are gone, every last one of them lost the election. I took this issue to the people cause I think it's important that we understand, this is not just..., this is not our building. It, it would belong to the people. And I strongly feel that the people should have the right to decide whether or not we want our complex to have a new police station here..., and I know I asked for you, Madam Attorney but I'm gonna get to you..., and, and have the space for the leasing, uh, that we wouldn't have to lease the new police station would accommodate that. So that wouldn't be an issue. Plus, if we sold it, it would certainly be on a tax roll and would be bringing income into the City.

My legal question for you, Madam Attorney, if this Council..., and let me just say this, the last election, the very last election that was held in this City. The person who championed getting rid of the warehouse or not moving forward with the warehouse won the election, decisively. No question. Particularly where it really counts in the community where the warehouse is located. Now, my question is, if this Council decides to go ahead and vote this in, irrespective of how we feel the people feel about it and I do feel the majority of residents of Riviera Beach are opposed to the warehouse, they want something new. Question is this, if they vote for it, the referendum that we've been holding with over 2,000 signatures and we will get more, if the referendum is put on the ballot which I think it's the only fair thing since this has gone up and down with these different Councils coming in, once it's put on the ballot and the people decide they don't want the warehouse, does that trump any decision that this Council may make tonight? If the people decide..., I mean, if the Council decides that they want the warehouse and the referendum basically says sell it or get rid of it or keep..., keep the complex the way it is, everything should be here. Does that trump what this Council could possibly do tonight?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You know, as a lawyer, we don't like to give yes or no answers and I have spotted so many issues in your questions. One being whether or not the signatures that you've gotten in the past, I don't know how old they are but they may be considered stale, that's one issue. Another issue is, are you try'..., once you make a budgetary decision and you've expended money, it is very difficult for a vote by referendum to undo a budgetary issue. So that's..., I'm not sure, depends on what the question is. I'm not sure if what the taxpayers vote to do, whether or not it would..., I'm not sure if will ch'..., would change or trump the, the Council's continued vote if they decide to allow the public safety building to be renovated and, and completed.

Another issue is, and it does depend on the question, are you saying that you don't want the police department to move because the City already owns the property. So, I don't believe that a referendum could say sell the property. That's what yo'..., you have

elected representatives to make those types of decisions. So, it depends. I mean, your [stammer], I wanted to lay out...

MAYOR MASTERS: Depends on, on...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...some of the issues.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...the question, how the question is, is asked.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. It depends on what the question is.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And...

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I will have to, you know, obviously keep.., get legal advice as to prepare the question and we could possibly, and I know we could, get out and get the required amount of signatures on a new petition. Cause you, you, you make a good point. Maybe people's opinions have changed but I don't think so.

So, now to the C'.., to the City Clerk, when is the deadline for referendums to be given to the elections office?

[Inaudible background comments]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, the date that we would have to have the question in to the Supervisor of Elections Office is December 11, 2015.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. The next question is, and I think one of my Councilmen made a good point that it's been voted up and voted down. Let's just hypo'.., hypothetically say this Council votes, says up again, which I hope they, they wouldn't because I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, it is against the will of the people and I've moved around in the communities and I just know the people just don't want the warehouse. They don't want it, they don't want it. And I think if a poll was taken that this Board would pay for by the Gallup or whoever, I think they would see that the people don't want the warehouse. So, having said that, Madam Attorney, if by fate or by chance that one of the seats change and the new Council, would the new Council have the authority to make an adverse decision to what could be possibly made tonight?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, these are all Resolutions and.., being passed by Resolution and there are consequences. This would be a financial consequence but, of course, you can always reverse yourself.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Council can always reverse itself. But there's a financial ramification.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, let me just say this in conclusion because people have been pulling at me from all different angles and I said to all them the same thing, I am not getting in anyone's election. I'm not gonna get involved, I'm not supporting this one against that one but I will tell everybody, under the sound of my voice tonight, that I'm going to champion against the warehouse and that will be on everything I send out what my position will be and it will be clear.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mayor, I got a lot of respect for you. Let me understand. So, so what is your vision of, of the City moving forward?

AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: It's... [Chuckle]. I have a lot of respect for you, Mr. Davis. But, my vision does not encompass the warehouse. My vision encompasses a brand new facility on this campus that is centralized and not in a semi-residential business area. That's number one. Number two is, I'm elected to carry out..., and I just saw this literature..., I just saw this on a person's literature from up here, government by the people for the people of the people. My position is, I should never, as an elected official be disconnected from what the people want. And if it's clear to me that people have voted me in this office to carry out what they want, certainly that's a, that's my vision, is to carry out the will of the people and to help give that leadership to make sure the people get what they want, that this City will continue to be the best waterfront city in which to live, work and play without a warehouse.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I hear you. I think a lot of can say we, we serve the people and I challenge..., you know how I feel about the people but I don't refer to structures that are so highly demanding as we can see as just a warehouse. There's certain communities that, that are fighting for substations, let alone a police station. But, you know, I've been torn on both sides of this issue. You know? I can understand those that want to keep it on the blue. I want..., I've always been one of those people but then as I started thinking about hurricane, um, if something was to hit this community in the next two years, you know, unfortunate situation, what type of infrastructure will we have in place to put our people in the front line as far as getting help and services? There's no

plan with that building being here. And that's the problem I ran into after doing my own particular research.

[Inaudible background comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: If a hurricane hit, where are our people gonna go to get service from? And, with that building being there, one of the things I do like about the actual plan, is the fact that they will be the first ones in line in their own community with a, with a building that will actually support and put them first. I would hate to see residents of Riviera Beach running to another community hoping to be treated the same on, on the back of a travesty in Palm Beach County all because of a tough decision.

I'm gonna continue to weight this decision out. If, put in a position to support it tonight, I ask the Board to, to let's take it to the people. If that's what you wanna do. Let's workshop it. Let's, let's bring it in, let's talk about logist'..., the numbers, the actual money.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And discuss the money, how it's gonna impact this community in the future. You see that, right here on Silver Beach Road they're getting ready to build a station for, is it the same..., what is it called?

MAYOR MASTERS: Amory.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: The Armory, right? So, if something was to hit there, that Armory's gonna service Riviera Beach, Lake Park, North Palm Beach and potentially Palm Beach Gardens. So, what do you think's gonna happen if a hurricane hit tomorrow? Who's gonna get served first? Who's gonna served last? We know our history. We know how people feel about Riviera Beach but we know how we feel about ourselves. I'm not gonna beat on this issue. It's very tough. But I'm gonna make the right decision if put in the decision tonight but I've been going to people and asking them where do you see the City? We need to sit down and talk with the younger generation and ask them, where do you see your City in the next five or ten years because, in the next ten years when there's nobody's here on this Board, whatever decisions that this Board or any other Board make, it's gonna impact that next generation. And that's what we need to think about right now.

That's all.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anyone else? Alright. Someone wanna make...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. I'm ready...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...to make a motion that...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. What's your motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...some point we have to just make a decision.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. Make a motion...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I do want to make a comment.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Go.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Um...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, hold on a second. Mr. Guyton had the floor.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'll, I'll yield to...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But, I mean...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I never got to talk about.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Appreciate it, Mr. Guyton.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You know, I, I think, of course, I'm in support of the police department having a building that could withstand whatever it is that comes upon them in a, a ba'..., a sad situation when we may need them, um, i.e., a hurricane. But, the area of the warehouse, where the warehouse is located, I feel that there's a better use for it where we could have..., I'm not necessarily promoting this particular individual here but it's in a warehouse district area, near the railroad tracks where we're able to move, import/export things out. We..., when we initially started talking about the police department years ago, it was to build one right here and that was the decision that was made back then to do it right here but then all of a sudden it changed. Now it's, you know, you don't have enough space to build it here. You can't go up. Every reason why it can't be done here has come up but it didn't come up back years ago when it was initially discussed to have it here.

I am, I really believe that using that building for a different purpose..., and we keep saying warehouse because that's what it is and probably that's what it's best used for. And, you know, with the area in which it is, I mean, it's not even so much of it about being off the

Blue Heron or..., that's not my issue. It's just that I feel that we can use that building for a better usage that will help bring up our tax base. Having our police department here where it has been for many years and just expanding it in purchasing areas. Maybe that [inaudible] on J Avenue. I mean, we have many options but I don't, I don't support putting that money, \$17,000,000 into the building over there when we could very well use..., if we're gonna do \$17,000,000, I would like to see us do something here in this property area here.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Thank you. Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. I'd like to make a motion and police and told that doing it here would not suffice the police use. But I'd like to make a motion that we move forward on the building on..., what's that? 15th Street?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thir'..., yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: 13th, um, as, as it was planned for the police, Public Works and emergency operation center. Included in that as it moves forward, include the public and progress that's been made with that building and getting their input. That's my motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Properly moved and second. Go ahead, Mr...

MAYOR MASTERS: No public input.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: As a point of clarity, there's no motion needed for to move forward with that particular building cause it's already been approved. There's no motion...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. But...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...put on the floor to disapprove it either.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, why we putting the motion on the floor to move forward on something...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hold on a second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...that's already moving forward?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Well, if it's the sentiment to move forward, Staff needs to understand that. Staff's understanding is it's been in a hold period now...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Guyton...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...don't do anything.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Guyton? Madam Chair. If the Council is inclined to move forward, we would like you to look at the Resolution where you only approved the first part which was the pay the, pay the company, we would like you to add to your motion to allow...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hold on. Ma'... Point of clarity. Who's we?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Staff.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Because that was the Resolution. The...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...Resolution you have in front of you had two components.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: One was to pay...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...the company 80g for the past work and the second one was to pay them for future work.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's what failed the last time. So it's not enough. You're absolutely right, Mr. Davis, it's not enough to just say yes, continue working. We need some direction. We need to move forward. If we're gonna do this, add to the, to the

motion that we're authorized, under Section 2, to pay for the value engineering which is \$69,575.00 and allow the City Manager to approve Change Orders. That will help us to get moving...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...so that we can bring something concrete back in a timely fashion to, to move this process along.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I would amend my motion to include the language just articulated by the City Attorney.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr., Alright. Motion stands. Okay. I have a question for you, Mr. Guyton. When you mention public input, are you talking about a referendum or, what kind of...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, no.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...public input...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No, no, no.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...are you looking for?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No, no, no, no.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Just clarify it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: [Chuckle]. Let me back up.

AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No. Quickly.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And I'll discuss...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I'm, I'm asking.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...those referendum things later. No, I was just saying as, as we make progress...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So updating?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...we bring it back to the City Council, advise the public what's going on...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Fine.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...seek their input. That, that's what I'm talking about.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, there's a motion and a second on the floor. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilpersons Pardo and Miller-Anderson dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. So, Staff, please send a letter to that attorney and tell him that we are moving forward. We are not, uh, the building is not for sale. Okay. Thank you. Item 13.

