

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** At this time I'd like to call this regular City Council meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mayor Thomas Masters? Chairperson Dawn Pardo? Chair Pro Tem Terence Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Here.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson? 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.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** And just to let everyone know, the Mayor just contacted me before the meeting to state that he's away on City business. At this time, I'd like to take a moment, moment of silence.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** [Inaudible].

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Now let's please stand for the Pledge led by Councilman Guyton.

[Moment of silence]

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Let's pledge. I pledge Allegiance...

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

### **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Madam City Manager, do we have an additions or deletions, or substitutions?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, we do, sir. Under Community Benefits for your consideration, I would like to add Item No. 20, which is a community benefit to Johnny Longboat for \$2,000 from Chair Pardo for her Annual Toy Drive and Fundraiser. Also, Item No. 21, and this is a community benefit as well from Chair Pro Tem Terence Davis to support his First Annual Movie Night in the amount of \$1,500. Those are the only two additions.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** I'd like to make a change and make that to a second monthly, Family Movie Night.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Cause we had the first one. I just, I make...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Second.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** ...a change. Yes, thank you so much. Are there any other additions? Okay? Alright.

### **DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** At this time, do we have any disclosures by the, by the Board?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay?

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Do we have a motion to approve and adopt this Agenda?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay?

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Now we're going to 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.**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Before I start, I got one Item from the public consent, which is Ms. Bonnie Larson.

**MS. B. LARSON:** Good evening. Bonnie Larson. I'mma have to talk real fast tonight cause you only get three minutes for the entire Consent Agenda. So, I'm gonna do No. 9 first. It's the shortest one. It's the sale of 65,000, 65,000 Solitron stocks. Must belong to the Utility Department. Why are we selling it now? There was a letter in the backup just saying, here's an agreement to sell. It wasn't signed by anybody or anything. Just, here's a Resolution to sell those stocks. Why are we selling 'em? That stocks been up to \$4.30. I think the price in here you're willing to sell 'em for was \$4.03.

So, I'm wondering, do we need the money that badly? Why are we selling 'em? Et cetera, et cetera.

The next item is Item No. 5. And this, I would like this postponed. This is a, uh, a contract to do car washing and detailing for the city owned vehicles. And if you have not, if you don't have questions, adjustments, and corrections to this, I know you haven't read it. Because I read it very briefly and I've got all of this. The first thing is, this was advertised on June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. However, the person chosen to win the bid put in his bid in March. How did he even know there was bidding on it? It wasn't, it wasn't even advertised at that point. Put in two bids on the same day, one for a thous', one for \$2,150, the other for \$3,210. Same bidder, same day. Why is that? Um, it.., the contract is supposed to start today. No, not today when it's on the Consent Agenda tonight. There's just a lot of wording in here which is very, very bad. The name of the company is listed about three different ways. Let's decide at least what the name of that company is. I did not find him listed with the State of Florida. Um, the gentleman is from Park Manor in Riviera Beach so that's a good thing. Bu, um, is this a new perk? Is this something they've done before? Have they just done the, um, uh, police cars before or is this now something new for people who are lucky enough to get, uh, City owned vehicles to drive for their work? So, now are we give 'em now, washing and detailing of their vehicles also? So, is this a first time for that or what's going on with that? Um, ah, the contract itself.., oh, the, the, uh, purchasing department.., no one ever put their name down by approving or not approving. The contract is a generic contract. Nothing wrong with a generic contract but it needs to be specifically worded for this particular company. It's not. It's talking about travel time, cost of phone, cost of photocopies. No, no. Make it specific. It says in here, they have to have insurance for the benefit of the vendor. What about us? Insurance for the vendor. You're, you're mandating that. What about insurance for Riviera Beach to protect Riviera Beach?

There's a ton of things in here. A ton of things. Didn't we hire a contract manager? It seems like we did.

**UNK. AUDIENCE:** Yeah.

**MS. LARSON:** Okay? I hear a yes, okay. So, someone did not read this. Someone di'.., it's, like I said, generic contract if fine but when you have a company you're tooling it for, you make it specific for that company. You don't make it a generic, that's why we have a project manager or a contract manager. So, this thing definitely needs to be postponed until some of these major...

[Peep]

**MS. B. LARSON:** ...things are fixed. If not, I don't know.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you. That will be end of public comment towards consent. Do I have.., before I ask for a motion, do any of the Council wants to pull any Items on the Agenda, Consent?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Let's...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...pull 9.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Do I have a second?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We don't need it.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Alright. Item No. 9. Guyton, do you have anything?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No, I don't.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Have a motion to approve Consent with Item No. 9 pulled?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Item No. 9.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** 9. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA, PALM BEACH COUNTY AND SOLITRON DEVICES, INC., ("SOLITRON") A FLORIDA CORPORATION, WITH SOLITRON PURCHASING 65,027 SHARES OF SOLITRON COMMON STOCK FROM THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AT \$4.30 PER SHARE FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$279,616.10; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT;

**AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO PLACE THE FUNDS IN THE UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second. Do we have.., Mr. Chair, would you see if anybody from the public would like to speak on it?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Would anyone from the public like to speak on Item No. 9 before we have any discussion?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That's not correct. I'm sorry.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**MS. B. LARSON:** I already did.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yep. Mr. Chair?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** She already did already. Yeah.  
**RP:** Right. With.., remember with Consent Items, the public...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Correc.t

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...speaks in general for all Consent Items.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay? Thank you.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So, the discussion on Consent Items technically and correctly belong to the City Council at this point.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I pulled it off of Consent, Madam Attorney. I pulled it...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It doesn't matter.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...off of Consent, so.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** She's saying it doesn't matter.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It's for the Council to discuss.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And that was the only public comment card [inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. I'm not comfortable with it and, if I'm not gonna hear from any of the public on it, then I'm not comfortable with voting on it right now.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** So you wanna table it?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But there are public comment cards anyway.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I mean, it was on Consent, so.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It was on Consent so people probably didn't put a, a comment on there. Wha', what is the rules stating that, whether we can let the public speak on an Item or not?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, you can let public speak but, the, the rule is, and this is the one that we've passed, is that, Consent before, before the law changed, the only way the public could speak on Consent was if a Councilperson pulled the Item. After state law changed, we changed our policy to allow the public to speak, just as Ms. Larson did, on all of the Consent Items at one time. And so, she gave her comments on, um, Item No. 9 and she gave her comments, I believe, on Item No. 5. So those are the public comments. Remember, Consent use to just, use to, it use to just be for the Council only unless it was pulled. Now we allow the public to speak on any Item on Consent.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So, if the.., a person wanted to speak on that Item, they should've put in a card and they would've been given an opportunity to speak on it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Irrespective of whether or not you pulled it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay? Is Mr., is Mr. Harvey here, Mr. Sherman?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No. Mr. Harvey is not here.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But he is on the way?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No. No, I just talked to him late this afternoon. He was down in Miami or wherever. Again, I caught him on his cellphone.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Which Harvey?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** The, the internal, the, not the...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Mr. Harvey is our...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** ...external auditor.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** External.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Oh, okay. So he's supposed to be here do discuss this Item?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No. I, I may have misunderstood. I thought that he was coming.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No. No. No. I, I can walk it through and, and answer the questions that came out of Monday's meeting if you would like. Um, or again, I can answer any specific questions you might have.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** You have any questions?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. I'm, I'm not totally there yet. I'm just not totally there yet. I would've liked to have, uh, had Mr. Harvey give some of that information. It would probably made me a little bit more comfortable, um, with it. Definitely since we're taking it at a, at a, a lower amount then what it's actually valued at and I don't know if we've checked that today or not. I know when we checked it yesterday it had fallen a little bit.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah. It's, it's a \$4.43.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Oh, really?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. So that's, that's still about what, 18,000? \$18,000 difference.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No. It's about \$8,000.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** \$8,000?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah. It's, it's still about 3%. I did talk to the Department of Financial Services and again, he walked me through the process and if you'd like, I can...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Maybe that, maybe that'll...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** [Inaudible].



**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...make me feel a little bit...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...better.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mr. Sherman?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Did you get the legal opinion?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Well that's what I'm gonna..., he, he helped me with that. He walked me through and showed me what we need to do. Okay? So, I did. A', a', again, Randy Sherman, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, for the record. I did contact the Department of Financial Services, their Treasury Bureau that we deal with. We, we report our, our banking information to this group. And posed the questions that we had. What he did, is he walked me through the statute and he said, you know, let, let's go through it and, you know, and I'll point out the parts that, that I can bring back to you. It's Florida Statute 218.415 that got..., that governs the local government investment policies. Paragraph 17, okay, which is what he, he, you know, had us focus on before. It talks about authorized investments if you do not have an investment policy. Okay? So, there are some communities out there that don't have investment policies. And, you can see Items A-D, that is what you were allowed to invest in if you do not have a written policy. Okay? It's very restrictive. Okay?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Hold on one second. Mr. Chair. Let me make sure I'm understanding this.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You're sayin', if we don't have...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** If we do not. And, we do. So, I'm gonna go...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** You know, again, walkin', walkin through.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay? This is Paragraph 17 of that statute, okay? Paragraph 16 is what you're authorized to invest in if you do have a written policy. Now, you'll notice that the list is a little bit more expansive.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay? But, by doing a written policy, that means you have discussed these Items and you are aware of the fact that you are in some of these investments that may be a little bit more risky, okay. But, you've taken an affirmative vote to do so. Okay? So, they expand the list a little bit more if you have a written policy. That means you've gone through and hopefully, you know, done your due diligence.

