

1 Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Budget Workshop  
2 City of Riviera Beach Council Chambers  
3 2nd Floor, Municipal Complex  
4 600 West Blue Heron Boulevard  
5 Riviera Beach, Florida  
6 Wednesday, August 26, 2015  
7 5:30 p.m. to 8:09 p.m.  
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9 APPEARANCES:

- 10 Chair Dawn Pardo
- 11 Vice Chair Terence Davis
- 12 Commissioner Bruce Guyton
- 13 Commissioner KaShamba Miller
- 14 Commissioner Cedrick Thomas
- 15 Attorney Michael Haygood
- 16 CRA Executive Director Tony Brown
- 17 CRA Administrative Director Darlene Hatcher

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1 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: To the City, correct.

2 So the 3 million dollar hit that the taxpayers will get for  
3 this year, will they get a 3 million dollar hit next year as  
4 well?

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Some number less than that, I  
6 hope.

7 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: It will shrink based on --

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: But what I said, the thing  
9 that's at risk is programs. I suspect that the City manager and  
10 I are going to hear from you; you know, did you like this  
11 program; that other program is not as effective; we may have to  
12 cut programs. And so we're going into this knowing that the  
13 million two every year is going to be negotiated.

14 The other number that will go down is in the marina  
15 operations. The City is providing the subsidy for us to cut the  
16 grass, to pay the water -- now what we pay in water will come  
17 back to the Utility District so -- I don't know what the break  
18 down is. But, you know, until we get private development, then  
19 the million three that the City is providing for subsidy, that  
20 will go down as we build and bring private enterprises onto  
21 marina land. So the only number, if you will -- so let's go out  
22 five years, and let's hope everything goes as planned, is that  
23 you should see some number less than 3 million; the 500,000 is a  
24 wash; and then probably a million dollars, all associated with  
25 the maintenance expense, is largely what the City is covering.

1 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: So I was looking at the numbers, because  
2 I know you got the 3% increase for all the employees, correct?  
3 That number plus them switching to the FRS, what's the total  
4 number of that?

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Personnel cost is one million --

6 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: The cost of living increase, the 3%,  
7 that's what -- what total is that?

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: I didn't bring that schedule.  
9 But I think it's probably about \$300,000.

10 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: For this year?

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Yes.

12 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: What would it have been last year total,  
13 that increase that you all received?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Well, it would have been a  
15 percentage of that because the Ambassadors were hired mid-year  
16 and they didn't get the cost of living. When we presented the  
17 budget it was those employees that were hired last year.

18 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: Those that got the cost of living last  
19 year.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: If I were to put a number,  
21 Mr. Davis, I'd say maybe a hundred thousand.

22 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: About a hundred thousand. So a hundred  
23 thousand last year and a hundred in --

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Hundred thousand last year and  
25 about three hundred thousand next fiscal --

1 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: About four hundred thousand?

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: A hundred thousand this year and  
3 about three hundred thousand next year.

4 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

5 I just want this Board -- the reason why I'm asking these  
6 questions, because as we do make these tough decisions, I'm not  
7 comfortable with allowing the taxpayers to take a three million  
8 dollar hit without making sure there are some things scaled back  
9 on the other side.

10 You know, like I always say, and I continue to say it, our  
11 job is to protect the City, because at some point the CRA is  
12 going to expire. As we continue to move forward with the  
13 private sector and the public sector we want to make sure that  
14 we be very careful as we continue to take more loans. Because  
15 as you see, we're on the hook for the next 20 years. Well, the  
16 taxpayers are. And we have to be very careful on how much  
17 money, making this decision today.

18 I'm not comfortable with it. I told Mr. Brown that in our  
19 meetings. But at some point we got to do something to move  
20 forward.

21 But I just -- at some point we just have to figure out how  
22 can we prevent from being in this situation next year. And I --  
23 and that's what I'm looking at now, as we look at a lot of the  
24 projects, a lot of the contracts that come before us, I just  
25 want this Board to take into consideration on a lot of these

1 contracts and find out are they necessary, should we freeze some  
2 of them, which ones we need to keep, which ones we need to hold,  
3 because we're in a belt tightening situation and I don't want to  
4 put us in a position where we have to come back and make another  
5 modification and do an increase. So just take all these things  
6 in mind as you move forward. That will be all.

7 COMMISSIONER GUYTON: Madam Chair. I know that we can't  
8 vote on the restructuring because we're the CRA. We have to do  
9 that on the --

10 CHAIR PARDO: City's side.

11 COMMISSIONER GUYTON: -- City's side. But I'm prepared to  
12 do a consensus.

13 And let me just say that we cannot build -- or let me say  
14 we should not build a model CRA with programs that are getting  
15 recognized throughout the state and then come here and say let's  
16 gut all of those good things we're doing.

17 The CRA is not asking to add anything. I won't support  
18 adding anything else. We have a good model in place. We  
19 approved it. And we are being recognized as one of the best in  
20 the state. We need to fund and support what we have. Don't add  
21 anything. Don't increase anything. But what we have in place,  
22 we need to fund.

23 On the City's side we added a lot of projects that we  
24 weren't even going to consider before that FP&L money came down;  
25 we just start spending it. Over here that didn't happen,

1 nothing was added.

2 So I'm saying that I'm in support of the restructuring,  
3 which is long-term; and when we get on the City's side, then  
4 we'll take an official vote. But I'm in support of the  
5 restructuring and keeping this model of a CRA in place that  
6 others are trying to replicate now, they want to be like Riviera  
7 Beach.

8 CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Anyone else? All right. So do we  
9 have a consensus to postpone the Ocean Mall payment until the  
10 Wachovia loan is paid?

11 COMMISSIONER GUYTON: Yes.

12 CHAIR PARDO: Anyone else?

13 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: Mr. Sherman, I'd like to hear from him  
14 on that.

15 CHAIR PARDO: Well, it's going to come -- right. No, it's  
16 going to go back to the City. You're going to have to make a  
17 decision as City Council. I'm asking right now --

18 VICE CHAIR DAVIS: No.

19 CHAIR PARDO: -- is everyone okay with that? Do we have  
20 a --

21 COMMISSIONER GUYTON: I am.

22 CHAIR PARDO: I am too.

23 Mr. Thomas?

24 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: I'm okay with it.

25 CHAIR PARDO: Ms. Miller?

1 COMMISSIONER MILLER: I'll wait for the City's side.

2 CHAIR PARDO: Okay. All right. So you have a consensus.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: I think that concludes the  
4 budget workshop.

5 Until I hear differently we will present the final scenario  
6 that shows our budget in this fashion, and then we'll give you  
7 all the details relating to the operating budget.

8 CHAIR PARDO: Okay. All right. So the budget meeting is  
9 now over. In five minutes we're going to reconvene and begin  
10 the CRA meeting.

11 (Proceedings concluded at 8:09 p.m.)

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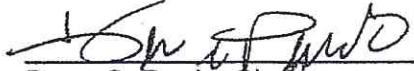
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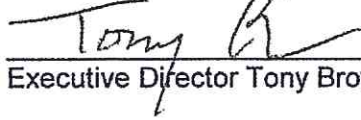


**ADJOURNMENT**

The Budget Workshop was adjourned at 8:09 P.M. The minutes were approved by the Board of Commissioners on September 9, 2015.



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Dawn S. Pardo, Chairperson



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Executive Director Tony Brown

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