13. DISCUSSION OF THE VARIOUS CITY ADVISORY BOARDS.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, ma'am.

CITY MANAGER JONES: If you'll recall, at the last meeting there was a discussion and the initial question was raised as it related to the Recreation Advisory Board. And, at that point, I mentioned that it's probably appropriate for us to look at all of our advisory boards. So what you've been provided with are..., is a description of the advisory boards that are contained in our codes. And, if you will look at that list of com'..., boards, t here's about three that have been inactive for, I know, at least a year and a half to two.

One of them is the Recreation Board, the Waterfront Advisory Committee, there's an industrial and promotional relations type board. And so, I would like to get authorization to hear from you tonight, see if you wanna continue all of them. Those that need to be restructured, bring back a structured purpose, those that are functioning well, let them continue to move and..., cause, particularly as I look, there's only about two that really need to be looked at. And so we will proceed with that. There's a recommendation as it relates to the Recreation Advisory Committee. We've polled individuals, we know about how many we need so there's really no action, we just will, under your directive, go ahead and reactivate that ASAP and get your recommendations for suggestions for individuals so that could mit'..., at least that advisory committee can start moving as fast as possible.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. And what was the other one?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Waterfront Advisory and then Industrial...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

UNK: Uh-uh.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Let me say something about the Waterfront Advisory. I've asked several times in the past six months or so what was going on with the committee. I used to receive the Agenda. I haven't received an Agenda and I reached out to some of the members and found out that a lot of the members are no longer on the Board and they're not having any meetings. And I did talk to Mr. Brown about this too. With everything going on down at the marina, you would think that the Advisory Board would be meeting, maybe not every month but at least every quarter. So that is a Board that really needs to..., we really need to get that back together and we need members. I think there's one member left on the Board right now.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So, yeah. I have no problem with the Manager just bringing everything back to us.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And then have a discussion moving forward. Okay?

CITY MANAGER JONES: If, if I may?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: If we could look at the description for the Waterfront Advisory Board and for their purpose. [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It says to advise the City Council on matters related to the development, maintenance, operation, financial management and related issues pertaining to the City o'.., of City's own.., City owned waterfront facilities in accords with the present, future values and needs.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so it's.., when I look at that function...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Uh-uh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Do we wanna tweak that at all...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Absolutely.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...in light of...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. Tweak it a lot.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...what our future is.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: In light of what our...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...future's gonna be...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It needs to be tw'...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Let me bring back you a new scope for that...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. We need...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...particular group.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...to take a look at...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Absolutely.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. So, we'll bring back a new one for Waterfront Advisory. Recreation Advisory Board, are you okay with their particular function?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes, I am.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-uh.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Then, the other one is the Advertising and Industrial Promotions Committee. I would like to bring you back a new name and a new scope...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...for that one. The Drug Coalition Advisory Board is a part of the drug court so we will ask her about that particular advisory board. So, for those that you want us to go back and we will bring you a new scope for the Recreation Advisory Board, we'll commence immediately getting candidates and individuals to bring to you for appointment to that Board so that there's one representative according to the definition. If that's...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...desirable.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Alright. And we had a public comment card from the Waterfront Advisory Board Chairman. Are you coming up?

MR. K. COURTWAY: I am

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MR. K. COURTWAY:...[inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: While he's coming. I'd like to see all those boards filled...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Agreed.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Including the Drug Court Board and everything else. I'd like to see 'em all done.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I agree.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I agree.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Mr. Courtway.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Will do.

MR. K. COURTWAY: Uh, Keith Courtway. I'm the Chairman of the Waterfront Advisory Board, last man standing.

[Laughter]

MR. K. COURTWAY: I agree with you 100%. We need people who wanna work and be on that Board. I was elected, uh, I was appointed to the Board by the Council over a year ago.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Way over a year ago.

MR. K. COURTWAY: Way over a year ago.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

MR. K. COURTWAY: I had three or four members and we couldn't get a quorum.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MR. K. COURTWAY: And it was.., we had _____. Eventually, I.., one of the, the, uh, ways, that you get people off the Board is they don't show up.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MR. K. COURTWAY: So, the people didn't show up, we got rid of 'em.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MR. K. COURTWAY: _____ and we need help to get people on the Board. The, there's nothing wrong with the Charter. It, it just needs to be worked.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

MR. K. COURTWAY: And we need people who wanna work who are interested in the Waterfront.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We're gonna work on it.

MR. K. COURTWAY: We had done it with two guys on the Board. We've worked [stammer] and I'm not doing this to, um, to take credit for anything but we were involved with, uh, uh, Jerry Ward [inaudible] in helping to get the [stammer] FEMA was gonna reclassify our Waterfront as, uh, uh very exposed. And your Waterfront, various parts of it, would have to go 9' higher or eight, whatever it was.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MR. K. COURTWAY: Okay. We worked with it, there was only two of us working with it but FEMA rolled under and [stammer]. Um, you and I had a chance to work together [inaudible] the situation.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yep.

MR. K. COURTWAY: Okay? We had two members on board then and we were going in opposite directions. But...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We worked it out.

MR. K. COURTWAY: ...we worked and we got it done.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Correct.

MR. K. COURTWAY: So, especial if you do it with eight people. It's not a place where you go and hang your hat for a Thursday. Bring people who have skills, people who have...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Understand the water.

MR. K. COURTWAY: ...backgrounds in, in, uh...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Uhuh. Yeah.

MR. K. COURTWAY: Wha'.., what we need.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. I'm with ya.

MR. K. COURTWAY: Okay. [Inaudible] say.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

MR. K. COURTWAY: We're alive in that well.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. I un'...

[Laughter]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hey, I know. I know. I've been checking in.

MR. K. COURTWAY: [Indulge]. We just need people.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MR. K. COURTWAY: Riviera Beach, where are ya?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Keith...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...can he...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Go ahead, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Can you, or, or young man tell us what the Water Advisory Board what, what do they do? Basically? I mean, just sort of, just quickly. They what? What do they do? I mean, just quickly. I think I know but I want the public to know.

MR. K. COURTWAY: We have it in our Charter, we have.., we're, we're, um, we have no power other than to advise the Council...

MAYOR MASTERS: On?

MR. K. COURTWAY: Matters relating to the waterfront.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: The development, maintenance, operation...

MR. K. COURTWAY: Of the marina.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...and, you know, related issues pertaining to the City owned waterfront facilities.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good. Okay.

MR. K. COURTWAY: The CRA.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay? Alright. Keith, thank you.

MR. K. COURTWAY: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. So, you have your direction?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Are you good? Okay. Alright. So, at this time, we are going to go to public comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC -8:30 PM Non-Agenda Item Speakers (Three Minute Limitation)

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Public Comment should be restricted to issues, matters, or topics pertinent to the City of Riviera Beach. Please be reminded that the City Council has adopted "Rules of Decorum Governing Public Conduct during Official Meetings", which has been posted at the entrance of the Council Chambers. In an effort to preserve order, if any of the rules are not adhered to, the Council Chair may have any disruptive speaker or attendee removed from the podium, from the meeting and/or the building, if necessary. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. We have Port Commissioner with us tonight. Payton McArthur. And then Daisy Gaskin and then Richard Wester.

MR. P. MCARTHUR: Thank you, ma'am. First, I'd like to thank the Mayor, Chair Pardo and the Council Members. Those of you that were able to join us for the 100 Anniversary Gala out at the Port of Palm Beach, was a lovely affair. As I told Chair Pardo, I really enjoyed it but I don't expect to be at the next one.
[Laughter]

MR. P. MCARTHUR: I'd like to apprecia'..., extend our appreciation to your Staff for working with us on a variety of the things. I understand Ms. Jones is gonna be meeting with the Port staff tomorrow on a number of topics. I, um..., we wanna thank you for, um, working on the stone/rock issue. Hopefully, that's gonna come to a, a happy fruition. And I also wanted to thank you, um, for your..., just continued cooperation. I think we have a new..., hopefully, a mutual respect and a great understanding. We look forward to hosting you at the, um, next workshop when we get done with Mr. Bush's recommendations.

And with that, I'll just say, again, thank you and if you have any questions or anything you want me to take back to the Port, I'd be happy to do so.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

MR. P. MCARTHUR: Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Hold on. One second. Mr. Davis, go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You, you may not be around for the Port's 100 Centennial, but you'll be around for our Centennial in a few more years.

MR. P. MCARTHUR: I'll try'..., I hope so.

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: I, I wanna thank...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you again, Commissioner. We had a lovely time at the event.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It was beautiful. I felt like I was on a cruise ship.

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: The entertainment.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just want to say..., thank Mr. Peyton for working with us and I know with our Chair and working with you will continue to make progress and continue to be in the spirit of partnership and thank you for coming to our meetings and reaching out to us consistently. We appreciate it. I know I do.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Daisy Gaskin and then Richard Wester.

MS. D. GASKINS: My name is Daisy Gaskins. I live at 380 West 19th Street, Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MS. D. GASKINS: I have a problem with the.., a neighbor, I should say. There's a halfway house next door to me and I've very concerned because there are people coming in. We don't know what kind of people they are. I know I'm not, um, maybe explaining it correctly but I do know I don't like it being that close to me.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hm.

MS. D. GASKINS: I am for people gettin' help but I would like to know why the neighbors are not being notified that there is a halfway house in their neighborhood. I wanna know who's running it, if it's being.., is it legal? Did the, uh, get permission to put one in the neighborhood? Um, I also would like to know who's supervising it. I see people going in all day and all night. I don't see anyone there supervising it. There may be. I don't know. Because I'm not home all the time and, uh, I'm very concerned because we have children in our neighborhood. We don't know whether there's pedophiles, child molesters. I would just like to know what's really going on and I know that there are two other homes, within the same vicinity that I live in and I would like to get some answers as to why it is being put in the black neighborhood when, most of the people that are there, are not black. And they all from out of town and which it, it really, it bothers me a lot.

And I thank you for the time that you've given me to talk about this issue.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ma'am?

MS. D. GASKINS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I have some information for you.

MS. D. GASKINS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Because over on the east side of town, over on Singer Island...

MS. D. GASKINS: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We have a lot of those halfway houses. Sober homes, drug rehabs and we have a street over on the Island that is filled with them. There's nothing else but that. We have one that just went in on Fairview Lane. A big, very large home on the intracoastal and they are all over. Now, unfortunately, we, as a City, can't do

anything about it because they fall under the Federal ADA Act. They are deemed to have a disability and if you have a disability, you cannot prevent them from going into residential neighborhoods. What the state did in the last session, they put together a voluntary registry. Which really is nothing but it's a step in the right direction. What we're also doing and, again, I had mentioned I was in Washington two weeks ago, so we had one of our congressional representatives in Washington draft a bill which would give the cities the power of zoning. You know, everything is, is in the Federal ADA Act. But, if, if Congresswoman Frankel can get this passed, then the cities would be able to regulate where these homes go. And what we, you know, it's not like the cities are trying to get these halfway houses, sober homes, drug rehabs out of the city, we just don't want them, you know, in clusters in these residential neighborhoods.