The City's policy that we adopted back in 2013, okay, working off that second slide that I showed you, that, that Paragraph 16, these are the Items that are in our policy that we are allowed to invest in.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mm.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay? Number of different things, all in compliance with that section of, of that statute. Okay? But you notice up there that we do not have stock, okay. That is something that's, that's not up there. And again, if you go back to our policy, the number one, you know, issue in the policy is not to lose your principal, okay. Which is why you don't have stock in here because that's speculative and, as we know, you know, stock can go and down. So, all of these items are things again, that we can invest in.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** So, okay. So, we went through that with him and he said, okay, this is what you have. Then what he did, is he pointed me to Paragraph 5 of the same statute which says, and I'll read this one so everybody can see in case you can't read it up there. It says, 'The investment policy shall list investments authorized by the governing body of the unit of the local government', which we have, 'subject to the provisions of subsection 16', which was that second slide. And then I underlined the next part and this is what he [chuckle] emphasized. 'Investments not listed in the investment policy are prohibited.' Okay? So that's what I was trying to say Monday night, we have an investment that doesn't comply with our investment policy. Okay? So then I said, okay, well who, who polices this and, and what's the process?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** [Inaudible].

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** So then he said, okay, now we're gonna go down to Paragraph 22 that talks about audits. And it says, "Your certified public accountants", which is Roderick Harvey, HCT, okay, "conducting audits of units of local government pursuant to 218.39," which is the statute that deals and says we have to have annual audits, "shall report as part of the audit whether or not the unit of local government has complied with this section. Okay? So again, the gentleman I spoke to said, your auditor, you know, should be putting in there that you are not in compliance. Okay?

Now we filed, the second pull up there, we file our audits with the State Auditor General. That's where they go. If you got to Section 2'.., or statute 218.39, Paragraph 8 says, "The Auditor General shall notify the legislative auditing committee of any audit reports prepared pursuant to this section which indicates that an audited entity has failed to take full corrective action in response to a recommendation that included the two proceeding financial audit reports." So, when HCT reports that we have an investment that is not in compliance with our investment policy, it'll go up to the Auditor General, the Auditor General'll report it to the legislative audit committee. What they do with it? Don't know.

So, I talked to Mr. Harvey...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** And I said, okay, here's the situation. He was well aware that we had that Solitron stock. I said, 'Have you ever run into this before and what should the City be doing?' And his words were, 'At the first available time, you should divest yourself of that investment that is not, you know, that puts you out of compliance.' Now he says, he goes, 'Nobody is going to, you know, make you sell it at a loss. Okay? He says, 'But if you've got the opportunity that you have a gain, you know, that, that, you know, you've done that. His recommendation is, that you should divest of it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Hol', hold on. Mr. Guyton, do you have any, Councilman Guyton, you have anything you wanna..., before we go back and forth?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I pulled the Item.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** I know. I just.., I know...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** ...before...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I yield until.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. Alright.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...Mr. Thomas is done.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Go ahead.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Go ahead, Councilman Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We've had this for 25 years?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Had it for 25 years.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** 20 years.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** When we...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Or 20 plus years, right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** When we got it, we got as a settlement.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So it was automatically a gain if it was anything at all cause we didn't have it before.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, my question is..., I know some people believe that it's not gonna go anywhere and it might not. My question would be, why now do we need to divest ourselves of it and we didn't need to divest ourselves of it...

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...twenty years ago? And, I'm not blaming...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...Mr. Harvey because...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...there were, there were other, you know, auditors even before Mr. Harvey. Why, all of a sudden? Why did all, for the past twenty five years of audits...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...miss this?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Well, I mean, clearly I can't [chuckle] answer why no one else tried to do this. Um, I will tell you that in..., let's see, in '13', okay, when I got the proxy statement, that was the first sign that I knew that we had this stock. And

we investigated and Ms. Ryall will tell you, we were looking for those certificates. [Chuckle]. We were trying to find them. They had never been recorded on the books. They had never been even a footnote in the books. I, you know, I don't know why prior to that time no one ever did anything. But as soon as I knew that we had them, I been trying to find a way to get, you know, get rid of those stocks. I've talked to brokers, I've talked to investment managers. I'm like, 'Okay, how can we do this?' Cause, cause it happens. You know, you get these things for bankruptcy or, or whatever, but the issue is, how do you get rid of it? Because of the stock that it is and that it doesn't trade very much, you know, it was like, well you can't just open up a, an account and, you know, and sell 65,000 shares. The, [stammer], it'll take the value of those stocks and drop it tremendously. Um, cause again, they're only selling a few hundred shares a day, if at all. Um, but I have been trying to talk to these people and it wasn't until this year when they actually offered their stock buyback program that it was like, and this is what, you know, we talked about in September at the Utility Board meeting was, this is now your opportunity. You, you know, the', they've opened the door. Again, I think they've made a, a more than reasonable offer. Cause when I had in '13 and I was talking to their attor'., again, he was looking for us to take a 25%, 20% cut and I was like, 'Can't do that.' I mean, we just can't take those types of cuts. But again, when I talked to him in September, it was like, we need to get the market value at that point. That's what they took to the Board of Directors. That's what the Board approved at that time.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So we sell it and then what is our plan to do with the money?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Well you can do one or two things with it. If you don't feel that you have a capital project that you need it for, and I would tend to agree with discuss' we had Monday night. We, you know, the., we have unfunded projects but we're taking care of those other ways. We will reinvest the dollars, in one of those [chuckle] Items or a combination of those Items, that were on that other slide.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** [Inaudible] Utilities.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** In Utilities. Yes, yes. With the Utility.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Um, I would [pause], I would venture to say that we need to find., if we're gonna sell it, I would say just hold an account and let the Council decide on what utility project, plan...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah. Oh, no.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You know that we want to, that we want to do. Maybe the, maybe with the senior's program or whatever, something like that. But I, I'll say if we gonna sell it, just hold it in account until we decide what...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay. Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...we exactly wanna...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Again...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...do with it.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** ...we can do that. Now...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's all I was [inaudible].

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Now, Mr. Guyton did ask for five year history. What I actually did is, I went back 10 to try to get before the recession.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** The highest this stock has ever traded was \$4.70, that's... I can get that. That's, that's right here. Um, if you can see that on there but that's right there. So we're trading off about .27 cents, you know, from the high. But again, this is what you're trying to avoid or for all the dips. Cause again, if.., right now you can get \$279,000, tomorrow it may not be worth that. So again, you'd be losing principle. By, by selling it, you can take that money, that \$279, 000 as a lock and then whatever we, you know, decide to invest it in is, is all positive. I also did check.., cause someone had asked me the question about, what happens if we don't do it? I contacted the attorney, the attorney actually ran the question all the way up to the Board...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Excuse me, Mr. Sherman. Which attorney?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** The attorney for Solitron.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay? The one that drafted the agreement. She took it to the Board, she said, 'Can they get an extension to December 2<sup>nd</sup>, okay, just in case there are any additional questions tonight and they came back and they said, 'No.'

Now again, they're doing the stock buyback program. They said, 'That doesn't mean that we won't do another one in the future,' but my guess is, is there's other people that are in line and they just, you know, they said, you know, we.., if it doesn't go, that's fine. No ill will [chuckle] but we are, you know, we're moving on.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Did they give you something in writing?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** She did not. No.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** I would like to have seen something like that. Ms. Ryan, how you feel about.., did you get a chance to review this information?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** So, at this time, I'm not.., I'll, I'll let.., wait to hear what Councilman Guyton has to say to hold my further comments. But, until you review this and we, we go any.., before I move any further, I'm not comfortable even, even voting on this Item at this time. But, I'll let Councilman Guyton.., he probably have some questions or some statements he wanna state.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Just a couple of questions. Well, comments and a question. I did request a five year performance history of this stock because of the volatility of the market, to get an idea of 1) where it peaked at...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...\$4.75, which is not far from where it is now over a 10 year period. And that tells me, if history.., and that's what most rely on. It doesn't appear that's it's gonna jump too much higher than that. But the, the low point of it, if you look at it, was down to \$1, \$1 and some change there.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** The stock market to me is too volatile. I would rather, if we're gonna invest it, there are areas that are less riskier than the stocks and we had a whole list of 'em there that we can put it in and we can still gain some interest on it without the risk of it dipping and we actually have nothing.