So, you know, I can tell you that we are working very hard on trying to get this bill, trying to get more people to sign on to it and to get it passed in Washington. So then the City of Riviera Beach could do something. And also, I just, you know, I wanna make you aware of this, this problem is up and down the coast. Boca Raton spent \$3,000,000 fighting this and they lost. Having these homes in residential communities, they lost. They are all over Delray Beach. They're in Lake Worth. They're over in Lake Park. Lake Park has a serious problem with them. So, what we can do as a City, if you know of these, you know, where these homes are located, we can have Staff make sure that they have a license and then we can also have the fire department go in and make sure that the codes..., that they're following the codes. But, at this point, we can't ban them. So that's what's going on but I, I totally understand and this is a fight that we've...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...taken on since, you know... I've been on Council almost seven yea'..., well, over seven years and we've been really pushing it through. And to get a little bit of traction up at the state was a lot. But now to finally have Washington looking at this, and we've had several senators sign onto it and congress people. I heard the first congress, uh, well, the second congress person that signed onto it, was a congressperson from Utah. Who would've thought that Utah would have this kind of problem? So, ma'am, I just wanted [stammer]. I went over my three minutes.

MS. D. GASKINS: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: But, no. I just wanna let you know that we, we know what's going on. But what you can do is give us the address so we can make sure that they're operating properly.

MS. D. GASKINS: Thank you very much. I'll give it to ya.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: And also, Madam Chair. Yeah, she's talking to Ms. McKinney. Also make sure that she gets the own'.., she wanted to know who owns them, Ms. McKinney. So make sure we give her that. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Richard Wester and then Bonnie Larson.

MR. R. WESTER: Yes, ma'am. Richard Wester. Retired Fire Chief.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MR. R. WESTER: Seventy, 70 year resident here. About thirty years, the City Manager shut down a system we had here puttin' solid 24k gold on fire trucks. Filled with white paint and yellow paint. I think this City Manager brought this system back. Singer Island over there lookin' for a reduction in the millage rate, water rates going up, infrastructure, old people around here picking cans, metal. Go out on 25th and railroad, they down there selling those cans and stuff trying to pay their taxes. I think there's two fire trucks and a rescue truck vehicle here. There ain't no paint. There's 24k gold. They painted and they put gold leaf all over the truck. You ride by you see 'em and, [inaudible] 'Mayor look good, don't he?' Yeah. But these people out here, pickin' up them cans and all that, t tryinna pay their taxes, they don't think he look that good. Some of the firefighters say, 'Man, I wish we had that money in our pocket.' West Palm Beach don't do it no more. Palm Beach County don't do it no more. I guess Palm Beach Shores makin' a little money off us, savin' a little money, uh, so they gold leaf all over their truck. Little ole town like that. But, uh, that shouldn't be happenin'. You guys [inaudible] 24k gold and I'm not jokin', it's gold. 24k.

Uh, I ride around through this town here the other day. I passed by the post office, took pictures out there. It was all junked up and everything. I sent the letters to Alcee Hastings, Danny, his assistant. Everybody. Took pictures and everything. Sent 'em all up to Washington, D.C. People up there say we got a, a judge down here they ga'.., put his picture up there and look how it look. I went by there the next day, they had the lawn mowers, the shovels out there cleanin' it up. That's what I do with the City here, see? By the building for sale? That was probably was in one of my emails. Uh, I have a problem with the City, trash be everyone, old raggedy buildings, I send 'em all up northeast, Connecticut, everywhere. Say, why don't you move down to Riviera Beach? This could be your neighborhood. Then they come and clean it.., they come and clean it up. I know how to get s'.., stuff done. And I get it done. Like, right now, got a lotta st'.., a lotta stuff going and I go home and get on the computer, start talking about the election again. Try to get some people. One of ya'll got ta go up there.

[Laughter]

MR. R. WESTER: One of ya got to go. I pick Mr. Davis.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Bonnie Larson. Tommy Walker.

[Beep]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And then Eric Williams.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. Your discussions tonight have completely changed what I was gonna say. I asked a lot of questions...

AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

MS. B. LARSON: I asked a lot of questions about Item No. 12 and, because I didn't understand it by reading the Agenda. Nowhere on there.., so I'm gonna ask Ms. Ryan, was a vote on whether to keep or sell that property legal? Because it, it wasn't listed on the Agenda that that was gonna be discussion item so people who wanted to come here, not on my three minutes, later... Um, it's not on, uh, it wasn't on the Agenda to discuss it. So, I'm wondering if that is even a legal vote. And I would've asked that question no matter how the vote went.

The other thing is, there's a lot things going on in the City but this.., and the CRA, I know Ms. KaSham'.., KaShamba Miller-Anderson took a tour of the police department because, in the original CRA, in which our house is located, there has been a lot of crime. We have Clean & Safe but we're not feeling too safe. There's been several murders there lately. One night I was awoken at quarter to three with assault rifles going off. Eight, nine shots at time. Happened twelve times. We're not feeling too safe in the CRA. Our Chief of Police, I understand, is running for a county position...

AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

MS. B. LARSON: And he mentioned, I saw him on TV and he mentioned that he had in mind a program for the youth that would prevent crime. And so I'm wondering, have we tried this program here in Rivera Beach? It would help him if he could say, 'Hey, this worked in Riviera Beach.' And, if he has this program in mind for the youth, as far as controlling crime, why haven't we, at least, implemented it here in the City?

The dashcams, are there dashcams on our existing police cars? I don't know if there are or not.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

MS. B. LARSON: I fully support that. Da'.., there are. So, can those be transferred over to the new vehicles? That's my question.

UNK: [Inaudible].

MS. B. LARSON: Also, the bodycam cameras, excellent idea. Let's go with that. Every city should have it. You see on TV there's a lot of controversy about shootings.

Those, those cameras are gonna be our key. So let's get them no matter what it costs, let's get them.

UNK: [Inaudible].

MS. B. LARSON: There was so'.., oh. Yes. I went to the P&Z and that property they wanna put in the very dense housing complex. I'm gonna call it tenement housing because that's what it is. There aren't even enough parking spots there. My suggestion is, when you have people come here, have the owner come here. Don't talk to the architect, don't talk to the builder. This guy didn't even know the street there had been abandoned twenty years ago. I said to him, 'That property right next door, which he owns also, the, the shopping center is for sale,' and he said, ' and he said, 'Well, I didn't know that.' That shopping center's been for sale since they renovated it years ago so don't, don't waste our time and the City's time.., they said they've been discussing that with the City for two years, don't waste our time unless the owner's, at least, willing to get here and have some answers. Those people cannot give us for sure answers. So, we're wasting our time with those people.

Also we need to address that he said that Riviera Beach only requires two parking spaces per unit. That is ridiculous. Imagine the fights...

[Beep]

MS. B. LARSON: ...that are gonna break out when people only.., families only have two parking spaces. Let's revise that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Tommy Walker. Eric Williams and then Fane Lozman.

MAYOR MASTERS: And while Mr. Walker is coming, Ms. Bonnie, I agree with you 100%. We need bodycams, we need to get 'em now.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Whispering]

MR. T. WALKER: My turn?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening, sir.

MR. T. WALKER: Good evening. Tommy Walker. 158 2 West 9th Street. Sayin' hi to ya'll, most of ya'll and introducing myself to you, Ms. Pardo. I am running for City Council, District 3. I just wanna address a few things real quick like. First of all, the infrastructure, I walked in the same water 50 years ago. As we raise the tax on the, uh, citizens once and come right back and raise it again, I don't care if it was 25 cent. I think we coulda waited, put that in the budget and did something a different way. Now, I'm done with that.

I just want to let the Council know that Mr. Lozman had a good point. Maybe we sho'..., we are spending or we are attempting to spend so much money that maybe some of this stuff, a lot of this stuff, should go until the next election. So that I..., I, don't have to deal with stuff that I have to revise. It's sad. We're on the move. The City is on the move but we don't have to spend all this money. We need to slow it down, regroup, prioritize, plan and I'm [stammer] with that and I'm glad you..., that you all came to the decision that Ms. Jones gotta eat too. Ya know? Give her a nice contract. Everybody has to be on top of their job. Everybody. You impressed me last meeting, City Attorney. I didn't think you had it in you but you showed me a lot.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: [Laugh].

UNK: [Chuckle]

MR. T. WALKER: You, you really did. I am looking forward to making this City go forward. But I wanna start with the people and we, we ain't gettin' it over here and I think I'm the best candidate for this job.

Nice to..., oh, she gone. All ya'll know me but I was just introducing myself to Ms. Pardo. Ya'll have a blessed day.

[Inaudible background comments]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I just wanted to say something, right quick.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr'...

[Laughter]

MR. T. WALKER: I still got thirty seconds. Yeah. I was just looking for you. Everybody...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

MR. T. WALKER: Everybody else on the Board know me.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Well, nice meeting you.

MR. T. WALKER: Straight.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Ms. Miller?

MAYOR MASTERS: You're doing a good job.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. I just wanted to go back real quick and just address Ms. Bonnie's comments about the crime. I did speak with interim Chief Coppin about a week or two ago regarding the plan that's in place to address the issues that are going on, particularly in District 2. So I can get with you and, and, as well as Mr. Cop'..., Assistant Chief, Interim Chief Coppin get with you as well to show you that information on what they're working on.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Eric Williams and then Fane Lozman.

MR. E. WILLIAMS: Eric Williams. 310 West 19th Street. First off, I wanna say, Ms. Gaskins, I guess she's gone. She's my neighbor as well. Um, I spoke to her at length and all of my others neighbors about the whole halfway house, treatment center, whatever [chuckle] it is. You know, it, it was kinda like, uh, boom. We just found out about this. So it was, um..., and I, I kind of [clears throat], I wasn't quite sure but, after you spoke, Ms. Pardo, I heard and I remembered that we have the same issue. I work down in the City of Deerfield Beach. So, they have the same problem down there as well.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Absolutely.

MR. E. WILLIAMS: But, you know, it, it's still, you know, with talking with my neighbors, we have kids, I have kids and..., a, a neighbor that lives right across the street from the, from the house which happens to be 370 West 19th, um, he said he was in house one night, someone threw a rock through his window. They don't know who it was but, nine times out of ten, it was someone from over, right across the street. But, that being said, they are pass'..., I know they passed around a petition. I signed off on it. I don't know if they've, if, you know, I wasn't in charge of the petition but I know it's comping or it's..., or if it's already come to your attention.