So, I'm, I'm in support of taking it out. I don't.., I'm not opposed to Councilman Thomas' suggestion, to have the Board to decide what they wish to do with it but I don't think that this a safe bet right here because we never know how the market is gonna go. But, I do think that we should consider reinvesting it in the market somewhere but that's just me right now. Then maybe, as one suggestion said, putting it into another program. But I, I think that it's best if we take it out and then if we wanna reinvest it, we can decide where we want to. I would suggest in a area that's not as risky as the stock market is.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Ms. Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes, sir.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Really quick. Mr. Sherman.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Anything legal, do you usually contact our City Attorney? Or you just kinda review it yourself?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Well, I think when we left Monday night, I think that [chuckle] there was that, I would follow up and then try to get the, the legal opinion. But again, when he walked me through it, it really wasn't a legal piece like, okay, it says it here, boom, it says it.., you know and he just walked me through, through the statutes.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** I understand.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** So where.., it really wasn't an opinion needed, you know, I didn't...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** But...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** You know, take it back.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** I, I just, I just feel more comfortable with, you know, with the decision with you all sitting down working together before this Item come before us, of this significance. Because I do have a lot of questions but I don't wanna waste time in the meeting when this stuff could be hashed out before it got here.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Right.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** And that way.., then my attorney can say, 'Yes', 'No', 'I'm comfortable with...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Well, the only, the only thing I will say and just to clar'.., I mean, Ms. Ryan has reviewed the purchase and sale agreement, you know, the agreement but...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, but I have not reviewed this and...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** That's what...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You know...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** ...I need to hear about.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I'm not going to try to dissuade you from selling the, the asset. However, I wonder if the City's.., remember, although this is written as a City document...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Mhmm.



**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It is an asset of the Utility District's.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Correct.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So, does the investment policy of the City apply...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...to the Utility...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...District?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** It do?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And because this is.., was not something that.., an investment, something that we purchased, because it was, it is an asset that was given to us in bankruptcy, do, do they consider them to be synon'.., synonymous? An investment equaling as an investment...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...equal asset?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** What, what he did say cause I asked him [stammer], he says, he goes, 'This happens all the time that,' again, communities get this. He goes, again, 'Nobody is going to find fault with the City that you have this in your portfolio because, again, it was given to you. You're not gonna reject it.' But again, the person I talked to at financial services was not going to give me opinion cause he pointed me to the Auditor General and, and the auditors.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Mhmm.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** And so, when I ended up with the auditor and Mr. Harvey said, you know, his recommend' to get rid of.., you know, divest of it at your first opportunity.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** What, what.., here's what I ask of the Board. I'm.., I got all my questions but we still have, have one more meeting before we hit a deadline, right?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** [Inaudible].

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It closes tomorrow.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No. They wa', they...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** I thought he said, 'December 4<sup>th</sup>'

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** They were closing this week and if, if there's a 'no vote' tonight or no vote, then we just put it back in the file and we move on.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay? In 1999, what did that stock trade for?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** In 1999?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** You said this was a ten year...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Well, this goes...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** ...[inaudible] 2000?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** This goes back to '06.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** '06?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** So this is a nine, nine year. So, '06, what did it trade for?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** I mean, I'm sorry. Well again, the peak was, was \$4.70 and that was.., I'm trying to read my months, April...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** \$4.70 was...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** April of '06.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** [Inaudible].

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** I'd say...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Oh, oh...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** ...it was probably somewhere down around \$2.00 before that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** This particular graph doesn't...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** It doesn't...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...say that.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** It doesn't tell you that. That's my...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** It, it doesn't...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** ..question.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** ...go back, it only goes back the ten years.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No. I'm sayin', but even...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** It doesn't list...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...the years.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It says, four'..., whatever year it is, it says, \$4.75 or above \$4.75.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** [Inaudible]...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** I'm looking at the beginning...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** My eyes are not the best but that's above the \$4.75 mark.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Could you please specify what year that, that peak and how long did that last?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Is that '05? That's '0...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Well, I don't know...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** '06.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** '06.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That's in '06

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Oh, okay. I see the bottom now.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah. It's '06.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** So that when? From '06...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** So, that was one year.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah. I didn't print that off.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** And...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** I didn't print off the, the daily's but... Yeah. This is '0, this is '06 right here.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Wherever it is. Right here's '06.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Chair, I got one more question. Mr. Sherman, let me ask you a question cause I don't understand this, the stock part well. You say, if it's trading at \$4, whatever it is and we say, okay, we wanna sell all 65,000 shares, do we not get it at whatever price we're selling it at?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Correct. You would put an offer out here and say, 'I want \$4.43.' And somebody else'll come back and say, 'I'll give you \$4.10.'

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, how is it trading at that? That's what I'm, that's what I'm...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Because again, they..., I mean, if you look at the bottom graph, and again, I know that's probably hard to. That's your daily trades. And you see how very few, you know, little movement there is. They're almost, you know, all the non-trades in here and then, yes, you get a spike, okay? But notice that spike goes when the price [chuckle] dropped. You know, but again, there's..., it's trades very little. So again, if you could, [stammer], you say, 'I've got 100 shares in one.' Somebody may give you \$4.43 for it. Okay? That, that was the last price that, that...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, it's not...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** ...somebody got.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, it's not a definite trading number, is what you're saying?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No. It's not. And again, the more you throw out there, the lower the price is gonna be.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And that's how all stock's work?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, if I just decide I wanna buy stock in, I don't know, Apple...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And Apple say, these stocks cost \$40 a share, and I say I wanna buy 10...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** You will pay \$40 a share.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Because, if you don't do it, the next person that.., cause everybody wants that stock.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Right.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Nobody's clambering over to buy this stock. They're.., they may be buying a little bit...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I, I get it. I just wanna make sure that I'm understanding...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...it right. So, because this is not a popular stock, they can advertise at a price that I won't get?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No, no. That was probably the last price, okay? And again, it was, you know, probably a couple hundred shares but that was the last price. But if all of sudden you dump out 65,000 shares, okay? They know you're

trying to sell 65,000 shares, they will try the low. But, that's, that's why you have your, your market crashes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Because all the sudden, everybody wants to sell. When everybody wants to sell, everybody who has cash says, 'Well, I'm not gonna pay full price.'

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I get what you're sayin'.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** [Chuckle]. Cause then really wanna sell.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So let me ask you this, why are they buying it back then?

**UNK:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Why would they, why would they, why would they lose money? Why, why are they buying it back if they know this?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** When, when they buy stock back, it increases the value of each individual share of stock because you have a value of the business divided by the number of shares.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** You have earnings per share. So, the fewer shares you have, changes those numbers.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Just slow it down just...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...a bit so I can grasp it.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, they're worth nothing because we got 65,000 and I know for a fact, we're not the one with the most shares.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No, we're not.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** There's people with a whole lot more shares than we are.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But, as soon as we sell them, then the stocks become more valuable?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** I don't know, personally, whether 65,000 will make that much of a difference in those types of calculations cause I believe they have two or three million shares out there.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** So, 65,000 is, is pretty small.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So that's, I mean, that's why I'm asking you, why wouldn't we just sell our shares whenever we felt like selling. Why..., selling 'em, why do we have to..., just say either you take this buyback now or we're not gonna give it to you. Why, why are we not just say, 'Okay, We don't wanna sell 'em...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Well...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...today, we wanna sell 'em...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...next Sunday or whenever the market...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Again, I...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...opens.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** I ca'..., and this is what I had looked at, you know, before when I had talken..., spoken with brokers and the like. They said, 'Well, we can open the City up a brokerage account and if you wanna go to it every week and sell a couple hundred shares, the market won't notice. But if you got out and dump 65,000 [chuckle] shares, the market'll notice. So, if, if you wanna be patient and you wanna do that, or you can get \$4 for it. But again, now you have the volatility issue. You know, that now, okay, you may get \$4.43 today but two months from now you may be getting \$4.05. You know, I mean, that's...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** That's the issue.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Are we, we're, we're obviously not selling it because we're trying to get the best for it or we're trying to wait for it to go up, or not, maybe. But, we're selling it because you just don't believe we should own this particular asset?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Again, I think you should...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** ...always...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Let me...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Let...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Go ahead.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...me do this. We're doing it because they have this timespan for this buyback.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That's the only reason we brought it to you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Other than that.., okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** If it was not a buyback...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Right.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We would not have brought this to you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** You done?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's enough for me.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Councilman Guyton, you have anything?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That actually kinda explained it very, very well.



**CHAIR DAVIS:** Really quick. How much have we made over the last five years on this stock?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** All of it.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Total price.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Well, let's see if I can come up with a.., if you go back to '2011...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** It looks like it was trading, maybe just over \$3.25. Um, so even if it was a dollar, maybe \$65,000 over the five years. You know, if, if you got back to a five year mark.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We didn't make anything...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** I'm ju'...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It was...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** But, the stock...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...given to us.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** The stock, right, the appre', it's appreciated that much.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. Okay.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** It's apprecia'.., over the last ten years, you would suggest?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Last ten year.., if you would.., since '06, you've actually lost money.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Cause again, it was at \$4.70, now it's at \$4.43. So over a ten year span, you've lost money. Over five.., but again, think of what they.., the stock market in general has done.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** You know? That's why I went back ten years so I would get the recession in, you know, when the market crashed, you know, and you

can see what happened to this stock. Now again, the stock market went down to, you know, 6,000 range and now it's up to 17. Well, this went down to again, \$1.50 or so and it's, you know, it's climbed back up to almost to the level that it was at when it, when it dropped.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. I'm done. Anything else from the Board? So are ya'll comfortable with moving forward?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I think there's a motion on the floor.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** No.

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

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay. Thank you.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Next, we have Petitions and Communications for filing.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** None.

### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Awards and Presentations.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** 10. PRESENTATION AND WELCOME TO NEW EMPLOYEES FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2015.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** The whole year, huh?

[Inaudible background comments]

**MS. M. SULLIN:** Good evening.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Good evening.

**MS. M. SULLIN:** Marie Sullin, Human Resources Risk Manager. It is my pleasure to introduce to you our new employees for the second and third quarter of 2015. But, before we do that, I would like to introduce to you our new HR Director, Human Resources Director, Mr. Bruce Davis.  
[Applause].

**MR. B. DAVIS:** Good evening.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** How you doin'?

**MS. M. SULLIN:** As I call your name, please step forward to meet our Council Members. Tenaria Mitchell, Staff Assistant for Code Enforcement. [Pause]. Della Gaynor, Community Coordinator for drug court. [Pause].

**CHAIR DAVIS:** How ya doin'? Okay?

**MS. M. SULLIN:** Curtis Teems, Firefighter. [Pause]. Gabriel Ferro, Firefighter. [Pause]. Kevin McAndrew, Firefighter. [Pause]. Nelson Rodriguez, Firefighter. [Pause]. Darryl Brooks, Parks & Recreation, maintenance worker. [Pause]. Ambrose General, maintenance worker, Parks & Recreation. [Pause]. Calvin Stubb, maintenance working, Parks & Recreation. [Pause]. [Single applause].  
[Chuckles]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You got a fan, huh?

**MS. M. SULLIN:** Reginald Tru'.., Trouble, Tribble, maintenance worker, Parks & Recreation. [Pause]. [Single applause]. Evangela Thompson Balon, Communication Operator. [Pause].

[Inaudible background comments].

**MS. M. SULLIN:** Kyle Gover, Police Officer. [Pause]. Jethro Estavien, Police Officer. [Pause]. Michael Lopez, Police Officer. [Pause]. And last but not least, Dean Mealey, our Purchasing Manager. [Pause].

**CHAIR DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Let's give 'em all a hand.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Alright.

**MS. M. SULLIN:** Please give them a hand.

[Applause]

**MS. M. SULLIN:** We welcome you aboard and we're happy that you join our team and, as the motto stated, you know, this is the best City to live, work and play. As you can see, my button says, you know, 'I Love Riviera Beach.'

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** [Chuckles].

**MS. M. SULLIN:** So, I, I will hope in your time that you will be here with us, that you will love Riviera Beach as much as I do. Congratulation and welcome aboard.

**UNK:** Thank you.

[Applause]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Um...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Anyone else from the Board?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes. Mr. Chair? Mr. Davis, there was several names called that weren't here. I mean, were they given notice to be here?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** On different shifts.

**MR. D. MEALEY:** Yes they were and we were expecting them to be here.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Please let 'em know that, you know, if they're to be at a Council meeting, we expect them to be at a Council meeting. This is how our community meets them as well as the elected officials.

**MR. D. MEALEY:** I sure.., I will assure you that we will follow up appropriately.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Unless they're working. We understand.

[Chuckles]

**MR. D. MEALEY:** That's why I said appropriately.

[Chuckles]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. Next on the presentations for Principal, by Principal Katrina Granger of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

**MS. K. GRANGER:** Awesome. Good evening, Council, Staff and residents of Riviera Beach. It's such an honor and privilege to come before you tonight to speak briefly about our dynamic school in the City of Riviera Beach. Joining me tonight is my Assistant Principal Robin Kanter. If you would come forward. And, also joining me tonight is my STEM, that's science, technology, engineering and math coach, Mrs. Crystal Hutchings.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Oh.

**MS. K. GRANGER:** And so what I thought I would do tonight, as I look forward to coming back again to share with you, tonight we'd like to share concerning STEM, science, technology, engineering and math. This is a grant program available at Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School for all of our students, kindergarten through fifth grade. That's all 555 students. So, I'd like for Mrs. Hutchings to come forward and she's going to give you just a brief, um, experience related to STEM to whet your appetite and...

[Chuckle]

**MS. K. GRANGER:** ...and allow you to see what our students experience on a daily basis and we extend an invitation for you to come and volunteer at our school. So let's receive Ms. Hutchings.

**MRS. C. HUTCHINGS:** Thank you, Mrs. Granger.

**UNK:** And I'm only videoing her to tweet it out for our school.

[Laughter]

**MRS. C. HUTCHINGS:** So, I'm sharing the importance of STEM education at Bethune Elementary School. And Kelvin Droegemeier that's Vice Chairman of the National Science Board, the governing body of the National Science Foundation and advisor to the President and congress says that STEM fields are critical to the nation's economic future. And our ability to innovate and compete depends on how well we do in science and technology. So, we promote the development of critical 21<sup>st</sup> century skills through reasoning, systems thinking, decision making and problem solving with our kindergarten through fifth graders. 21<sup>st</sup> century skills are essential for college readiness, career readiness, citizenship readiness, increases interest in science, technology, engineering and math and involves students in solving authentic problems, working with others, building real solutions, data interpretation and drawing conclusions. They are very busy in the STEM lab. It also increases employment opportunities and higher wages for those who pursue STEM careers. So, STEM education constantly needs our support. To invest in STEM education and continue to provide expertise,

resources and funding towards these programs are essential particularly to our unrepresented populations.

So, I can show you better than I can tell you. Our students use a learning goal scale daily as they monitor their progress and hands on in inquiry-based learning while building modular robots to perform simple applications in real life experiences. An example of our students' design challenge would be one where they were trapped in a dark cave and all they had was a box of cubelets and they had to design a robot that would allow them access out of the cave. So, just an example...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Excuse me one second. Can you just tell me what cubelets are?

**MRS. C. HUTCHINGS:** Cubelets are modular robots and each cube has a function and the students use inquiry-based learning to learn what those functions are. And once they do, in working collaboratively, they are able to put together an actual robot.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Hm.

**MRS. C. HUTCHINGS:** And I'll demonstrate for you. Here.., I'll actually put it on the floor. [Snapping together cubelets].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, you have a bunch of cubelets there?

**MRS. C. HUTCHINGS:** We have a bunch of cubelets here.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Alright.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Is that remote controlled?

**MRS. C. HUTCHINGS:** It's not remote controlled.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Oh.

**MRS. C. HUTCHINGS:** It's magnetic.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Oh, okay.

**MRS. C. HUTCHINGS:** And it also works off of a battery. Um, there's friction on the floor but it would be driving.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Hm.

**MRS. C. HUTCHINGS:** Um, the batteries are chargeable. They actually also are able to be used through blue tooth and our kindergarten through fifth graders utilize these cubelets to solve real world problems.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Oh, wow.

**MRS. C. HUTCHINGS:** And they're doing an excellent job. So, I wanted to share a little bit of that with you. That's a little bit of our evidence. And, in this type of learning, it allows many of our youth to shine beyond traditional reading, writing and arithmetic.

So, thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yep.

[Applause]

**MS. K. GRANGER:** Thank you for this opportunity. Certainly there are so many dynamic things going on as we move forward in academic achievement. At Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School, where we believe, build and bloom.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you. Next we will have Ms. Porter from Lincoln Elementary. She's the Principal.

**MS. A. PORTER:** Hi. Good evening.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Good evening.

**MS. A. PORTER:** Thank you so much for having me here tonight, along with the other fabulous principals of Riviera Beach. We are so excited to start off our year, again, with our drumline. And I wanted to share a little bit of information about our drumline and the reasoning behind it. The purpose of putting the drumline together was to increase, um, or actually, decrease student behaviors within the schools and increase academic areas and decrease attendance and tardy issues. So, we have continued with that drumline this year and we are excited that we've already done two parades, one in West Palm Beach at the Veterans Day Parade, um, and then we also per'.., uh, performed in a parade in Martin County. In Martin County, we won our first award for our drumline and that was for most enthusiastic. So, we were very excited that we had that award.