The last time I was here, I, I had two issues I, I was ..., spoke about. One was getting speed bumps, on that same block. I have the, I have the signatures and I just wanted to know if I could leave them here. Again, I told you I work in Deerfield so it's hard for me to try to get to, try to get to the office, to the Public Works office and submit this. I just, I just asked if I could just get a copy of the signatures and if I could drop this off with someone here tonight that could get it to the correct... And, last but not least, the swale [sp] behind, behind my neighbors' house and our house still hasn't been addressed. It's very overgrown and that was something that I brought up. This was over a month ago. This was September, I think it was the first September meeting. So I was just wantin' to know if that's gonna..., how long does that process take? Cause it..., we, we..., I spoke about both of these, the speed bumps is going through, which I'm glad that's going through but I just wanted to know that was gonna take because, like I said, that, that

overgrowing you have snakes, raccoons, possums, all kinda stuff that hang out back there and, you know, we just wanna get that taken care of.

That's all.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Ms. Jones. Oh. Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

[Beep]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Whoever has that petition, if you guys can forward it to me? I'd appreciate it just so we can, you know, include it in everything we're trying to do up in Washington.

MR. E. WILLIAMS: Okay. Will do.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Alright. Ms. Miller...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Jones.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Could you get his information and, and follow up with those items that he's referring to?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I know on Saturday, at our chat, they discuss how.., Ms. Corbin [sp], I believe that Ms. Corbin, they came and cleared up some area in the back of your or something like that? So, see if we can address that issue as well for Mr. Williams regarding the, the tree or whatever it is that need.., the grass that needs to be cut, if that is our responsibility.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

UNK: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair? Mr. Williams, hold on one second. Madam Chair, I need to ask...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go right ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Are there two petitions that [stammer] was it one for the speed bumps and one about the halfway house?

MR. E. WILLIAMS: Yeah. I got one for the speed bumps. I.. that sent me this ba'.., this packet back so...

MAYOR MASTERS: So, you had one for the speed bumps...

MR. E. WILLIAMS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: And one for the halfway...

MR. E. WILLIAMS: And then the halfway house, the, the neighbors all got together, um, and I know I signed off on it about two weeks ago.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, there're...

MR. E. WILLIAMS: And there was...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...two petitions?

MR. E. WILLIAMS: I know Ms. Gaskins, she was here, ya know, cause I spoke with her when I, when I took the petition around for the speed bumps and we talked about the halfway house as well. We were hope to get more participation from...

MAYOR MASTERS: So, basically, the same people that want the...

MR. E. WILLIAMS: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...halfway house gone, want...

MR. E. WILLIAMS: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...the speed bumps.

MR. E. WILLIAMS: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: To the Staff, I would like to have a copy of that petition as well.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. Just...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Give it to everyone.

MAYOR MASTERS: Everybody has to speak for themselves. I'm just speaking for me.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Fane Lozman then Felicia Wilder.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. I dated a lady in Chicago who worked in the concrete business for a few years and I learned [chuckle], by osmosis, again, I guess, I learned about concrete. Some, there's different grades of concrete whether you're building a sea wall, whether you're pouring a sidewalk or whether you're building a fifty story building and the thing I took away from away from that that was just reinforced the other day, the old Miami Heart Institute in South Florida, they're rehabbing it because, if they tear it down, they would lose the density. So, they're rehabbing a, an old building, that has old concrete. Well, all the rebar is rusting out and they're spending a fortune to do it instead of tearing it down to build a brand new building.

One of the considerations is that, when I say that people don't want that warehouse, people do want a new facility. They want a new facility that's gonna be an architectural gem on Blue Heron. So, it's not that they don't want it, they just don't wanna rehab a piece of junk. And...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MR. F. LOZMAN:you talk about coast'..., cost 'll run from 6 to 17 million, by the time you're done, it may 25 or 30. So you always better, especially in South Florida when you rebar that rusts and old concrete, starting from scratch. You know, it's like, if you're gonna rehab a building, rehab what you got out there. I mean, you wanna new, brand new building with state of the art everything instead of, instead of doing what you're doing that just doesn't make sense.

Now, I've been writing for the Palm Beach Sun for the last six years and I wrote a story about, uh, the increase in the storm water rates, the stipend and other stuff and talks about two of the candidates that are running for reelection, Cedrick Thomas and Bruce Guyton. Uh, and I also mention Mr. Davis in the March election. People have asked me for a copy of this. We've given 'em all around town. You can go to Palm Beach Sun dot net and read the story. Just tonight, I think it's obvious that you gentlemen are of touch with what's going on out there. The OIG was an independent investigation. They looked into what was going on with the City Manager and people read that report differently than you two gentlemen have. Okay? I haven't found one person, and I've talked to well over 100 people recently, trying to get out the vote, that approves of Ms. Jones' behavior.

But I wanna share with you what Ms.'..., how Ms. Jones has impacted the public safety at Singer Island. She has allowed, and I pointed it out to her building official and I tried to point it out to her but she's refused to return my phone call, the gate for the public emergency access easement by the Sea Winds Condominium, has been chained and locked. So, if there's an emergency out there, somebody would have to find a pair of bolt cutters to cut that down, remove that gate to go to the beach if somebody's having a

heart attack and there's a fire. Those few seconds can me the difference of somebody livin' and somebody dying. Okay, I pointed that out. I pointed out the public easement has been grown over. She just doesn't care. I pointed out.., I brought it to the Mayor's attention, he said he would deal with it.

The leadership in the City Manager's office needs a change. But that is what people around town...

[Beep]

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...are saying and that's what I'm saying.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Felicia Wilder and then Willis Williams.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair? While she's coming, I, I do have the emails that Mr. Lozman has sent with some of his concerns. I do plan to.., I think you have it but to handle this in a professional way like he would, uh.., he's like any other citizen, he the right to have his.., have answers. And, we can continue to talk about it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: alright. Good evening, ma'am.

MS. F. WILDER: Good evening. Felicia Wilder. I reside in Riviera Beach, Florida. I'm here now to address some questions to the Board. I'm having some issues that addressed about four meetings ago in reference to a fence being built on my property. Peter...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Ms. Wilder, could you talk into the mic?

MS. F. WILDER: Peter Ringle allowed it to happen. So now he's telling me he let someone build a fence without a permit. So my question is, do we need to get a survey on the property before building to know that we're building on our property. That didn't happen. Can we build and get a permit later? That happened. Because I called him on September the 18th, 2014, that was on a Friday. The permit was issued September the 22nd on a Tuesday. The man approached me, and I've mentioned it to the Board before, approached me.., I'm walkin' my dog, you go over there running your mouth. He told the man I called, trying to get me killed. Now, that's an issue now. I had to call the police. 5:00 o'clock this morning, 3:00, the man is really harassing me. So, if anything happen, I just want it to be known. I'm done. They came, I call, they went to the house next door and tell him to call somebody on me for putting the buckets out with the bricks in 'em, he throwin' back in my yard. He's on my property. But so I say now, you makin' this thing reverse. You're reversing it back to me? When you call.., and I call the cops. So, I'm tryin' ta figure out what's going on. We need someone to investigate. Are these phone calls recorded because you can record that. If it's being recorded on September the 18th, I'm giving you the dates. That was on a Friday. 'Oo, Ms. Wilder, he didn't have.., he don't have a permit. No. No. No. I'm checkin'. No. I'm gonna fine him.' Hm. Didn't fine him. He paid for the permit later. You build and then pay for the permit

later. I'm glad to know that. That happened. I was in his office today. 'Oh, Ms. Wilder, I can't remember telling you that.' I just.., what in the world?

I'm just trying to figure out what's going on over here? I'm a senior citizen. People say, 'Well, we love seniors. We were....' I don't think so. Trying to get me killed. I don't think so. I wanna live just as long as the next man. And all I asked that I get police protection just like anybody else. And it's not happening. You go to the engineering department, I'm on my way to the doctor about to get killed. They doing construction [stammer], a quick fix of Silver Beach Road. Don't tell nobody. Don't tell the citizens nuthin', just build it. So, I'm late for my appointment. They're out there putting tar on the street. They don't have painted line, it's tape and it's coming up. Had single lines. I had to call out to the county, let them know. He came and put some tape, double line. They're just passing.., nobody cares. So, I'm here praying for other people not to killed. Guess who got hit?

[Chuckles]

MS. F. WILDER: Me. Me. I'm about tired. If I can that little junk up and take it somewhere else...

[Beep]

MS. F. WILDER: I would move. It makes no sense. So I have questions that need to be answered. I need some ans'.., it makes no sense.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Danny, will you get with Ms. Wilder? Okay. Thank you, ma'am. Willis Williams and then Bertha Corbin.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Come one.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Good evening, again. Willis Williams.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: I have few things here that I wanted to talk under Public Comments and one of 'em is that, I know each one of you received a copy of a memo sent to, uh, Human Resources, in reference to Pierre Smith at the marina, as well as, uh, Mr. Ed Lee down there. And something is noth'.., something is not done or taken care of. If you gave him five days suspension, and he's still doing the same stuff, if you gotta wait and do an investigation again, he'.., he'll be out, he'll be out, gone or whatever and, and nothing has been done. So, we, we're gonna have a big lawsuit on this City because we don't do the right thing. And the right thing is simply dismiss Ed Lee at the marina. Number one, he never got a clearance or waiver on his residency. He don't live in the City. I bought that issue up a couple days ago at the last meeting. Mr. Thomas, you

agreed with me. We went back and I see the new Human Resources Director and he said he's gonna move in the City.

UNK: [Inaudible].

MR. W. WILLIAMS: You got the same problem with Brent Johnson down at the mar'..., at Public Works, don't live in the City. Take vehicles home every day. Costing taxpayers more and more money. Mr. Johnson had a accident with one vehicle. I don't wanna say the City..., I don't know if the City knows about it but I understand that he [stammer]. Okay. Did he take a, did he take a, uh, uh breathalyzer or something?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Called me from the car, went straight to Concentra and everything was done above board.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Okay.

[Inaudible background comments]

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Ms. Manager, please. Don't, don't answer these personnel questions like this. This is completely inappropriate.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Again, these people don't live in this City. Okay? Uh, the sign in front of City Hall, we're talking about ordering a sign to put in place at City Hall. We haven't decided which, which City Hall it's gonna be yet. So why would we go out there and spend that money for a sign to be placed in the front of City Hall with the marquee that we keep talking about. I think we're, you know, putting the horse before the carriage again. Or the carriage before the horse.

Again, I'm gonna keep talking about this, uh, situation about this stipend. Uh, you guys gave yourself a raise to put..., to, to, the money on your..., to pay your stipend..., I mean, to pay your bill, your water bill, you whatever. But I, I didn't get no raise to pay mine. I got several pieces of property. It costs.

The other thing is that I'm really concerned about, you got an employee, Ms. Jones that works down at, uh, under the Public..., at... No, she works at the Riviera Beach, uh, Barracuda Bay. Her name is Sylvia Rolle. She's been working for the City for some over 21 years and she's not in a pension. I think it's unjust, unwrong. I don't understand how she got there. I don't wanna figure out what happened. But you cannot work a person for 40 hours a week and not give 'em benefits. Something happened.