We added to our drumline this yeah, we added a drill team. So, we have approximately 15 young ladies who are participating in the drill team. They march and dance in front of our drumline. Next year, we will be adding and looking to add the marching band with approximately 10 to 15 students who will be playing instruments. So, as you see, we have a plan going out for at least the next 3 to 4 years of improving in this marching band and getting it complete. We have the support of Cynthia Bivens who is with a company called All In One and she is supporting our drumline this year so we can continue with those awesome performances.

One of the other things I wanted to highlight about Lincoln Elementary this year, is we have increased our parent involvement in our SAC meeting nights. We have developed some unique ways in which we're trying to get our parents to be more involved in SAC. One of the things that have come out of those meetings, is we have a parent who is our SAC chair. In the past 4 years I've been at Lincoln Elementary, our chair SAC member has always been a teacher, someone at the school. But this year we have a parent who's come forward and who wants to be a part of our community and we are so happy that they're able to do that.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yeah. That's great.

**MS. A. PORTER:** At this time, you know, we're obviously soliciting for support for Lincoln and we're looking for anything that, um, can be used to donate and to better the success of our students.

Thank you so much for having us.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you, Ms. Porter.

[Applause]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you for a job well done and I think that goes for all the schools. You know, please reach out and support these schools for a lot of the things that, um, financially or resources that you have throughout the City.

Next, we have Ms. Edwards from Washington Elementary. She's not here? So, we will go Ms. Latson of West Riviera Elementary.

**MRS. T. LATSON:** Sorry. Ms. Edwards had a situation so she had to run towards her family members.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay.

**MRS. T. LATSON:** I am Mrs. Latson. A principal at West Riviera Elementary. Good evening.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Good evening.

**MRS. T. LATSON:** Currently we have one of the largest, uh, campuses in Riviera Beach. We have 769 cherubs at West Riviera. We service pre-K to fifth grade. And, with that being said, we also have the STEM grant which is the science, technology, engineering magnet. Peace. We also... [Someone moves mic]. Thank you, love. We have, um... Thank you. That's the gentleman that came to do the... How are you?

**UNK:** [Inaudible].



[Laughter]

**MRS. T. LATSON:** We did a commercial for Thanksgiving so that was nice when they came over. I just wanted to say a couple things about West Riviera and I also wanna thank the officers of the City of Riviera Beach for supporting us tremendously. Officer Charisma. There's so many officers that have been coming over there on a daily basis just to do temperature checks on our students. And that is very powerful when it comes to the community and the school peace. The connection. We really do appreciate that.

West Riviera also has the Lost Tree grant. The Lost Tree grant is a grant that builds on literacy. When, uh, I became the principal four years ago at West Riviera our literacy proficiency was at around 20%. But right now, with the Lost Tree grant that is specifically in Riviera Beach and I think that Ms. Porter, Ms. Granger and Ms. Edwards can state, you know, the same feelings that right now it has changed the dynamics of my campus tremendously. I can say that first grade is at 95% proficient in the area of reading and writing. Second grade is at 83 percicent'..., proficient. That changes the lives of our beautiful cherubs in Riviera Beach. And it gives them an opportunity to be career and college ready. We also have the teamwork grant which plants the seed of college where they actually earn \$1,000 grant in order to get ready for college. It goes into a gr'..., it goes into an account when they're in third grade, fourth and fifth. That accounts sits with them, their name and they take that monies with them when they're ready to go into the college field. Or whether it be a career tech field.

Alrighty. So, we really do wish you guys a wonderful holiday and we welcome you to come to us, even if you just give of your time, which is the biggest piece that we appreciate. And, once again, thank you for what you guys are doing in the City and thank your officers for being such a presence on our campuses.

Thank you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you so much. Thank you so much.

[Applause]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** At this time...

[Inaudible background comments]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Because, we don't have a quorum.

[Inaudible comments]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Can't leave.

[Inaudible comments]

[Chuckles]

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We'll have to take a break.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Take a recess if you need to.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh, okay.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** At this time, I see Ms. Gibson walking in the door. Ms., Ms. Gibson, did you wanna do a presentation today? Or the next meeting?

**MS. GIBSON:** I possibly could. I needed a tech person.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. [Inaudible]. Well, can you, can we, can we do that now, on the presentations? Add her? Or should we do it...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I thought she said she needs a tech person.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Oh, she needs a tech person.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yeah. She's not ready.

[Inaudible background]

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, it might mean she just needs a PowerPoint.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** And you said, is it a PowerPoint?

**MS. GIBSON:** Yes.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. Sure.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR DAVIS:** We can set you up. Come on up.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Well I could go use the bathroom.

[Background comments]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Can I have a motion to take a one minute recess for Councilman Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

[Laughter]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Give him a second.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Give him a second. [Chuckles]. One minute.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Guyton, hurry up.

[Gavel]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Hey, hurry up.

[Inaudible background chatter]

[Audio goes silent to 56:45]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. At this time [gavel] we're gonna come back in this meeting.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay.

[Chuckles]

**MS. S. GIBSON:** Good evening and thank you so very much for allowing me this opportunity. Silvia Gibson. 470 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Riviera Beach, Florida. I'm here this evening on behalf of the West Palm Beach Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Delta Heritage Foundation. We would like to publicly thank Councilman Cedrick Thomas for his partnership with us at our first symposium, at our first My Brothers and Me symposium.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Very welcome.

**MS. S. GIBSON:** So, we wanted to just give you some insight and a very quick PowerPoint about some of the things that happened. We also want to.., I would like to also point out that I did call to try and have media present. We, as a City, must push for our television stations to come out when we are doing positive things. That's not happening. So, I don't know whether we need a marketing committee or whatever but I'll volunteer to be on that. I'm a woman of my word.

We just wanted to share with you.., I have a clicker today. I taught 44 years, the old fashioned way and some of my students are actually sitting here. So...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** They're ready to roll?

**MS. S. GIBSON** [Chuckles]. Yes.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay.

**MS. S. GIBSON** Wanted to share with you that the symposium garnered 115 young men of color and we were really excited. James Green from Our Brother's Keeper, Representative Bobby Powell was our moderator and Dr. Eugene Miller, who is our President, talked about health and wellness. Reverend J.R. Thicklin spoke to the young men about domestic abuse and consequences and Richard Brown about athletic success. Our own, Major Leonard Mitchell, spoke on police protocol and my son shared about making a wrong choice. Katrina Granger spoke to the men about the young parents. And then we had a wrap up presented by Sara Alma Horn [sp]. The young men were not hesitant to speak. We had a number of groups who brought their young men and we wanted our young men..., we took this quote and had them to keep this as their mantra. "They are brothers and not enemies.'

So, we wanted to publicly thank Councilman Thomas and the Staff was absolutely wonderful. Pleasant, smiling, courteous and we are looking forward to having even more young men next year. Thank you. I will be getting with you soon.

Thank you so much for allowing me to come up and present..., make this short presentation. And...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you, Ms. Gibson.

**MS. S. GIBSON** Yes. Former student, Mr. Davis.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes, I am.

[Chuckles]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** And still your student.

**MS. S. GIBSON** Yes. [Chuckle].

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you so much.

[Applause]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** You got anything you wanna say, Councilman Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. I just wanted to make sure that I congratulate those wonderful ladies who put that on, of Delta Sigma Theta. It was a, it was an overwhelming experience and we'll, we'll welcome to..., we welcome you to do it again here. We were just glad to have you. So, thank you for choosing Riviera Beach to do your first.

**MS. S. GIBSON** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you. Alright. So now, that's the end... No. We got American Cancer Society.

**CHIEF COPPIN:** Good evening, Council.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Good evening, Chief.

**CHIEF COPPIN:** Yes, um, tonight it gives me great pleasure to talk about what my staff did in regards to raising money for the American Breast Cancer Society. In 1985, the month of October was designated as the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Originally founded to promote mammography as the most effective weapon against breast cancer, it has become an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities to increase awareness and to raise funds for research.

The police department did actually..., what the police department does for, like, the past five years we've been very active in raising money for breast cancer. What we do, we, uh, for the month of October, we wear the pink every Friday to show our support for breast cancer. This year, what we did, we had t-shirt sales to the City employees, selling pink t-shirts. We encouraged them to wear those pink t-shirts on Fridays. We had the Fill the Can drive where we put different cans around the police department, people could put their spare change in. And then we also had our event which is the Boot Out Cancer event. The event was hosted at Renegade's Country Grill. We got..., where the tips were donated, along with a 50/50 drawing. We sold door prizes and other funds to raise, to raise some funds.

With our total effort, we came up with \$2,500 of donations for the Cancer Society and I'd like to...

[Applause]

**CHIEF COPPIN:** Thank you. Yes. Definitely. And I'd like to present Ms. Sharon Horton-Parker from the American Cancer Society with this check, real big check.