[Beep]

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Bertha Corbin.

[Whisper]

MS. B. CORBIN: Good evening, uh, Mayor Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. B. CORBIN: Chair Pardo.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening, ma'am.

MS. B. CORBIN: Um, and Members of the Council. My name is Bertha Corbin and I reside at 131 West 27th Street in Riviera Beach. The hour is late and the issue that I wanted to talk about has really already been touched on several times and I think all of ya'll know what those issues are and I'm just praying that you do the right thing. And, um, if some of these issues tonight weren't so serious, they would be hilarious. [Stemmer] I'm just astounded at some of the things that are going on. And what I'm doing, is I'm just gonna pray about this. That, that's all I can do now. Pray and hope for the right thing. And, again, as I said, I've submitted a public records request. I've got no response. So again, I'm not gonna reiterate what others have said tonight.

And have a blessed evening. Thank you...

MAYOR MASTERS: Hol'...

MS. B. CORBIN: ...very much.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...hold on one second. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: Ms. Corbin?

MS. B. CORBIN: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: On your public information request, you haven't gotten a response yet?

MS. B. CORBIN: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: You did get a response?

MS. B. CORBIN: Yes. I did.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

MS. B. CORBIN: I submitted the request and I got the response, uh, yesterday.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And...

MS. B. CORBIN: And I...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...and that was in relation to the stipend?

MS. B. CORBIN: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. You did fine out, in writing, that three of us did not take the stipend. Mr. Guyton, KaShamba Anderson-Miller and the Mayor?

MS. B. CORBIN: Uh, I didn't really wanna get into that. As I said, it's, it's...

UNK: [Inaudible].

MS. B. CORBIN: [Stammer]. No, it was..., I could get it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Excuse me. What?

MS. B. CORBIN: I, I...

MAYOR MASTERS: Into the mic. Don't talk behind her, say it into the mic.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Wait...

MAYOR MASTERS: Say it into the mic.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Wait, wait., wait, wait.

MAYOR MASTERS: No. Don't say that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mayor, please.

MAYOR MASTERS: Say it in the mic.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Ms. Corbin.

MS. B. CORBIN: If the Mayor had...

MAYOR MASTERS: I just asked a question.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MS. B. CORBIN: That was part of, um, the packet that I got.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, that's what...

MS. B. CORBIN: Yeah. So...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...I thought.

MS. B. CORBIN: Yeah. So, I...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MS. B. CORBIN: ...know who voted, um, for the stipend or who elected to take the stipend and those who did not and there is one Councilperson.., and I didn't wanna get into this. There's one Councilperson who did not submit his election form by September 25th and I understand that if he does not submit it soon, that according to the Resolution, this isn't.., the stipend is not mandatory. It's completely voluntary, as the Attorney said. So, if he does not submit his paperwork then, of course, he will get the stipend. I think the 25th was just to get the payroll in order.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Correct.

MS. B. CORBIN: But I, I'm not gonna say who that is. You all know who it is.

UNK: [Inaudible].

MS. B. CORBIN: Um, thank you for your time.

MAYOR MASTERS: No. Thank you. I just wanted to be clear.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just wanted to be clear that...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. We're moving on now. That's the end of public comment. Item 14.

[Beep]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 14. VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 7, 2015.

MR. R. WESTER: I'm leaving. If I fall out here [inaudible] Mr. Terence Davis.

CITY MANAGER JONES: This...

MAYOR MASTERS: Come on, Mr. Wester.

AUDIENCE: [Chatter].

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: Don't, don't go there, please.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The Item that is before you is the consideration.

MAYOR MASTERS: Come on, Mr. Wester.

CITY MANAGER JONES: As you know, there will be two of you, at a minimum attending the National League of Cities' meeting...

UNK: I can say what I wanna say.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...which is why we will not have the...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...meeting the first...

UNK: Don't call me that.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...meeting in November.

[Chatter]

CITY MANAGER JONES: And, according to the letter that you saw from the National League of Cities, they would like for you to appoint your delegate, as well as the alternate for voting purposes. And since only two of you are going, that's probably pretty easy.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who are the two?

MAYOR MASTERS: Who are the two?

UNK: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: But it has to be official that they're appointed to be the delegate and the alternate.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who are the two?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I'...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Ms. Pardo...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...is attending and Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do we got a vote between the two of them?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: One.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You should let [inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Let 'em flip a coin and [inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I really don't care.

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You know, I'm gonna be there.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair. Uh...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You know...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: It doesn't matter to me one way or the other. But, since you're in the Chair capacity, if Mr. Thomas doesn't have a problem with it, I recommend you being in the voting and Mr. Thomas being the alternate.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I'm fine with that. Are you fine with that, Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It does not matter.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Alright. So, that's consensus?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. I'm fine with that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You don't need a vote?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm fine.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Alright. Community Benefits.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Oh, I'm sorry, Ms. Larson. Come on up.

[Inaudible background chatter]

MAYOR MASTERS: And I wa'n't even talking to [inaudible]...

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. I'm gonna have to put neon lights on my cards. And this, 'Oh Ms...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, no. I'm sorry, ma'am. You know, something like this I really, I didn't expect anyone to comment on it.

MS. B. LARSON: Okay. Well [inaudible] my comment.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So I overlooked it. So...

MS. B. LARSON: I'm gonna comment.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...go right ahead.

MS. B. LARSON: And I just wanna be an informed resident.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MS. B. LARSON: What, what are they gonna be voting on at the League of Cities? And how is Rivie'.., how does.., how is our representative, I guess that would be you, how will you vote on that question? Are there one question, many questions or... Like, how does this.., what are the questions that we're gonna be voting on? We only got one vote. We're a small city. And also, while you're up there, please tell them at the National League of Cities, that Ms. Carrie Ward no longer works for Riviera Beach. They've addressed this letter, dated September 22nd of this year to Ms. Carrie Ward so please make sure they know that Ms. Ward had retired. But if you could explain to us what this meeting will be about and what kind of questions do they ask and how will Riviera Beach vote?

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Sigh]. You know what. We haven't seen the questions yet. And what the questions will be, it'll be Resolutions supporting issues. You know, sober homes, like, we heard two people come in here tonight talking about the sober homes that are popping up in this community. Well, they're not just popping up here, they're popping up across the country. So, I'm sure there's gonna be some kind of Resolution supporting action in Washington to address. And that's usually what the issues... It's issues effecting cities. And then the delegates decide whether or not they support the Resolution or they're against the Resolution. And I always take into account, the City.

And sometimes I vote on this that I don't agree with personally but things that would affect the City in a positive way.

So, that's what happens, you know, at the National League business meeting in addition to the Florida League of Cities. It's the same thing. It's supporting Resolutions that affect all the cities.

Alright. Community Benefits. Item 15.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 15. INLET GROVE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL - \$1,000 - CHAIRWOMAN DAWN S. PARDO - TO ASSIST IN THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FOR THE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I would also...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...like to, also make a comment on that. Coach Alfred, I didn't get my paperwork in in time but you have a check coming from me as well.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And I also have one. It'll be on the next Agenda.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It won't be a \$1,000, but you'll have a check coming.

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. Right. Same thing here.

COACH ALFRED: [Inaudible] deeply appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. And I really appreciate you guys staying tonight.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You know, hey. You got a little entertainment.

[Applause]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's a challenge.

COACH ALFRED: And I almost brought all the kids.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Well soon, you guys are gonna have brand new uniforms. Okay. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Them Davis? Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Item 16.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 16. REVIVAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY MINISTRIES, INC....

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, Coach. I've got one on the Agenda tonight for you too.

\$500- COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - TO SUPPORT THE 5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR ON OCTOBER 10, 2015.

COACH: [Inaudible]. I appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a second?

UNK: [Inaudible]

MAYOR MASTERS: So move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam... No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Is there a second?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Madam Clerk?

MR. F. LOZMAN: Do I have a card on this?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, you do, Mr. Lozman. Sorry about that.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Singer Island. We talked about this before and we just had an example of it about ten seconds ago when Mr. Thomas said he'll have a check coming from him. The correct thing is he will have a check coming from the City's coffers. This is City money. It's not Mr. Thomas' money. It's not Mr. Guyton's money. It's not Ms. Miller's money. It's not Ms. Pardo's money. These funds are coming from the taxpayers who, for lack of a better word, I think we're defrauded of the fair market value of the City's garbage services. The OIG did a report and they determine that the taxpayers are paying, like, \$2.19 million more in garbage fees versus if they had gone with Southern Waste Systems. They had a much cheaper rate. And, in exchange for the Council at that time approving that higher garbage rate, Waste Management has given back \$97,000 a year to be doled out to different organizations. I'm not saying the basketball...

UNK: I'm trying to find it.

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...group is not a worthy organization. And I'm sure they are. But the point is, until we get the garbage situation sorted out, the next go around.., I think it comes up this year or next year, there isn't going to be a Community Benefits package. We're gonna, we're gonna put that money into the taxpayer's pockets, that \$2,000,000 difference. And it's out of that \$2,000,000 we wanna set aside \$100,000 for community benefits, fine but it'll be a much better deal for the taxpayers. Now, one of the concerns is, you look on tonight's Community Benefits. There's ten items. Sev'..., seven of them are from Mr. Guyton and the other three between the other Councilpersons, one each. The Council should, and they should do it tonight, they should say, each community benefit is coming from the City of Riviera Beach because it is coming from the City of Riviera Beach. These benefits are being politicized by a officials who are running for reelection. They're saying, 'Here. Here's a check for \$500,' and people are saying, 'Man. He is a great guy. Let's vote for him. You know, you really helped us out.'

That's not what these contributions are for. These contributions are for if it's a worthy cause, the City of Riviera Beach taxpayers are donating that money to you. And what does she do? It should almost be anonymous. Everybody comes in with a different group. I see..., first of all, there's like three or four going to the same basketball team. There's another one here tonight that's going to the basketball team and then some other people going to the basketball team. But there's four separate grants. If we did it all in one shot, we say, 'Here's a check for \$3,000 to the basketball team.' But everybody tries to get a little piece of credit, like, here's a check from me to the basketball team.

This should be from the City. It's being politicized. I don't know if that's ethically correct. The OIG has issues with the process and I, you know, I think it's wrong and a lot of other people think it's wrong.

[Beep]

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair. I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Go ahead...

MAYOR MASTERS: To the Manager.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: On the Community Outreach Ministry and the Fifth Annual Community Health Fair, is that the same Community Health Fair that former Councilperson Billy Brooks is associated with?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That, the one outreach that I'm supporting is. I, I don't know the Health Fair. She used to be associated with that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And she's been doing a very good with it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson...

MAYOR MASTERS: But naturally you would...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...Thomas?

MAYOR MASTERS: ...say that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: That's who you're supporting.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis? Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Chair Pro Tem Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Item 17.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 17. PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY, INC. - \$600 -
**COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - TO SUPPORT CIRCLES PALM BEACH
COUNTY (RIVIERA BEACH) A LOCAL PROGRAM UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF
PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY, INC.**

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We have two publ'..., is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Two public comment cards. Ensworth Williams and Fane Lozman. Mr. Williams, are you still here? Ensworth Williams?

MR. E. WILLIAMS: [Inaudible] City officials in your respective...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MR. E. WILLIAMS: ...place.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. E. WILLIAMS: Um, I'm here to tonight representing, uh, the Circles of Palm Beach County. I'm a Circle leader and I wanna express our, um, our gratefulness to Councilman Guytner. And, as the gentleman acclaimed to, to the City of Riviera Beach, for sponsoring us \$600 for support Circles of Palm Beach.

The program Circles of Palm Beach, I'm not sure if you're aware of it. What it does, it allows, um, family to, uh, begin to get out of poverty, to live above 200% of the, uh, percentile. So we are able to, to, um, you know, better, uh, take care of our families and contribute to the community. And, uh, when we started the program, each of us, you know, didn't know one another. We were just acquaintance and throughout the program, we have got so in touch with each other. We're no longer acquaintance or friends, we see ourself as brothers and sisters in the program. So, I just wanted to let you know that this program is really helping us. And not only is it a benefactor to us but our children. And our children is gonna be the future and when it starts with us, it's gonna trickle down.

So I really thank you for supporting the program and I, I wanna also say this. As a father of four, married, I'm currently pursuing my master's degree at Nova and, um, computer management and business analytics. I've been out of work for six months. I'm living off student, uh, loans. I've did everything that, you know, they, they said to do, to go to school, to keep your nose clean, to stay positive, to stay out of trouble, to be a good role model, to go to church. Not saying that, um, life doesn't come with hardship, that's part of it and God is testing you and you have a testimony after you've overcome, um, what you have gone through. But just to let you know that this program, you know, allowed me to, to be able to see God's hands movin' cause, not only do we go there, our kids are gettin' together. They're planning, they're talking and this type of program is gonna be able to somewhat curve, uh, violence and crime. So, um, you know, you can measure it in several different ways and we are so grateful that, uh, you guys have got onboard and the money that you're giving is, um, the kids come there and they're fed, uh, and we learn how to get out of poverty.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

MR. E. WILLIAMS: So, last thing is that, once we get out of poverty, then our community, Riviera Beach, is gonna get out of poverty because we [inaudible] a positive influence...

[Beep]

MR. E. WILLIAMS: ...then. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, [inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you very much, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Fane Lozman.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...have a question. I have a question. Where is the..., young man? Where is the, um, where are you housed at? What facility in Riviera Beach...

MR. E. WILLIAMS: Um...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...where the kids go to?

MR. E. WILLIAMS: ...it's Lindsey Davis, um, Center.

MAYOR MASTERS: Community Center?

MR. E. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Community Center.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

MR. E. WILLIAMS: So.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

MR. E. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Singer Island. Still don't have an address for five different properties out there. But, pay a lot of taxes on five properties and, therefore, I am concerned about a couple questions regarding the umbrella of Pathways to Prosperity, Inc. A, I don't know what that is. I mean, we certainly know the gentleman here for the basketball team, so that's..., we don't have a problem with that. But, Inc. Is that a non-profit Inc.? Is that a private company Inc.? What is that?

You know, one of the things I learned about non-profits and I learned that by actually going to Afghanistan, three months after 911, I went to Afghanistan on a humanitarian project to bring thousands of surplus trading computers from the Chicago trading floors and Chicago trading firms, to the schools they were setting up for the women in Afghanistan. And I had done a similar project in Kosovo. We set up a database of orphans during the Kosovo war. And what I learned is that the vast majority of non-profits where they say, you know, give a quarter, give a dollar a week to feed a young child, over..., it's, you can look it up and you can research it yourself. Well over 95% of those funds go for costs. They go for executive salaries, they go for travel around the country. They don't end up in the end users hand. They don't go to feed that child.

Now some charities that are run by hedge fund guys like Paul Tudor Jones, the Robin Hood Foundation, you probably heard about the Robin Hood Foundation. Those big donors, they fund all the administrative expenses. And 100% of contributions end up with the young children in New York. 100%. Cause they a'..., the, the rich billionaires who own..., or started Robin Hood, they fund the expenses. Where is the oversight to determine where are these City taxpayer's dollars going when it's not obvious? It's obvious the basketball uniforms, fine but, a company..., or, yeah. It's a company, it's incorporated, that I've never heard of. What due diligence had there been done to determine what percentage of that money actually ends up to the end user? Like the turkey giveaway, we know each turkey is going to a person who needs a turkey. We

don't have any idea how this money's being spent. Is it being spent in a proper manner? Is it being spent for a guy to go to Las Vegas on vacation? We don't know that. There hasn't been any due diligence done by the Staff to determine what exactly is going on. So when things are not obvious like giving away turkeys or buying uniforms or things of that nature or going to a church, you know, that we, you know, that people around the community have known that church for 20 or 30 years, there needs to be some integrity that the taxpayers are confident as to what exactly's going on here. There's no backup, that I have seen, to tell me who these guys are, what's going and I have a problem with that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Cahir?

[Beep]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Very quickly.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Quickly.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I've been...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You know, we have a half hour. We still have...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...a lot left.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I've been out to their meetings and I've witnessed the people that they're helping. And everybody know by now that I do not give a rat's behind about whether Fane Lozman know about the people we contribute to.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. Okay. Item.., okay, so, [ch-ch-ch]. Alright. Right. So, we had a motion and a second. Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson? Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis? Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilpersons Davis and Miller-Anderson out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Item 18.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 18. FAITH'S PLACE CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION, INC. - \$500 - COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - SPONSOR TWO (2) STUDENTS' TRAVEL COSTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FAMU HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. We have public comment card. Fane Lozman.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Singer Island. Okay. Let's take a look at what this says. Faith Place Center for Arts Education. Okay. So, it sounds like it has something to do with teaching young students maybe how to paint paintings or do sculptures or something of that nature. But, what it is involved, it says student travel cost to participate in FAMU homecoming festivities. Why are the taxpayers paying for students to go to homecoming at FAMU? Now, if the taxpayers are paying for them to go buy some art supplies or buy some, you know, sculpture supplies or something of that nature but the taxpayers are paying for two youngsters to go to the homecoming festival at FAMU. That, right there, is, is not a proper use of the funds which I'm saying should not be designated by individual Councilpersons [inaudible]. Something like that, you know., I mean, if you went and you talked to people [chuckle] around town and you say, 'Hey,' you know, 'your, your garbage rate's a couple million dollars higher but we're using the money for community benefits and here's an example,' I think they would laugh at ya. To send people to the homecoming festivities? Let 'em pay for their own, their own ticket to go there. Ya know? To pay their travel costs, let 'em do it themselves. I mean, this, this is, you know, you know, Mr. Guyton, people pay taxes in this community. You pay \$239. There's people that pay fifty, \$100,000. There has to be accountability for where taxpayer dollars go. And this particular deal, is not accountable. The school uni'., the basketball uniforms, that's accountable. But for people to go to homecoming festivities, I'd be embarrassed that you even put that on there, if I were you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis? Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Chuckle]. Thank you. Item 19.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 19. COUNCILMAN CEDRICK A. THOMAS 7TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TURKEY GIVEAWAY- \$7,000 - FOR TURKEY GIVEAWAY TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2015.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. We have one public comment card. Fane Lozman.

[Inaudible background discussions]

MR. F. LOZMAN: [Inaudible comment about his card]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Alright. So, we have a motion and a second. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Right now we're gonna skip over 20 and go to 21. Item 21. Healthy Food, Healthy Living. \$500, Councilman Bruce Guyton. We have one public comm'... Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Second? Alright. We have one public comment card. Fane Lozman.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Okay. Healthy Food, Healthy Living, Incorporated. Where is the backup for the taxpayers to know what is that? Is that a for profit company? Is that a not for profit company? Who are these guys? You know, where is a little explanation by Staff as to what they do, how long have they been in business...

[Inaudible background discussion]

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...you know, what are their, um, executive cots? How much money ultimately makes it to be distributed for food and cloth'.., clothes? Cause if it say.., say it is the norm of maybe five or ten cents on the dollar, then that may not be appropriate. I don't think that's appropriate for that money to go Healthy Food and Healthy Living. Now, if some hedge fund guy is picking up all their expenses, that may be a different story. But how do we know we're getting the best bite for the dollar that's going to Healthy Food and Healthy Living when we don't know what percentage of taxpayer's money. This isn't Mr. Guyton's money. This is the people in the community. How much money is ultimately gonna go buy a can of food for these people, buy a pair of clothing? Ya know? And if it isn't, if it isn't 100% and some of it's gonna be, you know, going to other kinds of stuff that, I have a problem with that. I know people around town have a problem with it and it, it all comes back to the same thing? Why is Mr. Guyton giving all these things? He's building goodwill with his voters out there. And, if I was at Healthy Food and Healthy Living, and I got a check, 'Hey, he's a great guy,' because think those checks are coming from him. I've asked people. Like, 'What do you think about that?' 'Oh yeah. It's nice for him to give us a check.'

It's the City that's giving the check and there's a lot of disinformation where people don't understand that around town. A lot of people understand it but a lot of people don't. They're not that sophisticated to understand what is going on. You know, why is the City, who's charging me more for my sewer rates, who's charging me more for my water rates, who's raised my taxes, why are they giving my taxpayer's dollars to Healthy Food and Healthy Living when my kids don't have clothes to wear or my kids are going hungry. You know, why is that being done? You know? And, and where is the accountability? You know, is all the food from this company coming into Riviera Beach or is some of it going to Lake Park? If some of that's going to Lake Park or a different community and not every dollar's being spent here, I have a major problem with that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Item 22. R.J. Hendley Christian Community School. \$500. Councilman Bruce Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Fane Lozman.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. You know, one of the things that was interesting about Martin Luther King, is he believed in all religions. You know, when he had his "I Had a Dream" speech he talked about the different religions and one of the problems you get into when you deal with a municipality's functions, as far as how they function, whether it's, you know, saying a prayer before a Council meeting or whether it's having the Ten Commandments up on the wall, they're pretty adamant as far as separating church and state. I'm sure you've all heard about that. Separate church and separate state. R.J. Hendley Christian Community School. Okay. I don't know much about R.J. Hendley Christian Community School. It sounds like a good school but I think you open up the door. Okay, you're giving money to a Christian school. What about giving money to a private school? What about giving money to a Jewish school? You know, I think you're opening up a, a problem where, if you wanna give money to a public school or a non-denominational school, that's cool. But when you start giving taxpayer's money to one religious school and not to a bunch of other ones, then I think you [stammer] a great argument can be made that you've crossed the line between separation and church and state with taxpayer's money then you've created an issue. You know, somebody could say, 'Well, it's only \$500.' But it's the principal. You know

what I'm saying? You should, you have to look at, you know, a Christian community school? Ha. You know? Mr. Guyton, he has a great job at the county. Let him give \$500 out of his pocket to the Christian school and he can give the other \$500 here, to the basketball team so they buy some new basketballs.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Item 23. Inlet Grove Community High school. \$500. Councilman Bruce Guyton to assist with the purchase of basketball uniforms. Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So move.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. One public comment card. Fane Lozman.