[Laughter]

**CHIEF COPPIN:** For \$2,500. Thank you very much.

**MS. S. HORTON-PARKER:** Thank you. I just wanna quickly, publicly thank the City of Riviera Beach. The American Cancer Society is still a grassroots organization in your community, providing services, programs for those patients suffering through a cancer diagnosis. We thank you. We couldn't do this without you. Thank you for helping us create a world of more birthdays.

Thank you very much.

[Applause]

**CHIEF COPPIN:** Thank you. And I just got one more thing. I just wanna recognize the staff that committed to this. First is Ms., is April here? No. Okay. Well, first, Ms. April Baker, Staff Assistant. Then we got Ms. Deborah Blue, Staff Assistant, retired. Thank you very much. [Applause]. We got Ms. Monica Daniels, Staff Assistant Senior. Thank you, Monica. [Applause]. And then we got Major Regina Price. [Applause]. Thank you. And last but not least, [chuckle], is always Tawana Smith. She's the one that organizes everything and I would like to give her a special round of applause.

[Applause]. Thank you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Hey, Chief.

**CHIEF COPPIN:** Yes?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Who, who won the bull ride?

[Laughter]

**CHIEF COPPIN:** Who won it?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** I would like to know. Who pulled it off?

**CHIEF COPPIN:** She left the name off the paperwork. She didn't nobody to...

[Laughter]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Oh. Is that Ms. Smith? Okay.

**CHIEF COPPIN:** Thank you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Great job. Thanks so much. Wonderful job by the police department and Chief. Next, we will have, public hearing. Item No. 13.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** 13. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA; APPROVING AN APPLICATION FROM 49TH TERRACE NORTH, LLC. FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL TO DEVELOP 3.03 ACRES OF VACANT LAND ON PCN: 56-42-42-25-00-000-7120, WHICH IS LOCATED SOUTH OF SR 710 AND NORTH OF 49TH TERRACE NORTH, FOR A SINGLE STORY 1,440 SQUARE FOOT MODULAR OFFICE STRUCTURE WITH ONSITE STORAGE AND SALES OF MODULAR UNITS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Good evening. Mary McKinney. And, this is an application from Messer & Associates for a proposal to build a single story 1,440 sq. ft. modular office structure with onsite storage and sales of modular office units and it is north of 49<sup>th</sup> Terrace North, just, at the same location as Dyer Boulevard. And the site location map is up on the screen. And there's the aerial that shows the location of the property, it's next to the railroad tracks, south of the Beeline Highway. And the project will have three full-time and six part-time employees. They will operate Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The existing current tax value of the property is about \$650,000 and the tax value after construction is estimated to be about \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. The applicant currently has a facility in West Palm Beach on 45<sup>th</sup> Street and plans to relocate their operations in its entirety to Riviera Beach. These modular units are used by construction companies, real estate companies and various companies in need of modular units.

Adjacent to the property is AmeriGas which is a propane company and Harmsco Filtration Projects which is a liquid filtration company. The land use and zoning are both industrial and, as I said, the railroad tracks are just to the north of the property. On September 10, 2015, the City's Planning & Zoning Board approved the site plan application and the Staff of the City and the Community Development department reviewed the site plan for compatibility and consistency with the City's Comp Plan and found it to be consistent. And Staff recommends approval of the site plan application subject to conditions which is a two year landscaping performance bond for 110% of the value of the landscaping irrigation shall be submitted before the Certificate of Occupancy is issued, construction must be initiated within 18 months of the date of the Resolution, all future advertising must state the development's located in the City of Riviera Beach, development must receive final Certificate of Occupancy from the City within five years of the approval of this Resolution, which is November 18, 2020. Once approved, this Resolution shall supersede any previous site plan Resolutions and City Council authorizes Staff to approve any future amendments to this plan administratively as long as the amendments do not deviate greater than 5% from the approved original site plan.

Now, there are representatives here this evening if Council has any questions for them and that's the end. Thank you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you, Ms. McKinney. Any questions or comments from the Board?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No questions, just a comment. Just would like to welcome them to the best City in which to live, work and play. We have a lot going on here and you will be a part of all of this growth and you're getting in on the front end and welcome to Riviera Beach.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Councilman Thomas, anything?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, no. I met with them briefly a few weeks ago and got all my questions answered. I'm, I'm comfortable.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** I just would like to say thank you for choosing Riviera Beach. Okay. Next we will have...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Can we take the vote on it?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** I guess we can do that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. [Chuckle]. Ain't no problem.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

### **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Next we will have Community Benef'.., no. Discussions and Deliberations.

**UNK:** None.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** None? Ms. Madam Manager? Okay. Next, Community Benefits Requests.

### **COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS**

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** 14. YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION - \$500.00 -  
**COUNCILPERSON KaSHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON**

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Any questions? [Pause]. [Inaudible].



**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Item No. 15.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** 15. PALM BEACH GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL - \$500.00 -  
**COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON TO ASSIST THE PALM BEACH GARDENS  
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM TRAVEL ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO  
PARTICIPATE IN TOURNAMENTS.**

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** 16. INNER CITY YOUTH GOLFERS', INC. (ICYG) - \$1,000.00 -  
**COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - TO CONTINUE THE GOLF SKILLS  
DEVELOPMENT CAMP.**

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**17. INLET GROVE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL - \$500.00 - COUNCILPERSON KaSHAMBA MILLER-ANERSON - FOR BOYS BASKETBALL UNIFORMS.**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Then we have Inlet Grove Community High School. We have \$500 bucks from Councilwoman Anderson for the boys basketball uniforms.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Seven?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**18. HEALTHY FOODS HEALTHY LIVING INC - \$500 - COUNCILPERSON KaSHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON – FOR HEALTHY FOODS FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO RIVIERA BEACH RESIDENTS.**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** And, once again, we have Councilwoman KaShamba Anderson for Healthy Foods Free Food Distribution for \$500 bucks for the Healthy Living.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**19. FAITH'S PLACE CENTER FOR THE ARTS EDUCATION - \$500 - COUNCILPERSON KaSHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON - FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Next, we have, once again, Councilperson Miller-Anderson for \$500 bucks for afterschool program for arts education for Faith Place Center.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. Next we have Community Benefits by Councilwoman Pardo for \$2,000 for the Johnny Longboats Toy Drive.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you so much. Finally, we have from Councilman Terence Davis, myself, to continue to have the family movie night every second Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in front of the Ocean Mall which will be next, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. That's \$1,500.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** For, that's for the movie screen.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. No, I just wanted to make sure that we was talking about your Item. I didn't know if you had vanished announcing it.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yeah. I did. I did.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So move on the Item.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** That's the end of Community Benefits. Next, we can go to Public Comment.

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

**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.**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Public comments. First, we have Ms. Bonnie Larson. And then we will have, after Ms. Larson, Ms. Wilder.

**MS. B. LARSON:** Good evening again. I was actually quite happy this week when I saw the plants in front of the Welcome to Riviera Beach sign being removed by Silver Beach and Broadway. I was happy because I had brought that up too. I said the plants are covering Riviera Beach. But then my spirits were dampened when, two days later, that yes, they had taken 'em out so you could see Riviera Beach but they replaced 'em with new shrubs which are even taller. So, you go to Silver Beach, you drive south on US-1 and it says Welcome to the City of... And you can't even see Riviera Beach. Now, those are brand new plants, they're gonna get bigger. I was so happy someone listened but no.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** [Chuckle].

**MS. B. LARSON:** The trees on Broadway, in that median on Broadway, still not there. It was one of the DOT projects. It's the only median, it's an important median. Has no

trees, there's some little scrubby things in there, looks bad. It's right near Blue Heron Boulevard. When are we gonna get the trees?

Um, I heard there's another convenience store with 16 gas pumps who wanna come into Blue Heron Boulevard. I hadn't heard that here before. Apparently, it was talked about at the P&Z. The P&Z had mentioned this before also, it needs to be on the web so we can click on it and see what they're gonna be talking about. It's not there. It can go on, it can very well go on that page where we have the listings for the City meetings and the CRA meetings. It can very well go there with the Agenda, right there. Don't make us spend thirty minutes and get nowhere. You click on P&Z, it just tells you about P&Z. You can't get to the Agenda. Let's put it on that page.

We have a new Human Resources Director. Now, in October we had another gentleman here. He didn't actually come into the Chambers but he was outside applying for that job. He was apparently the only one qualified. Now I hear tonight we've hired someone. So when did that happen? How come we didn't get to meet him? We didn't know anything about his background, nothing. Just all of a sudden, boom, here's a new guy. We never even heard of him before. We'd like to meet him. He's a new Human Resources. So, when did that happen?

I put in three public records requests.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay.

**MS. B. LARSON:** I got back nothing that I asked for. I have to give somebody an A for creativity cause it, it was about what I asked but it was like this [finger motion]. It was nothing what I asked for. Tonight, I was, insult to injury, I got a letter. Ms. Jones, you sent me a letter now and this one says you did. Right here it says..., okay. I asked about the abandonment of the street. It's on, like, on 30<sup>th</sup> Street because I went to a P&Z and they were talking about that abandonment and I asked, like, when did that happen? What.., how did that happen? I got back the front of an Agenda page. That doesn't tell me anything. That's not what I asked.

Um, a couple people on the Council said they were not gonna take the \$12,000 increase. I just wanted to see where they had signed that. I heard they had signed a document saying that. No. I didn't get it. Didn't get it. I got a blank form. That wasn't what I asked for.

Staff, let's see. Staff provide documents that were requested? No, they did not. Offer to purchase the additional property? Uh, the industrial property, the 11 acres. I asked to see it. There are apparently two people who wanna buy it. I asked to see that. I didn't get that. I didn't get that. It says right here, 'You got the information.' No, I did not. It says here a letter was...

[Beep]

**MS. B. LARSON:** ...read by Ms. Pardo on October 21<sup>st</sup>. No. Because I never heard who those people were. Nothing that I have asked for have I gotten. And this is a round robin thing. I'd like to get answers when I put in a public request form. Not saying you got it cause I didn't. And I wrote Ms. Jones a letter saying, 'Get me the...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Ah...

**MS. B. LARSON:** ...documents requested.'

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. Ms. Larson.

**MS. B. LARSON:** Thank you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Ms. Jones, you, you got anything you wanna respond to that as...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR DAVIS:** ...Ms. Wilder comes up?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** One of things that's important to know that under public records request, that means that you want a document.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Some of the..., not just answering questions. And...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...she's been given the document that we have.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** But, it, it's just not satisfactory.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. Ms. Wilder.

**MRS. WILDER:** Yes.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** How ya doin'?

**MRS. WILDER:** Good afternoon.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Good afternoon.

**MRS. WILDER:** To everyone. I'm Mrs. Wilder and I reside in Riviera Beach. And I'm here to address the issue of Silver Beach Road and what's going on with Silver

Beach Road. We got a quick fix. They came out, Emilio Fernandez, I had spoken to him and I've also spoken to his, uh, the deputy of the county engineering department, which is his boss which is Tonya. And supposed to be getting a call back.

It..., that road is very dangerous. People are in office making decisions for people who live in the area, not consulting anybody. You don't live there. I have to go up the hill, around the corner, come back down, back up to try to get in my driveway or else I can't get out. I'm at the bottom of the hill. I only see a car once it's on top of the hill coming across, at full speed. 30-35 miles per hour. So, it's just a done deal. I've been praying for people with that street. I've been over here addressin' it for quite some time. It's..., praying for people? I'm the one got hit. Something's wrong with this picture.

Then, on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, never forget it, comin' from the doctor's office, another 18-wheeler hit somebody. At that same corner, Avenue O, Miller Way, the streets are adjacent to each other so you gotta wait for both traffic then there's traffic going this way. So, you're sitting there wonderin' who's gonna go first. So, the 18-wheeler decide, you're sitting there too long. They killin' people.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mm.

**MRS. WILDER:** So, we need to address that issue. Then, they come and put the tar on the street. Single lines, cars just going around each other. I call 'em again. Then they put, uh, double lines for people not to pass. They still flying. Train come by, all the cars are from the Old Dixie all the way down. Then I ask them about the frontage street. They're only gonna put the frontage street on Silver Beach Road to Avenue P. I pay taxes just like anybody else. Why you stopped at Avenue P? But when you went over on A Street and, for the Port to go through with those lanes, you ask those people for their property, imminent domain, but they tell 'em, 'Oh, if we can get them, they'll sue us,' but you took other people's property. So it's nothing but a junkyard.

Let's try to work with people and try to get people to do the right thing. That frontage street should be all the way up. It is dangerous. Even your people in this area that comes down that street don't wanna drive down that street. It is dangerous. What do we have to do to correct the problem? Now we need some lighting. Put no shell rock in the tar. It's just black. You better wear white crossing the street. Or it's a done deal for you. And it's gonna take you over thirty minutes to cross that street, to get on the other side. You can't walk up the hill, there's no sidewalks. Everyone else in Riviera Beach have their meters put to the front but Silver Beach Road.

Something's wrong. It needs to be addressed. Sometime' people just get tired of just blowing our hot air.

[Beep]

**MRS. WILDER:** What can be done? That's my question. Does someone have to die in order for you to do something?



**UNK. AUDIENCE:** Yes.

**MRS. WILDER:** I don't think so.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you, Ms. Wilder. Ms. Jones...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh, M'...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Hold on. Just... Ms. Jones, are you..., can you kinda give her a report of where we are with that?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes. Ms. Wilder, anything dealing with that street in the comments that you just gave us, you need to be giving to the county commissioners. They have the sole authority to fix the issues. Ms. Miller-Anderson brought up this issue with Silver Beach Road, we met with the district Representative, Ms. Pricilla Taylor. That's how we at least got the black topping on it. This is completely a county project. We don't own the road. And so, I would encourage you, and I can get the names and numbers of the individuals at the county that you need to be talking to. And, if we can assist you in..., we'll be glad to do that but this is a county road.

**MRS. WILDER:** Okay. I, I...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And so, we, we don't have any responsibility...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. Councilman Guyton, as Mr. Lloyd Brown approaches. This..., you have City Manager's number. So, we sh'..., make sure we get those contacts to what we..., reaching out to the county.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. Okay.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay? Mr. Lloyd Brown. Councilman Guyton, go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No. Actually, the City Manager addressed what I was going to address is that, that is not a City road but the City has stepped in to try to facilitate discussions and assist with addressing those issues. But, there is sometimes this belief that if we sit up here, we can dictate to the county how to operate their county projects and we can't. We're at their mercy just as anyone else out there is. So, but we do try to help facilitate when a resident comes with a problem. But that is a county road and the county commissioners are the ones that would be best to address that issue. And, um, but anything that the City can do to help facilitate that, we will. But sometimes people get this impression that, if it it's near our City, we should be able to deal with it unilaterally and that's not the case.

Thank you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you. Mr. Brown.

**MR. L. BROWN:** Yeah. I hope you have a [chuckle], some luck with that, going down to the commissioner. I wanna talk about the stores in the neighborhood. You know? I wanna know why these stores.., I mean, they have products that, that you see in these stores for days, years and then the food that they sell in these bootleg, you know, restaurants inside the stores, I wonder are these restaurants up to the, you know, the health department standards. I mean, we need a few, I mean, more major grocery chains. Not anymore stank stores or corner stores. I mean, stop those places from selling alcohol during.., the school kids going and returning from school or stop this open container law that mainly target mostly felons with no jobs. Stop construction companies from hiring outside workers when they have major construction going on. Stop the landscaping companies from, what seems like to me, is lifetime contracts in these gated communities we have. Help the local black landscapers merge together and get a piece of the pie.

I heard people running for positions in this City talk of loss of a City. Well, when we lost 8<sup>th</sup> Street, that, that was, uh, life for black businesses and black progress. We named it Martin Luther King Boulevard and all the residents they were satisfied. You know, 'Oh, Martin Luther King Boulevard.' Well look at it. It's just a.., I mean, it look like somewhere when I was in the military in Texas. You may as well put oil wells there, just have 'em pumpin' up and down cause you don't see anything on there that represents Martin Luther King.

I mean, we need new faces. I mean, what's left now, not tomorrow but today. Blacks have no jobs, no businesses, no voting power. More felons on our corners at voting time then they are at the polls. Our politicians remind me... I watch National Geographic. You see blu'.., buzzards. They fly around. When they see something on the ground, they hit it. You know? They go to it. That's something that would benefit them, only if it boosts their political agenda. We need to stop procrastinatin'. I mean, otherwise, I mean, I don't think you people care. Selling out our communities.

I'm for a better life for our black citizens also but not on their backs. Loss of simple rights and freedoms. Mainly, the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment right especially. Like in New York, stop and frisk. It's our police motto. Also, Jim Crowe is just around the corner and he's comin' in our City.

Thank you.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Um, that will be the end...

[Single applause]

### **DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** ...of public comment. At this time. Next, do we any discussions by the City Manager?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just very briefly. I've been asked to continue to share the good news about our recreation program and particularly our junior midget champions, the Chargers. Staff will know that I've been sending out the emails of the progress of that football team and just wanted you all to know that on last week they were victorious in the first round of the regionals of the Pop Warner football tournaments and now they are on their way to Land O' Lakes, Florida this Saturday.

**UNK:** Aww.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** So, if you know any of the players, Councilman Davis has encouraged me and I'll, I'mma be out there when they get ready to get on the buses and leave. We need to come and encourage these young men. They're doing an excellent job and this speaks well of the City of Riviera Beach as well as our young people. There are some young people out there that are doing good things.