MR. F. LOZMAN: I'll withdraw...

UNK: You need a card.

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...the card.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton? [Pause]. Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Item 24. Youth Recreation Association. \$500. Councilperson Bruce Guyton to defray costs for providing Thanksgiving holiday meals to the residents of Vila Francisca.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. One public comment card. Fane Lozman.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. I have..., this is the..., who, who heads up the Youth Recrea'..., it's not clear. Youth Recreation Association.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It's in Calloway.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Right. Okay. Somebody can go..., I have a letter from Mr. Calloway that he forwarded me based on a significant contribution that I gave them years ago but it was a lot more than \$500. One of the issues here is that you're talking about the residents of Villa Franciscan and Joseph Village. Okay? The integrity of the grant, this is what we're talking about. The integrity of that \$500, Councilman Guyton's gonna walk around say, 'Here, I got you \$500. And by the way, I'm running for re-election in March.' That, matter of fact, that, that's an ethics violation. Alright? An ethics question. Is that a possible violation using taxpayer's funds to build goodwill with a, with, with a voter's base at Villa Franciscan and Joseph Village? I mean, that, that's a great question. If you want to make that from the City of Riviera Beach, fine. But to have that come from a Councilman where, where the understanding of most of the people in the community, that's his money. He's a great guy. He's giving \$500.' Well, if he's a great guy, give \$500 buck of his salary that he gets from the county. Ya know?

I gave thousands of dollars out of my personal money to this thing. Let him do it that way. But, if it's gonna be taxpayer's funds, it shouldn't come from a Councilperson. It should come from the City. Whose name is on the check? I think the name on the check is from the City of Riviera Beach to that group. So it's not coming from Mr. Guyton, it's coming from the Council as whole. You have an o'..., responsibility to change the way this is being distributed so it doesn't benefit either of you individually. Because it's coming from the taxpayers. The way its coming across now, it will benefit Mr. Guyton individually. People will vote for him for reelection cause they think he's a great guy cause they gave him \$500. They're not gonna have that level of sophistication to understand it's City money. I think that that's, that's a, that's a., that that's a unique question for the ethic's board to look into. Both that.., both in giving money to religious schools, taxpayer's fund. I mean, the whole thing has opened up a whole quagmire that should've been addressed, you know, when this first started. That there should be no individual donations of funds. They come from the City of Riviera Beach. The check is from the City of Riviera Beach and it cannot be leveraged to build goodwill for election campaigns. And, if I'm sitting on an ethics board, I have a problem with that because it is being leveraged. Taxpayer's dollars are being leveraged to build goodwill with voters in this community. Because the people running against Mr. Guyton, they don't have that money where they're handing it out.

And, we're gonna pursue that outside...

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...the City and get an answer to that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Riviera Beach Police Department Foundation. \$500 for the First Annual Trunk or Treat. Terence Davis.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. We have one public comment card. Alfred Jones.

MR. A. JONES: I just wanted to come up and...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please state your name for the record.

MR. A. JONES: Oh, my name is Alfred Jones. 320 West 28th Street, Riviera Beach. I just wanted to come back up before me and my coaches leave for tonight. And again, to thank all you guys for your support and thank Aladia Franks from Parks & Rec for helping us out too.

We, I had a letter up there for it to be read but it disappeared.

[Chuckles]

MR. A. JONES: So, but I want again thank Ms. Pardo, thank all you guys for supporting us and, um, I left some schedules for you guys to come attend some of our games this year too.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: That's great.

MR. A. JONES: I really appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

MR. A. JONES: Alright. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. That's the end of Community Benefits. We're going back.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 20. CITY COUNCIL TO APPOINT OR RE-APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE POLICE PENSION BOARD.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Ms. Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: What you have here is a request for, to approve the appointments and/or reappointments. We would like your consideration to reappointment Ms. Billy Brooks to the Pension Board as well as Mr. Juan Atkins. Both of their terms will expire on October the 31st.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Any comments? Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Thank you.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CITY MANAGER JONES: One Item very quickly. Madam Chair, Members of Council, we have held two preliminary meetings with two of our labor unions and I will be polling you for a closed executive session on November the 2nd at 5:30 for..., as it relates to labor. As you'll recall, there's PBA issues, some PMSA and so, we just need further direction and then to communicate to you what has occurred in those first meetings. So, I will be looking at November the 2nd. If that doesn't work, then we'll be trying to look because a group of you that on the 4th, I can't do anything any later in that week. But I will be polling you for the November 2nd for a sister city meeting as well as, we will..., we have received the draft of the inter-local agreement between the Port as..., and the City of Riviera Beach as Commissioner McArthur just reported, Staff will be reviewing the draft. We did have something scheduled for tomorrow but that has been moved to Monday. Shortly after the Staff looks at the documents, we will be scheduling the follow up meeting with the Port Board as well as the Riviera Beach City Council.

And that's all.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Ms. Ryan, do you have anything?

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Committee Reports?

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone? Alright. I have one Committee Report. Bioscience Land Advisory Board. So, we had our meeting at last week at Scripps and with met with the scientists and I guess the Chamber's putting the..., a promotional package together. You know, there's not a lot of funding coming down from Washington these days for research and we found that the scientists are spending 50% of their time now writing grants and then 50% of their time doing research. All of the cities who are part of the Bioscience overlay, we've been asked by the county to take a look at the inter-local agreement that each city signed in 2006, take a look at it again and see if you want to make any changes.

So, Ms. Ryan and, I guess, the Manager, you know, if you guys can look at that and my next meeting with them will be in January.

And, that's all I have on Committee Reports. Anyone else? [Pause]. Okay. Alright.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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CHAIRPERSON PARDO: we'll start at the end. Ms. Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mm, yes. I just wanted to start out by thanking everyone that came out on Saturday to the Saturday Chat. We had many of the department heads here, especially de'., a presentation was done by the police department which I got a lot of feedback saying that it was, uh, it was a lot of information that many may have not known. So, I was very happy with the turnout that came out and we look forward to having another one, possibly in January.

I also wanted to just invite the public to come out. I was asked to announce this for a, an event on this Friday, October 23rd, Rock the Stage is a musical showcase of independent artists in a networking event from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Tickets can be purchased online for \$120.00 at Zeal's, Z-E-AL, Enter., I'm sorry. Z-E-A-L E-N-T Music dot com and at the door for \$20.00. It'll be held at Tate's Recreation Center.

And I just wanna thank those of you who were involved in having the repaving of the Silver Beach Road. It's not, you know, perfect. It's not exactly what we, we're looking for but it is a much smoother ride than what we had before so I'm, I thank everyone, all Staff, for working together to make that happen.

I did want .., that memo that was given to us about the marina. I do want to know what, what is that for and why were given it. And maybe, Ms. Jones, if you can address that? See what we...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ms. Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yep.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...[inaudible] with it.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That is a personnel matter that, unfortunately, someone distributed to you. It is not the way to do personnel matters.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh, okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: In fact, I'm glad to know where it came from because I was gonna have a serious conversation with the employee.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: For the distribution of this kind of information.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We have received it. HR is investigating it and it is proceeding according to the practice considering that we've got a union employee.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Also, do we have an update as to.., regarding the, um, the dire'.., the Parks & Rec Director position? Have we interviewed for that yet or hiring?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Oh no. We're way off. It closed at the end of September. We'll probably be interviewing somewhere around the last of December. There were 148 applicants for that position.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so now, we're in the process of getting that down to a smaller group. That smaller group will then get a survey instrument asking them questions that they will have to complete. So there's still a lot of things to take place before interviews are held.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And the last thing, I just wanted to end with, with a recent event that took place in Palm Beach Gardens regarding Corey Jones. I certainly send my condolences out to the family and, you know, I do recognize that that is a very important topic going on right now and a very important event. I, I do wanna just make sure that we all realize that we do have.., we just had a shooting yesterday by Washington Elementary and I'm sure that was probably around the time when the kids had just been released cause it was an early release day. So, I, I, my position, with the amount of shootings that have been occurring in the neighborhoods is a top priority for me. I've spoken with Interim Chief Coppin regarding that and I, I really wanna see us really put a cap on what's going on. I know during the Saturday Chat, Major Rossier [sp] or Cop'.., Interim Chief Coppin said that they were partnering with West Palm Beach because they were noticing some of the shootings that were occurring in West Palm or had a little connection to Riviera. So, I thought that was a good, a good move but we gotta recognize that we're having shootings all over. I mean, this one here, obviously, Corey Jones, I don't, I'm not trying to minimize that at all because it, it has a special and unique situation. We have to see how can we prevent these shootings. Be a little more proactive so that we do not have these types of things going on especially, I mean, people are bold these days. They're doing it in broad daylight and without any concern of anybody, innocent bystanders. So, crime and, and shootings is, is a, is a high priority for me. As I'm sure many of the residents and, as Ms. Bonnie stated, we have had a higher number in our District too than we've had in the past and Major Rossier is very well aware of my concern about that and, as well as Interim Chief Coppin. So, I look forward to seeing how we can all come together and be able to put this, put something of a.., a cap on this because it, it really is a problem.

And that's it for me.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. And I too send out my condolences to the Jones family and wish them well and, and hope that things work out.

I just have a couple of things that I want to touch on very quickly. Understand that this issue of code enforcements and liens is still being permeated out in the community, a lot of misinformation. Senior citizens who have code violations, I've said this before, I don't know if any actually do but, if you are a citizen senior, call my office. I will assist you with the process and, if there are violations, there are people who have volunteered to help correct any problems with senior citizen's homes. So, call my office. No, the City will not be taking your property, even if.., that is not corrected if you live in your home. That's misinformation. We're not gonna take your property either way but I am here to assist you in correcting that problem.

The Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency is, is being recognized by the Florida Redevelopment Association and I say this all the time, our programs are being recognized statewide. Thursday, the City CRA is being recognized and being awarded the two thous'.., blah, 2015 Roy F. Kenzie Award for the annual reports. The CRA entered and was selected as the winner and this is just another award where Riviera Beach is shining, getting good publicity which we don't hear enough of. All we hear are those who have some complaints but Riviera Beach is doing a lot of good things.

The last thing, Walt, could you put that slide up for me? We recently had a, a business that was recognized in the South Florida Business Journal, bearing signs. And the reason I wanted to recognize bearing signs, it's because not only are we attracting new businesses, we are also retaining a lot of businesses in our community. And again, the City is being recognized in the Business Journal and, as you know, people that read the Business Journal are business people and they're seeing a lot of Riviera Beach. I've got seven articles here where Riviera Beach was recognized in a business journal for what we're doing in Riviera Beach. These type of things are not talked about and they should be. Riviera Beach has become a model that people look at. There will be the naysayers that's always complaining that we're not doing this right, we're not doing that. We are doing a lot of things right. We're not perfect. There's a lot of room for improvement. Riviera Beach is on the move and the data, documents and evidence is here to prove that.

Thank you, Madam Chair. That's all I have for tonight. And, again, I would like to congratulate the Staff and employees who work so very hard in our City and have been recognized by a number of different statewide and local organizations.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Can we have a motion to extend this meeting for fifteen minutes?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Second?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Okay. Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Where do I start tonight?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Save me a couple minutes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: [Chuckle]. I will. Okay. The first that I would like to, to talk about is the City, as well as the Ferguson firm along with [pause] Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. The Ferguson firm will present Know Your Rights, a symposium aimed at helping you be a more informed citizen. Session one will be navigating police encounters. It's gonna be Saturday, October 31, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Suncaost Community High School, 1717 Avenue S, Riviera Beach, FL. Please RSVP at 840-1846. That's area code 561-840-1846 or contact at the Ferguson Firm dot net. Beverages will be served. So please govern yourselves accordingly, if at all possible. Wait a minute. I wrote down some other stuff on that. Also, I would like to.., my neighbor, Ms. Bram and Mr. Bram. Mr. Bram has been very sic k lately and Ms. Bram hasn't had a chance to be as active as she would like to be. He did come home the other night so we just want Ms. Bram to know that we are, you know, have her in our prayers and we're thinking about her and her husband.

To the Riviera Beach Heights Community. I'm looking at November 10th as a potential date, approximately 5:30 to have a meeting to talk about the proposed community center. I have not forgotten. Been working very hard on it. So, November 10th is a tentative date that we're looking at. We just wanna make sure that the Chambers and

everything is clear. I know everybody's been pushing for me to give a date so I came up with that tonight. I know that's gonna probably bother everybody cause I didn't clear everything but, you know, we'll check on that [chuckle] and make sure that November 10th is, uh, works. If not, we'll give you another date but standby for a.., more correspondence on that. So, we're looking at November 10th, approximately around 5:30 in the afternoon, here at the Council Chambers or we'll find someplace here on the campus if the Council Chambers are not available.

As just was approved, some of the funding and the actual event, 7th Annual Turkey Giveaway, Tuesday, November 24, 2015, it's gonna start at 8:00 a.m. The location will be 1301 Old Dixie Highway, formerly known as the Swap Shop.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Swap Shop.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Formerly known as the Swap Shop. Sad note, I've been...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Dive-in [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. The old drive-in. I've been given a, a heads up that we may have some site plans coming forth to, to build on that particular site. This may be the last.., it's always a tough thing to get it done up here anyway but I may be the last turkey giveaway that's we'll, we'll do, at least at that location. God willing, we'll continue to carry all of these activities on.., I'm just joking, all these on just maybe at a different site. But that will take place. That's the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. It's gonna be a first come, first serve basis. You need to have a valid ID. Well, we just need.., whether it's valid or not, we're not checking that. We just need to have an ID to show where you, where you live and make sure that we can keep track, as you hear comments all the time. We just wanna make sure that everybody knows where these turkeys are going.

The first.., I believe it's the first.., is fifty or a hundred or... How man?

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Seventy-five. Right, right. The first 75 people to sign up will be guaranteed a turkey. You can sign up in our office at 845-3687. You'll call, make sure that you get a return call back. We'll send you a ticket in the mail. You'll turn that in. There'll be no line, no waiting for you to be able to pick up that turkey. That's the first 75 people. Now, just because you call in and you don't get a response, if you don't get a ticket, you weren't part of the first 75. We'll try to keep you posted. We've already received some particular calls.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: What was that number again?

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: 561-845-3687. And if that line is busy, call 845-3443. Actually, why don't you call 845-3443 first. And if that line is busy, call 845-3687, um, which would, which would work.

And I'm missing one thing here but I know Ms. Pardo needs some time. I'm missing it, I wrote it down. While this is on my mind, you know, around this time..., it's not usually this time of the year, it's normally a little later, around December/January'ish. We're going to this [pause], this campaign or, you know, where people just say anything or try to bolster..., I'm trying not to do that, you know, from here. I don't think it's appropriate. It gets hot and heavy because it, it takes a lot to sit here and let people attack you or make innuendos, you know, about you on different things. Everybody up here, we've been here. We, we, we know and you know us. Um, if there's any concerns or questions, please call us. You know, please don't the information from somebody who's running for office. You know, get the facts, you know, yourself. Please. It bothers me sometimes because I, I do truly love this community. I love this City. I love what I do and I appreciate, you know, the opportunity to serve you but what I'm asking is that we don't tear our City up over politics in a campaign. Everybody's gonna run. You know, you heard some of my opponents at the podium tonight. That, that's fine. They're gonna run, you're gonna decide who sits here with, with all of us. You know, with all of us. You know, but to come up and say well, one person's gonna be gone or..., you know, it's four people up for election. You know, so, whoever you decide to put here, that's who will be here. And, you know, I would urge the community, because if you stop it, if you say, 'Hey, look. I don't appreciate those type of comments that are being made up there,' it will stop. You have to stop it, you have stop it and, you know, I want us to continue to take pride in our City and our process and let's not make a mockery of it. Everybody's entitled to their opinions, everybody's entitled to what they wanna do and say out there but we, we just cannot say anything we want to do..., want to, from up here. It's just not right and I'm asking all of the prayer warriors in this town, and out of this town, to please play for this particular City and this process as a whole so that our City can continue to grow.

That's all, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you very much. Okay. I have a couple of things. The first is my Annual Toy Drive, The Christmas in Paradise Mingle and Jungle. The toy drive will take place on December 3rd at John Longboats on Singer Island from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. We have Memory Lane playing the great Motown tunes. If you'd...

UNK: Yay. [Clapping]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...like to participate, we ask that you bring toys, educational toy'..., educational toys.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And books, for the kids. And, you know, a lot of you here have been at this event. It's a great event and we look at it now as the kickoff to the holiday season. So, I hope to see everyone there.

I mentioned this..., I touched on it a little earlier about the meeting I had [cough], excuse me, with the Department of Justice. The shootings in this community over the past of couple of years has [stammer] has, just [pause], it's doing bad things to this community. Alright? It's killing off the young, black men in this community and it is time for everyone to be outraged over it and we've gotten to the point where, you know, we hear about it and it's like, 'Oh wow. Yeah. So, there was another shooting.' And that's it. There's no outrage. There's outrage over things that happen in other communities but there's no outrage over the fact that the young, black men in this community are being killed by other young, black men. So, I decided and, like I said earlier, I've been approached all around the community, I go to Publix, I'm approached, all around the community and I hear from people, the Council is not addressing the shootings.

So, I had my meeting at the Department of Justice and after we spoke the body cameras, and I feel really..., I felt good walking out of there knowing that we will be getting funding for the body cameras once we give them the information that they need. But, you know, I was brutally honest with them about what's going on in this community and they shared with me that there are so many programs available, funding and resources available to communities like ours and we just have to ask for these resources. So, I have a meeting set up with Chief Coppin to go over this. There are definitely things that we should be asking for. We can have a team of, you know, um, professionals, come into this City, free of charge, and they assess what's going on and then they steer toward grants to help us get a hold on the crime in this issue and we just have to reach out to them and ask them for it. And they shared with me that, you know, Gary, Indiana, they were having these problems. There's a small town in Pennsylvania, which was very similar to this City and what they were able to do in that city. So, you know, I am..., alright. So, you know, I promise you, I am not going to just walk away from this. You know, brought it up too many times...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good, good for you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...and it just went on deaf ears. You know? Or, I'd get the comment, you know, crime is down in the City.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I don't care if crime is down in the City. If one person gets shot or, if you don't feel safe in your community, your community is not a safe community. So, I hope that with the help of the Chief and, you know, other members that we'll be able to implement, start implementing a plan in this City to get hold of the crime issues. And then, I also spoke with people there about, there's a lot of resources available to the faith community. Okay? To..., there's grants available and there's

programs available that take the police department and churches and they form different kinds of community programs.

MAYOR MASTERS: Partnership.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And the federal government will sponsor these. They'll give you the money to do it. So, you know, it's time for us to stop saying, you know, there's no crime in the City. Crime could be down but, you know what? The shootings are not down. And it's time for everyone in this City to be outraged over it and everyone to come together. We'll put a plan together and hopefully move it forward. You know, bad enough we hear it from our residents. You know? And I, I shared with you, people saying, 'Oh, I had to drag the mattress on the floor last night and my kids and I slept on the floor because,' you know, 'guys were shooting outside of my house.' You know, this is America. And this happening? No. I'm telling ya, I'm done with it.

And then we're hearing from the businesses because some of these shootings are taking place in the middle of the day. And the businesses are saying, 'My employees are afraid.' And now they're afraid that they're gonna start losing employees. We need to get a handle on this. This needs to be a priority. I'm glad to hear Ms. Miler. You know, she said that, she's hearing it in her community now. She had a meeting with the Chief. So, I feel confident that Chief Coppin and, you know, the, the group that he has around him will, you know, by all of us working together, we'll get a handle on this.

The last thing I'd like to mention is State Representative Bill Hager, he represents the Island, he's gonna be over at the Ambassador's Center on Saturday morning. We'll have him there from 9:00 until 11:30 and if anyone would like to come in, have a cup of coffee, discuss, you know, any issues you may have with, you know, up in Tallahassee, please come by.

And that's all I have.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair. Just quickly. I've been offered my own TV program starting next week. We'll be talking about it also Monday night at the Hill Top Baptist Church. The entire community will come together to have a rally and discuss the options and update as it relates to the Corey Jones incident. Corey Jones played drums at the Peace and Feast. Last but not least, we have documentation from the West Palm Beach Library, at least two un'.., unarmed guards on duty throughout the entire time the library is open, including special events. One guard stays at the entrance of the library monitoring the security cameras in the library, a second guard located at the main security station in the City Hall also monitors cameras in the library. One guard walks the premises every hour, including the parking lot of City Hall and the library.

And last but not least, we have documentation from the county and it says, 'Yes. We do have unarmed security guards at our main library, Lantana branch, West Boynton branch, Okeechobee branch, Acreage branch, Wellington branch, Pahokee branch,

Belle Glades branch and South Bay branch libraries, we also have an armed deputy at the Lantana and Wellington...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...branch libraries.

So, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: And thank my colleagues for walking out.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. There's no more business on the table? Okay, we are adjourned.

MAYOR MASTERS: Disrespectful.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you everyone for staying with us.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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