If you're interested in going to support the team, the bus will depart from Barracuda Bay at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$15 per person and this is this Saturday. They will return Saturday night so they'll just be gone during the day. But, if you have the opportunity, please support our junior midget champions as they continue to progress in the Pop Warner regionals as it relates to football.

That's it.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Madam City Manager, I, I'm., a lot of us go and watch those games but I'm truly proud to watch the way them young men and coaches have worked well together, including all the parents. My just suggestion that somewhere in one of the departments in your office, in recreation, that we do something special for them once they're complete on their final journey and let them know that we, as a City, truly care about and appreciate them serving us and representing us the way they do. I mean, they really carry themselves in a sense of strong class and a sense of awareness as young men and you can see where our future's going.

Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I had an opportunity to go and watch those young men play in New Smyrna Beach. I believe it was two weeks ago now? Kinda...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Two weeks ago.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Two weeks ago. It was phenomenal. I was, um, I was very proud. Not just of the young men but they took approximately 100 parents or

fans as well. I would love to see us take a whole lot more on Saturday. I'mma try and make it there my, myself. I know they're up against the Florida Classic but our...

[Chuckles]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...that's always tough to do anything against the Florida Classic but those are our young men. I'm proud of the coaches, I'm proud of these young men. Even afterwards, I went to dinner with them as well and I'm just not telling you this but this, this is some of the most well behaved children that I've seen. They, they were very mannerable. People were coming up to me. I had on a City shirt and people were coming up saying, 'Hey, look. These kids are well behaved.' And I'm like, 'Yeah. I got nothing to do with that. Those are Parks & Rec Staff and, and those coaches, those volunteers out there.' So, this team is phenomenal. You know, every once in a while we get one of those special type of, of teams in the City and, and I can guarantee you this is, this is definitely one. Just the discipline level. If they never win another game, they're all champions for the discipline and the way that they behave and represent the City so well.

So I did not wanna let this opportunity pass to say something about 'em. But they are good and I would hope that anybody who can and will please, please visit Land O' Lakes and support our junior midgets.

That's all for that.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** And that's new Tampa, correct?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Land O' Lakes area?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Near Tampa.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Councilman Guyton, you have anything you wanna say?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Are, are these Council comments...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** No. Just towards that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh, absolutely.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** The Recreation Department and its Staff has been doing a phenomenal job. They've been very supportive of all of the activities over which they see. And, there were not just one team that made it to the finals, there were three. And I think that that was history making in our City. So, if we are gonna honor some

teams, in addition to this one, those other two that also made it but didn't make it to the next level, I think also should be recognized as well. As well as all of the teams...

**CHAIR DAVIS:** I agree.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...that played in the, in the league. But those who actually made it to the finals too should receive something special.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** And I'm, and I'm predicting victory. Puttin' that on record.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Alright. And I wanna knock on wood.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** No. Victory.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Chair, I wanna, um, I wanna also tell Ms. Jones, I didn't say anything about the actual City Staff that was there. They work tremendously well, harmoniously. It was truly something to be seen. I kinda watched from a distance but they worked extremely well. Ms. Franks, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Payne. I know once you start calling names you forget somebody. There was one or two more, um, out there. There were even City employees that were not working but went up to, you know, to visit and, and watch that. I just think that is to be commended. So often, you know, we get complaints, you know, out of departments and we don't get a chance to, you know, give them kudos when they deserve it. But, I saw that for a fact. I was in total, total awe that, you know, it was working so well, um, together and I encourage everybody to just see what's going on down there. So that's something that you can definitely be proud of. As well as I'm proud of.

#### **DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. Madam Attorney?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I have nothing.

#### **STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Nothing? So, we're going back to you, Councilman Thomas. You have anything else?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Under Council comments?

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes. I guess the only thing I will have is the Annual Turkey Giveaway. Seems like you've been hearing a lot about it. There's a lot of turkey giveaways this year for some reason but our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual, will be on Tuesday at the Old Swap Shop, 1301 Old Dixie starting at 8:00 a.m. It's gonna be a first come, first serve

basis. We will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. You come in, you give somebody your name, you go through, you get a turkey and that will be the end of it. We'll probably have some other food out there for you as well. If you have not received your letter and you have preregistered and we said you are on that list, please give our office a call. I think we sent 'em out yesterday. Correct? Or, day before? So, you should have them by tomorrow with your ticket. So please bring that as well. And that's, that's all. That's November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Old Swap Shop starting promptly at 8:00 a.m.

That's all for me.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Councilman Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Just, just one thing, Mr. Chair. I received an email which I feel is indicative of, of the progress that the City is making. And it came from a business person. And it's a very short one.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Take your time.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** It says, "Great news for Riviera Beach. We had three companies that were finalist in the MAF 2015 Manufacturers of the Year Awards, Lockheed and SCI, which is Sancilio were finalists and one winner, NRI. And it refers to a link below and it talks about tours of some of these facilities.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But, uh, we hear a lot of negative things about our communities but we have a lot of positive things going on. A lot of companies being recognized. The CRA agency being recognized. Riviera Beach is on a trajectory to be a city to be reckoned with. The cities around us are taking notice. One thing that we need to understand that this is a competitive process here. We are competing for businesses, we're competing for residents, we're competing for people to patronize the businesses in our community and when we get these type of recognitions, the community need to know about 'em and, and understand that, you know, in light of some of the things that are said that are not too flattering, there are a lot of things going on that are very positive and should be acknowledged.

And that's all I have, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you so much. I'm gonna be very brief. But I wanna talk about this past November, which is Novem'..., I wanna make sure I have the right date, correct..., which was November [pause], the 7<sup>th</sup>. The first, the second Saturday of the month, we had our first monthly family night out at the movies and the movie was hosted was called Frozen. I wanna say thank you to the Recreation Department led by Mr. Hall. He did a wonderful job. The Police Department, the fire, the medics, Freeman Law Group for sponsoring the glow sticks for the kids. Uh, the Urban League, those that came out to volunteer. We also had Bridges of Riviera Beach and the Inlet Grove

football team as well as my assistant, Ms. Williams, she did a wonderful job. It was a wonderful event. We started at about 7:15 p.m. on that night and, like we said, we have the 34 foot screen TV right there in front of the Ocean Mall. We had, just in the sand, we had some construction fencing that protected and secured the families and youth away from the water and away from the road so they can feel really safe. And the police did a wonderful job of just walking the perimeter to make sure that no children got super athletic to jump over that fencing. No one came close. It was a very peaceful night. We was out of there by 9:00, that's with the last person actually leaving. We had families that came over from as far as Belle Glade, they saw it on Facebook. We had families that came over from Palm Beach Shores, of course the rest of Riviera Beach. We had approximately about 370 people. Received numerous emails from a lot parents saying how wonderful it was to have a family oriented event that cost them absolutely nothing and the way the children behaved, they did a wonderful job. I think it was something about that fresh, salt air that had children very calm when they got home, cause in all the emails, they kept referencing how calm the children were once they got home.

So, we wanna continue to work with the Recreation, and all the different potential partners too, um, expand that and continue that moving forward every second Saturday. The next movie will be called Polar Express. So, we wanna focus on the Christmas year, Polar Express for the month of December. It'll be seven o'clock. You will see fliers and information going out.

Also, the Marriott has agreed to sit down and discuss supporting us with this because, you know, they have a lot of families that come and visit their hotels and resorts and they would like to play a role as well. So, I will be meeting with them soon.

And I wanna thank you, Ms. Jones, for your Staff. Mr. Perry did a wonderful job with helping making sure everything was in place. He did a wonderful job. And I wanna thank the Clean and Safe program for those who did show up. But, we're gonna continue that, just staying positive for just doing the right things as we work and focus on doing the right thing for Riviera Beach. But we're doing a wonderful job. Just, thank you all, those who came out in support.

Trying to think, is there anything else? Oh yes, go Rattlers. [Chuckles]. For all the Rattlers at home. But just, at this time, I'm done at this time and I would like for everyone...

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR DAVIS:** And Happy Thanksgiving. And eat very well. And I will be coming off my diet on Thanksgiving Day.

[Laughter]

**CHAIR DAVIS:** And those who travel home, thank you, those who came out tonight and those who traveling home, on the road, be very safe as you leave this meeting in wherever it is that you're going next.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Do I have a motion for meeting adjourned?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**CHAIR DAVIS:** Thank you.

[Gavel]

**There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

### **Public Comments and Other Speakers**

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MARIE SULLIN .....	MS. M. SULLIN
BRUCE DAVIS.....	MR. B. DAVIS
PRINCIPAL KATRINA GRANGER.....	MS. K. GRANGER
CRYSTAL HUTCHINGS .....	MRS. C. HUTCHINGS
PRINCIPAL ALICIA PORTER.....	MS. A. PORTER
PRINCIPAL TONIA LATSON.....	MRS. T. LATSON
SYLVIA GIBSON.....	MS. S. GIBSON
CHIEF COPPIN.....	CHIEF COPPIN
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